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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 219**

**The European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016**

**PART 2**

**REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE  
REFERENDUM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

*Action to be taken before the poll*

**Postal ballot papers**

**17.—(1)** The counting officer must, in accordance with the relevant postal voting provisions, issue to those entitled to vote by post—

- (a) a ballot paper,
- (b) in the case of those entitled to vote in England and Wales or Scotland, a postal voting statement in the form set out in Form 3 in Schedule 4, and
- (c) in the case of those entitled to vote in Northern Ireland, a declaration of identity in the form set out in Form 4 in Schedule 4,

together with envelopes for their return complying with the requirements prescribed by the relevant postal voting provisions.

(2) The counting officer must also issue to those entitled to vote by post whatever information the officer thinks appropriate about how to obtain—

- (a) translations into languages other than English of any directions to, or guidance for, voters sent with the ballot paper;
- (b) a translation into Braille of those directions or guidance;
- (c) graphical representations of those directions or guidance;
- (d) those directions or guidance in any other form (including any audible form).

(3) In the case of a ballot paper issued to a person resident in the United Kingdom, the counting officer must ensure that the return of the ballot paper and postal voting statement or declaration of identity is free of charge to the voter.