
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1978 No. 1910

The European Communities (Services of Lawyers) Order 1978

Interpretation

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“advocate”, “barrister” and “solicitor” mean, in relation to any part of the United Kingdom, a person practising in that part as an advocate, barrister or solicitor as the case may be;

“the Directive” means the European Communities Council Directive No. [77/249/EEC](#) to facilitate the effective exercise by lawyers of freedom to provide services;

“EEC lawyer” means a person entitled to pursue his professional activities under the designation, in Belgium of an avocat—advocaat, in Denmark of an advokat, in Germany of a Rechtsanwalt, in France of an avocat, in the Republic of Ireland of a barrister or solicitor, in Italy of an avvocato, in Luxembourg of an avocat-avoué, or in the Netherlands of an advocaat;

“member State of origin”, in relation to an EEC lawyer, means the member State or States in which he is established; and

“own professional authority”, in relation to an EEC lawyer, means an authority entitled to exercise disciplinary authority over him in his member State of origin.

3.—(1) The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply to this Order as it applies to subordinate legislation made after the commencement of that Act.

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Order to a numbered article or to the Schedule is a reference to an article of, or the Schedule to, this Order.