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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1976 No. 897

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The European Communities (Designation) Order 1976

Made - - - -	*9th June 1976*
Laid before Parliament	*16th June 1976*
Coming into Operation	*8th July 1976*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 9th day of June 1976

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

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

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the European Communities (Designation) Order 1976 and shall come into operation on 8th July 1976.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Designation of Ministers or departments

2.—(1) For the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 the Ministers or government departments specified in column 1 of the Schedule to this Order are hereby designated in relation to the matters respectively specified in column 2 of that Schedule.

(2) Where a Minister or government department is designated in relation to any item in column 2 of the said Schedule, then, for the purposes of the said section 2(2), that Minister or government department is also hereby designated in relation to anything supplemental or incidental to the matters specified in that item.

(3) Where more than one Minister or government department is designated by this Order in relation to any matter, the designation has effect as respects the making of regulations by any of them or by more than one of them acting jointly.

(4) Regulations made by a Northern Ireland department or the Head of such a department in pursuance of this Order shall form part of the law of Northern Ireland and not of any other part of the United Kingdom.

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SCHEDULE

Column 1 Ministers or departments	Column 2 Matters in relation to which the Ministers or departments are designated
The Secretary of State	Regulation and control of classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances and preparations.
The Secretary of State	Information on weight to be given concerning cocoa and chocolate products on packages, containers and labels, or in documents accompanying such products.
The Secretary of State	Regulation and control of pre-packaging of products by weight or volume.
The Secretary of State	Disclosure by companies of particulars concerning persons authorised to represent the company.
The Secretary of State and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.	Measures relating to the recovery or payment of amounts, not being customs duties or refunds of such duties, payable on the import or export of agricultural products or goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products, including conditions attached to and relief allowed in respect of such payments.
Any Northern Ireland department or the Head of any such department	All the preceding items in this column.
The Secretary of State	Units of measurement to be used for economic, health, safety or administrative purposes and the prefixes to be used with such units.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order designates Ministers who may exercise powers to make regulations conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 and specifies the matters in relation to which those powers may be exercised.