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The Gas (Internal Markets) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

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The Department for the Economy is a Northern Ireland Department designated⁽¹⁾ for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972⁽²⁾ in relation to energy and energy sources. The Department for the Economy in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of that Act makes the following Regulations.

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- (1) The European Communities (Designation) Order 2010 ([S.I. 2010/761](#)), article 7. By virtue of section 2(5) of the European Communities Act 1972, references in section 2(2) of that Act to a government department include a department of the Government of Northern Ireland.
- (2) [1972 c. 68](#). The European Communities Act 1972 was repealed by section 1 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ([c. 16](#)) with effect from exit day, but saved with modifications until IP completion day by section 1A of that Act (as inserted by section 1 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 ([c. 1](#))). Section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 was amended by section 27(1) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 ([c. 51](#)) and by section 3(3) of, and Part 1 of the Schedule to, the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 ([c. 7](#)). Paragraph 1A of Schedule 2 was inserted by section 28 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 and amended by Part 1 of the Schedule to the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 and [S.I. 2007/1388](#)