

*These notes refer to the European Parliament (Representation)
Act 2003 (c.7) which received Royal Assent on 8 May 2003*

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (REPRESENTATION) ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SUMMARY

3. This Act extends to the whole of the United Kingdom (UK) and Gibraltar.
4. The two principal purposes of the Act are:
 - a) To establish a mechanism by which the numbers of Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) representing the UK can be reduced consequent upon the accession of new member states to the European Union (EU), as agreed by the Treaty of Nice.
 - b) To enfranchise the Gibraltar electorate for the purposes of European Parliamentary elections, as of 2004, following a ruling of the European Court of Human Rights, which the UK has accepted.