

*These notes refer to the European Communities (Amendment)
Act 2002 (c.3) which received Royal Assent on 26 February 2002*

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (AMENDMENT) ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 2: References to the European Court etc

15. This section concerns the European Court of Justice, the Court of First Instance and the Judicial Panels to be attached to the Court of First Instance. The Treaty of Nice changes the status of the Court of First Instance so that it will no longer be attached to the Court of Justice. The Treaty also includes new provisions for the setting up of judicial panels which are to be attached to the Court of First Instance. Section 2 amends Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the 1972 Act to reflect these changes. The new definition will apply generally by virtue of the Interpretation Act 1978.