

*Draft Order in Council laid before Parliament under section 1(3) of the European Communities Act 1972, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.*

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**2017 No. 0000**

**EUROPEAN UNION**

**The European Union (Definition of Treaties)  
(Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation  
Agreement) (Kazakhstan) Order 2017**

*Made* - - - - *\*\*\**

*Coming into force in accordance with article 2*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the *\*\*\** day of 2017

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

A draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 1(3) of the European Communities Act 1972(1) and has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Accordingly, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 1(3) of the European Communities Act 1972 is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement) (Kazakhstan) Order 2017.

2. This Order comes into force on the date on which the treaty specified in article 3 enters into force for the United Kingdom(2).

3. The Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Kazakhstan, of the other part, signed at Astana on 22nd December 2015(3) is to be regarded as an EU Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(4).

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(1) 1972 c. 68; section 1(3) was amended by the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c. 7), section 3(3), Schedule, Part 1.  
(2) It will be possible to find out the date on which the treaty enters into force for the United Kingdom by referring to the relevant page on UK Treaties Online which can be found at this link: <https://www.gov.uk/uk-treaties>.  
(3) Cm 9380.  
(4) Section 1(2) was amended by the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008, section 3(1) and (3) and Schedule, Part 1.

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**Draft Legislation:** *This is a draft item of legislation. This draft has since been made as a UK Statutory Instrument: The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement) (Kazakhstan) Order 2018 No. 1069*

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*Richard Tilbrook*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order declares the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Kazakhstan, of the other part, (the Agreement), to be an EU Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

The Agreement provides a legal framework for further engagement and co-operation between the European Union, its Member States and Kazakhstan across a broad range of areas, including trade and economic and financial cooperation, energy, transport, environment and climate change, employment and social affairs, justice and home affairs, culture, education and research. It replaces the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement that has been in force between the same parties since 1999.

The principal effect of declaring this Agreement to be an EU Treaty so defined is that the provisions of section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 (which provide for implementation of treaties specified in orders made under section 1(3) of that Act) apply to it.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been carried out for this Order as there is a negligible impact on the costs to UK business, charities and voluntary bodies.