
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Only “designated” Ministers and departments can exercise the powers in section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 (c. 68) to make orders, rules, regulations and schemes. This is one of a series of Orders by which Ministers and departments are designated for the purposes of section 2(2) in relation to different subject areas.

Article 2 designates the Minister for the Cabinet Office in relation to public procurement.

Article 3 designates each of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State and each Northern Ireland department in relation to social security but provides that Northern Ireland departments can only use the designation to make legislation that forms part of the law of Northern Ireland but not of any other part of the United Kingdom (unless they legislate jointly with a Minister or department whose designation is not similarly limited).

Article 4 provides that the Order does not restrict the scope of designations in other Orders and allows Ministers and departments designated in relation to the same matters to legislate jointly.

A full Impact Assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Order revoked (31.12.2020) by [The European Communities \(Designation Orders\) \(Revocation\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1011\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch.**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The European Communities (Designation) (No. 4) Order 2010 (revoked).