



# European Parliament (Representation) Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 7

### PART 1

#### CHANGES IN TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITED KINGDOM MEPS

##### *Electoral Commission recommendations relating to changes in total number of United Kingdom MEPs*

- 3 Recommendations by Electoral Commission as to the distribution of United Kingdom MEPs**
- (1) The Lord Chancellor may by notice require the Electoral Commission to make a recommendation to him as to the distribution between the electoral regions of—
    - (a) a total number of MEPs specified in the notice; or
    - (b) if the notice specifies more than one total number of MEPs, each of the total numbers so specified.
  - (2) The power to give such a notice is exercisable with a view to the implementation of any change or anticipated change under Community law in the total number of MEPs to be elected for the United Kingdom.
  - (3) The Electoral Commission must comply with such a notice within the period specified in the notice.
  - (4) In determining what recommendation to make for the distribution of any total number of MEPs, the Electoral Commission must ensure that—
    - (a) each electoral region is allocated at least three MEPs; and
    - (b) the ratio of electors to MEPs is as nearly as possible the same in each electoral region.
  - (5) A recommendation under this section—

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- (a) must be published by the Electoral Commission and laid before Parliament by the Lord Chancellor; and
- (b) ceases to have effect at the end of the period of one year beginning with the day on which it is made.