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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 269**

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

**The European Communities (Definition of Treaties)  
(Europe Agreement establishing an Association  
between the European Communities and their Member  
States and the Republic of Estonia) Order 1997**

*Made - - - - 12th February 1997*

*Coming into force*

*in accordance with Article 1*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 12th day of February 1997

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 1 of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(1)</sup> and has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 1(3) of the European Communities Act 1972 or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

**1.** This Order may be cited as the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Europe Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Estonia) Order 1997. It shall come into force in respect of the treaty specified in the Schedule to this Order on the date on which the treaty enters into force for the United Kingdom. This date will be notified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes.

**2.** The treaty specified in the Schedule to this Order is to be regarded as a Community Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

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(1) 1972 c. 68; section 1(2) was amended by the European Union (Accessions) Act 1994 c. 38.

*N. H. Nicholls*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

## SCHEDULE

The Europe Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Estonia, signed at Luxembourg on 12 June 1995<sup>(2)</sup>.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The Order declares the Europe Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Estonia, signed on 12 June 1995, to be a Community Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972. The Agreement establishes an association with the objectives of providing an appropriate framework for political dialogue, further developing a free trade area between the Community and Estonia, promoting trade and harmonious economic relations, providing a basis for economic, financial, cultural and social co-operation and co-operation in the prevention of illegal activities as well as Community assistance, supporting Estonia's efforts to develop its economy, providing an appropriate framework for Estonia's gradual integration into the European Union and setting up institutions to make the association effective. The principal effect of declaring this Agreement to be a Community Treaty as so defined is to bring into play, in relation to it, the provisions of section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 which provides for the implementation of treaties so specified.

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<sup>(2)</sup> Cm 3187.