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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 2882 (C.71)**

**HUMAN RIGHTS**

**The Human Rights Act 1998 (Commencement) Order 1998**

*Made - - - - 20th November 1998*

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 22(3) of the Human Rights Act 1998<sup>(1)</sup>, I hereby make the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Human Rights Act 1998 (Commencement) Order 1998.
2. The day appointed for the coming into force of section 19 of the Human Rights Act 1998 is 24th November 1998.

Home Office  
20th November 1998

*Jack Straw*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of  
State

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order brings section 19 of the Human Rights Act 1998 (“the Act”) into force on 24th November 1998.

Section 19 provides that the Minister in charge of a Bill in either House of Parliament must, before Second Reading, make and publish a written statement to the effect either that in his view the provisions of the Bill are compatible with “the Convention rights” (defined in section 1 of the Act), or that although he is unable to make such a statement, the government nevertheless wishes the House to proceed with the Bill.