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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 608**

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

**The European Communities (Designation) Order 2006**

*Made* - - - - *8th March 2006*  
*Laid before Parliament* *9th March 2006*  
*Coming into force* - - *30th March 2006*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 8th day of March 2006

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(1)</sup> is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is ordered, as follows:

**Citation, commencement, and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the European Communities (Designation) Order 2006 and shall come into force on 30th March 2006.

(2) In this Order—

“the Act” means the European Communities Act 1972,

“Minister or government department” means a Minister of the Crown or government department, but does not include a Northern Ireland Minister or Northern Ireland department, and

“regulations” means regulations made pursuant to section 2(2) of the Act.

**Designation of Minister or departments**

2.—(1) For the purposes of section 2(2) of the Act, the Minister or government departments specified in column (1) of Schedule 1 to this Order are designated in relation to the matters specified in column (2) of that Schedule.

(2) Where a Minister or government department is designated by this Order in relation to any matter, for which any other Minister or government department has been designated by this or any

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(1) 1972 c. 68.

other Order for the purposes of section 2(2) of the Act, any of them may make regulations and, if regulations are made by more than one, they may do so jointly.

### **Designation of Northern Ireland departments**

**3.**—(1) For the purposes of section 2(2) of the Act, any Northern Ireland department is designated in relation to the matters specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

(2) Regulations made by a Northern Ireland department in pursuance of this Order, that are not made jointly with a Minister, shall form part of the law of Northern Ireland and not of any other part of the United Kingdom.

(3) Where any Northern Ireland department is designated by this Order in relation to any matter, for which any Minister or government department is designated by this or any other Order for the purposes of section 2(2) of the Act, any of them may make regulations and, if regulations are made by more than one, they may do so jointly.

### **Revocation of earlier designations**

**4.** The Orders specified in column (1) of Schedule 3 to this Order are revoked in so far as they relate to the designations listed in column (2) of that Schedule.

*A.K. Galloway*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

DESIGNATION OF MINISTERS OR DEPARTMENTS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Minister or Department designated</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Matters in relation to which Minister or Department are designated</i>
The Secretary of State	Persistent organic pollutants, dangerous substances, preparations and chemicals
The Treasury	European Cooperative Societies
The Secretary of State	The ecodesign of energy-using products
The Secretary of State	Intellectual property (including both registered and unregistered rights)

SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

MATTERS IN RELATION TO WHICH NORTHERN IRELAND DEPARTMENTS ARE DESIGNATED

European Cooperative Societies

SCHEDULE 3

Article 4

REVOCATION OF DESIGNATIONS

<i>(1)</i> <i>Order</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Designation</i>
The European Communities (Designation) (No.2) Order 1992(2)	Measures relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations
The European Communities (Designation) (No.3) Order 2005(3)	Persistent organic pollutants, dangerous substances and chemicals.

(2) [S.I.1992/1711](#)  
(3) [S.I. 2005/2766](#)

**Status:** *This is the original version (as it was originally made).*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This is a further Order in the series designating authorities which may exercise the power to make regulations conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 and specifying the matters in relation to which that power may be exercised. This Order also revokes any designations which are superseded.