## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2010 No. 1175

## REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE, NORTHERN IRELAND

The European Parliamentary Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2010

Made - - - - 31 March 2010

Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(2)

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002(1) and section 26(2) of the Political Parties and Elections Act 2009(2) and being a Minister designated(3) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(4) in relation to the rights of citizens of the Union to stand as candidates at a European Parliamentary election, in exercise of the powers conferred by that section.

The Secretary of State has consulted the Electoral Commission pursuant to section 7(1) and (2)(a) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(5).

In accordance with section 13(2) of the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972(6) a draft of these Regulations has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

<sup>(1) 2002</sup> c. 24 ("the 2002 Act"). The 2002 Act was amended by section 1 of the European Parliament (Representation) Act 2003 (c. 7) and section 26 of the Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 (c. 12). Other amendments made by both of those Acts are not relevant to Northern Ireland.

<sup>(2) 2009</sup> c. 12

<sup>(3)</sup> The Secretary of State is designated by virtue of S.I. 1993/2661.

<sup>(4) 1972</sup> c. 68; section 2(2) was amended by section 27 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c. 51) and section 3 of, and part 1 of the Schedule to, the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c. 7).

<sup>(5) 2000</sup> c. 41; section 7(2)(a) was amended by section 15 of, and paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 to, the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002 (c. 24).

<sup>(6)</sup> Paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 was amended by section 27 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c. 51).