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The European Communities (Designation) Order 2020

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| <i>Made</i> | - - - - | <i>20th May 2020</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> | | <i>27th May 2020</i> |
| <i>Coming into force</i> | - - | <i>17th June 2020</i> |

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 20th day of May 2020

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(a), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order as follows:

Citation, commencement and expiry

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the European Communities (Designation) Order 2020 and comes into force on 17th June 2020.

(2) This Order ceases to have effect on IP completion day(b).

Interpretation

2. In this Order, “designated” means designated for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972, and similar expressions are to be construed accordingly.

Designation in relation to measures relating to the access to, or the pursuit of a regulated profession

3. The Secretary of State is designated in relation to measures relating to the access to, or the pursuit of a regulated profession.

Relationship with other designations

4. This Order does not restrict the scope of any designation made by any other Order.

(a) 1972 c.68. The European Communities Act 1972 was repealed by section 1 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c.16) with effect from exit day, but saved with modifications until IP completion day by section 1A of that Act (as inserted by section 1 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c.1). Section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 was amended by section 27(1) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c.51) and by section 3(3) of, and Part 1 of the Schedule to, the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c.7).

(b) IP Completion day is defined in Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978 (c.30) by reference to section 39 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c.1), as 11.00 p.m. on 31 December 2020.

Richard Tilbrook
Clerk of the Privy Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

In England and Northern Ireland, only “designated” Ministers and departments can exercise powers in section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 (c.68) to make orders, rules, regulations or 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.

The European Communities Act 1972 was repealed by section 1 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c.16) on exit day but its effect, including the power in section 2(2), was saved and modified by section 1A of that Act to give effect to the continued application of EU law during the transition period.

Article 3 designates the Secretary of State in relation to measures relating to the access to, or the pursuit of a regulated profession.

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

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