



# European Communities Act 1972

## CHAPTER 68

### EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ACT 1972

#### PART I

##### GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1 Short title and interpretation.
- 2 General implementation of Treaties.
- 3 Decisions on, and proof of, Treaties and EU instruments etc.

#### PART II

##### AMENDMENT OF LAW

- 4 General provision for repeal and amendment.
- 5 Customs duties.
- 6 The common agricultural policy.
- 7 (1) .....
- 8 .....
- 9 .....
- 10 .....
- 11 EU offences.
- 12 Furnishing of information to EU.

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#### SCHEDULES

##### SCHEDULE 1 — Definitions relating to EU

###### Part I — THE PRE-ACCESSION TREATIES

- 1 The “E.C.S.C. Treaty”, that is to say, the Treaty establishing...
- 2 The “E.E.C. Treaty”, that is to say, the Treaty establishing...

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- 3 The “Euratom Treaty”, that is to say, the Treaty establishing...
- 4 The Convention on certain Institutions common to the European Communities,...
- 5 The Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission...
- 6 The Treaty amending certain Budgetary Provisions of the Treaties establishing...
- 7 Any treaty entered into before the 22nd January 1972 by...
  - Part II — OTHER DEFINITIONS
  - “Economic Community”, “Coal and Steel Community” and “Euratom” mean respectively...
  - “EU customs duty” means, in relation to any goods, such...
  - “EU institution” means any institution of the EU....
  - “EU instrument” means any instrument issued by an EU institution....
  - “EU obligation” means any obligation created or arising by or...
  - “Enforceable EU right” and similar expressions shall be construed in...
  - “Entry date” means the date on which the United Kingdom...
  - “European Court” means the Court of Justice of...
  - “Member”, in the expression “member State”, refers to membership of...

#### SCHEDULE 2 — Provisions as to Subordinate Legislation

- 1 (1) The powers conferred by section 2(2) of this Act...
- 1A (1) Where— (a) subordinate legislation makes provision for a purpose...
- 2 (1) Subject to paragraph 3 below, where a provision contained...
- 2A (1) This paragraph applies where, pursuant to paragraph 2(2) above,...
- 2B (1) This paragraph applies where, pursuant to paragraph 2(2) above,...
- 2C Paragraphs 2A and 2B above apply to a Scottish statutory...
- 3 Nothing in paragraph 2 above shall apply to any Order...
- 4 (1) The power to make orders under section 5(1) or...
- 5 As soon as may be after the end of each...

#### SCHEDULE 3 — Repeals

##### Part I — CUSTOMS TARIFF

The repeals in this Part of this Schedule shall take...

##### Part II — SUGAR

The repeals in this Part of this Schedule shall take...

##### Part III — SEEDS

The repeals in this Part of this Schedule shall take...

##### Part IV — MISCELLANEOUS

#### SCHEDULE 4 — Enactments Amended

- 1 .....
- 2 .....

##### *B: Food*

- 3 (1) In the Food and Drugs Act 1955 (“the Act...

##### *C: Grading etc. of Horticultural Produce*

- 4 (1) Part III of the Agriculture and Horticulture Act 1964...

##### *D: Seeds and other Propagating Material*

- 5 (1) In the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964 there...

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*E: Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs*

6 After section 74 of the Agriculture Act 1970 there shall...  
7 .....

*G: Plant Health*

8 (1) In the Plant Health Act 1967 there shall be...  
9 (1) .....  
10 .....

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 1(2)(t) text amended by [2011 c. 12 s. 15\(2\)](#)
- s. 2 applied (with modifications) by [S.S.I. 2010/327 reg. 21\(1\)\(a\)](#) (commencement order for 2010 asp 8)
- s. 3 applied (with modifications) by [S.S.I. 2010/327 reg. 21\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2(2) excluded by [2010 asp 8 s. 28\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2C(c) words substituted by [S.S.I. 2011/396 art. 11](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act, associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Blanket amendment text amended by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 3 6](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 30(8) applied (with modifications) by [S.S.I. 2010/327 reg. 21\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 32 modified by [S.S.I. 2010/327 reg. 21\(2\)](#)
- s. 44 applied (with modifications) by [S.S.I. 2010/327 reg. 21\(3\)\(b\)](#)

**Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the European Communities Act 1972:**

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.S.I. 2010/221 art. 3](#) commences ([2010 asp 8](#))