

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Article 2 of the Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Prosecuting Authorities) Order 2004 ('the 2004 Order') designates certain prosecuting authorities for the purposes of section 7(5) of the Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 ('the 2003 Act'). Prosecuting authorities designated for the purposes of section 7(5) of the 2003 Act can issue requests for assistance in obtaining evidence from outside the United Kingdom for use in connection with criminal investigations or proceedings in the United Kingdom, without needing to make an application to a judicial authority under section 7(1) of the 2003 Act.

This Order amends the list of designated prosecuting authorities in Article 2(2) of the 2004 Order by inserting references to the Environment Agency, the Secretary of State for Health, the Secretary of State for Transport and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.