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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1977 No. 1718**

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

**The European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 1977**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>25th October 1977</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>2nd November 1977</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>24th November 1977</i>

At the Court of Saint James, the 25th day of October 1977

Present,

The Counsellors of State in Council

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 10th day of October 1977, to delegate to the six Counsellors of State therein named or any two or more of them full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval for anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, and in pursuance of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972, and all other powers enabling Her Majesty, and by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, do on Her Majesty's behalf order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

**Citation, interpretation and commencement**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 24th November 1977.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

**Designation of Ministers or departments**

2.—(1) For the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 the Ministers or government departments specified in column 1 of the Schedule to this Order are hereby designated in relation to the matters respectively specified in column 2 of that Schedule.

(2) Where a Minister or government department is designated in relation to any item in column 2 of the said Schedule, then, for the purposes of the said section 2(2), that Minister or government

department is also hereby designated in relation to anything supplemental or incidental to the matters specified in that item.

(3) Where more than one Minister or government department is designated by this Order in relation to any matter, the designation has effect as respects the making or regulations by any of them or by more than one of them acting jointly.

(4) Regulations made by a Northern Ireland department or the Head of such a department in pursuance of this Order shall form part of the law of Northern Ireland, and not of any other part of the United Kingdom.

*N.E. Leigh*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

## SCHEDULE

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Ministers or departments</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Matters in relation to which the</i> <i>Ministers or departments are designated</i>
The Secretary of State	Safety measures in regard to radioactive substances and the emission of ionising radiation.
The Secretary of State	Testing of the roadworthiness of motor vehicles and their trailers.
The Secretary of State	Regulation of design, construction, verification and inspection of pressure vessels.
The Secretary of State	Rights and obligations relating to employers on the transfer or merger of undertakings, businesses or parts of businesses.
The Secretary of State	Method of determining or expressing alcoholic strength.
Any Northern Ireland department or the Head of such department	All the preceding items in this column.
The Secretary of State	Measures relating to anti-dumping and countervailing duties.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order designates Ministers who may exercise powers to make regulations conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 and specifies the matters in relation to which those powers may be exercised.