
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force on 7 January 2004 the provisions of the European Parliament (Representation) Act 2003 relating to powers to make subordinate legislation establishing the combined region for the purposes of European Parliamentary elections and about such elections, including provisions which amend and extend to Gibraltar powers to make subordinate legislation in the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002. It also brings into force section 14 which provides for a register of European Parliamentary electors in Gibraltar (“the Gibraltar register”) to be maintained by the Clerk to the House of Assembly of Gibraltar as the European electoral registration officer for Gibraltar. It also brings into force section 24 which confirms that the capacity of the Gibraltar legislature is not affected by the existence of powers in the Act, or the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002 to make subordinate legislation extending to Gibraltar. Except for sections 25 and 28(2), which came into force in the United Kingdom on Royal Assent of the Act, it brings such provisions into force in both the United Kingdom and Gibraltar.