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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2002 No. 2666**

**TREASURE**

**The Treasure (Designation) Order 2002**

*Made* - - - - *21st October 2002*

*Coming into force* - - *1st January 2003*

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before, and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament pursuant to section 2(4) of the Treasure Act 1996<sup>(1)</sup>;

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon her by section 2(1) and (3) of the Treasure Act 1996 and all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:

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**Citation, commencement and application**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Treasure (Designation) Order 2002 and shall come into force on 1st January 2003.

(2) This Order applies only in relation to objects found on or after the date when it comes into force.

**Commencement Information**

**II** Art. 1 in force at 1.1.2003, see [art. 1\(1\)](#)

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

“the Act” means the Treasure Act 1996;

“base metal” means any metal other than gold or silver; and

“of prehistoric date” means dating from the Iron Age or any earlier period.

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(1) 1996 c. 24.

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**Commencement Information**

**I2** Art. 2 in force at 1.1.2003, see [art. 1\(1\)](#)

**Designation of classes of objects of outstanding historical, archaeological or cultural importance**

- 3.** The following classes of objects are designated pursuant to section 2(1) of the Act.
- (a) any object (other than a coin), any part of which is base metal, which, when found is one of at least two base metal objects in the same find which are of prehistoric date;
  - (b) any object, (other than a coin) which is of prehistoric date, and any part of which is gold or silver.

**Commencement Information**

**I3** Art. 3 in force at 1.1.2003, see [art. 1\(1\)](#)

21st October 2002

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order extends the definition of “treasure” in section 1 of the Treasure Act 1996 (“the Act”) by designating under section 2(1) of the Act two classes of objects as being of outstanding historical, archaeological or cultural importance. The Order applies to England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The first class of object is one of at least two base metal objects (other than coins), from the same find which are of prehistoric date.

The second class of object is any object (other than a coin) of prehistoric date, any part of which is gold or silver.

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- art. 1 coming into force by [S.I. 2002/2666 art. 1\(1\)](#)
- art. 2 coming into force by [S.I. 2002/2666 art. 1\(1\)](#)
- art. 3 coming into force by [S.I. 2002/2666 art. 1\(1\)](#)
- art. 3 heading omitted by [S.I. 2023/404 art. 2\(4\)](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 1 heading and cross-heading inserted by [S.I. 2023/404 art. 2\(2\)](#)
- Pt. 2 heading and cross-heading inserted by [S.I. 2023/404 art. 2\(3\)](#)
- Pt. 3 inserted by [S.I. 2023/404 art. 2\(5\)](#)
- art. 3(1) words renumbered as art. 3(1) by [S.I. 2023/404 art. 2\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 3(1)(c) inserted by [S.I. 2023/404 art. 2\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 3(2) inserted by [S.I. 2023/404 art. 2\(4\)\(c\)](#)