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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 1984**

**The European Communities (Designation)(No. 4) Order 2004**

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the European Communities (Designation) (No. 4) Order 2004 and shall come into force on 30th August 2004.

(2) In this Order—

“the Act” means the European Communities Act 1972;

“Minister or government department” means a Minister of the Crown or government department, but does not include a Northern Ireland Minister or Northern Ireland department; and

“regulations” means regulations made pursuant to section 2(2) of the Act.

**Designation of Ministers or government departments**

2.—(1) For the purposes of section 2(2) of the Act, the Ministers specified in column (1) of Schedule 1 to this Order are designated in relation to the matters specified in column (2) of that Schedule.

(2) Where a Minister is designated by this Order in relation to any matter, for which any other Minister or government department has been designated by this or any other Order for the purposes of section 2(2) of the Act, any of them may make regulations and, if regulations are made by more than one, they may do so jointly.

**Designation of Northern Ireland departments**

3.—(1) For the purposes of section 2(2) of the Act, any Northern Ireland department is designated in relation to the matter specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

(2) Regulations made by any Northern Ireland department pursuant to this Order shall form part of the law of Northern Ireland only.

(3) Where any Northern Ireland department is designated by this Order in relation to any matter, for which any Minister or government department is designated by this or any other Order for the purposes of section 2(2) of the Act, any of them may make regulations and, if regulations are made by more than one, they may do so jointly.

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