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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1994 No. 342**

**The European Parliamentary Elections  
(Changes to the Franchise and Qualification  
of Representatives) Regulations 1994**

**PART I**

**CITATION, COMMENCEMENT AND INTERPRETATION**

**Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the European Parliamentary Elections (Changes to the Franchise and Qualification of Representatives) Regulations 1994.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) below, these Regulations shall come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

(3) Part III of these Regulations shall have effect subject to the provisions of Part IV of them (provisions in respect of first registers of relevant citizens of the Union as European Parliamentary electors).

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Regulations and any provision as applied by Part III of these Regulations—

“Act of 1978” means the European Parliamentary Elections Act 1978(1);

“Act of 1983” means the Representation of the People Act 1983(2);

“citizen of the Union” shall be construed in accordance with article 8.1 of the Treaty establishing the European Community(3) (as amended by Title II of the Treaty on European Union(4)) and “relevant citizen of the Union” means such a citizen who is not a Commonwealth citizen or citizen of the Republic of Ireland;

“European Regulations” means the European Parliamentary Elections Regulations 1986(5);

“European (Northern Ireland) Regulations” means the European Parliamentary Elections (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1986(6);

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(1) 1978 c. 10; the citation of this Act has been amended by section 3(1)(b) and (2)(b) of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1986 (c. 58) on the coming into force of the Single European Act (Cmnd. 9758) on 1st July 1987.

(2) 1983 c. 2.

(3) Treaty Series No. 47 (1988), Cm. 455.

(4) Cm. 1934.

(5) S.I. 1986/2209, as amended by S.I. 1989/633, S.I. 1990/687, S.I. 1991/1243 and S.I. 1992/723; the citation of this instrument has been amended by section 3(1)(b) and (2)(b) of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1986 on the coming into force of the Single European Act (Cmnd. 9758) on 1st July 1987.

(6) S.I. 1986/2250, as amended by S.I. 1989/502, S.I. 1990/562, S.I. 1991/1675 and S.I. 1992/833; the citation of this instrument has been amended by section 3(1)(b) and (2)(b) of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1986 on the coming into force of the Single European Act (Cmnd. 9758) on 1st July 1987.

“member of the forces” has the same meaning as in section 59(1) (meaning of that expression) of the Act of 1983(7);

“registration officer” means an electoral registration officer referred to in regulation 8 below;

“Regulations of 1986” means the Representation of the People Regulations 1986(8);

“Regulations (Northern Ireland) of 1986” means the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1986(9);

“Regulations (Scotland) of 1986” means the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 1986(10)

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, in the provisions of the Act of 1983, as applied by Part III of these Regulations —

(a) any reference to a provision which is also so applied shall be construed as a reference to such a provision as applied;

(b) any reference to regulations are to

(i) the Regulations of 1986,

(ii) the Regulations (Scotland) of 1986, and

(iii) the Regulations (Northern Ireland) of 1986,

which apply for the purposes of Part III of these Regulations by virtue of the amendment made by paragraph 4 of Parts I, II and III of the Schedule to these Regulations, respectively;

(c) any reference to an election shall be construed as a reference to a European Parliamentary election; and

(d) any reference to a qualifying date shall be construed in accordance with regulation 7(3) below.

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(7) Section 59(1) has been amended by the Representation of the People Act 1993 (c. 29).

(8) S.I. 1986/1081; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1990/520.

(9) S.I. 1986/1091; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1989/1304 and S.I. 1990/561.

(10) S.I.1986/111; the relevant amending instrument is S.I.1990/629 (S.77).