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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2013 No. 395**

**CONTRACTS, ENGLAND AND WALES  
CONTRACTS, NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Late Payment of Commercial Debts Regulations 2013**

*Made* - - - - *21st February 2013*  
*Laid before Parliament* *22nd February 2013*  
*Coming into force* - - *16th March 2013*

The Secretary of State, being a Minister designated<sup>(1)</sup> for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(2)</sup> in relation to matters relating to the combating of late payment in commercial transactions, makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of that Act.

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(1) 1972 c. 68. Section 2(2) was amended by section 27(1)(a) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c. 51) and the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c. 7), Schedule 1, Part 1.  
(2) Article 2 of, and the Schedule to, the European Communities (Designation) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/248).