

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Treasure (Designation) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2666) to include an additional class of objects within the definition of treasure in section 1(1) of the Treasure Act 1996 (c. 24), and to exclude two classes of objects from that definition.

Article 2(4) designates, for the purposes of section 1(1)(b) of the Treasure Act 1996, an additional class of objects which the Secretary of State considers to be of outstanding historical, archaeological or cultural importance. An object which belongs to that class will fall within the definition of treasure if it is at least 200 years old when found.

Article 2(5) designates two classes of objects for the purposes of section 1(2) of the Treasure Act 1996, so as to exclude objects belonging to those classes from the definition of treasure.

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