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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 307**

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

The European Communities (Definition of Treaties)  
(Cooperation Agreement between the European  
Community and its Member States and the Swiss  
Confederation to Combat Fraud) Order 2006

*Made - - - - 14th February 2006*

*Coming into force in accordance with Article 1*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 14th day of February 2006

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

In accordance with section 1 of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(1)</sup> a draft of this Order was laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.

Accordingly, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(3) of the European Communities Act 1972, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order as follows:

**Citation and Commencement**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Swiss Confederation to Combat Fraud) Order 2006.

(2) This Order 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.

**Specification as Community Treaty**

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 last amended by the European Union (Accessions) Act 2003 (c. 35).

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**Status:** *This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.*

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*A K Galloway*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

## SCHEDULE

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other part, to combat fraud and any other illegal activity to the detriment of their financial interests, signed in Luxembourg on 26th October 2004<sup>(2)</sup>.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order declares the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other part, to combat fraud and any other illegal activity to the detriment of their financial interests to be a Community Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

The object of the Agreement is to extend administrative and judicial assistance in order to combat illegal activities in customs; agricultural legislation; value added tax, special taxes on consumption, and excise duties; the charging and retention of funds from the budgets of the parties to the Agreement or from budgets managed by them or on their behalf; and procedures for the award of contracts by them.

The principal effect of declaring this Agreement to be a Community Treaty is that the provisions of section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 (which provide for the general implementation of Community Treaties) apply to it.

A full Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business, charities or voluntary bodies.

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(2) Cm 6688.