

Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 1(3) of the European Communities Act 1972, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2004 No.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

**European Communities (Definition of Treaties)
(Common Electoral Principles) Order 2004**

Made - - - - 2004

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the day of 2004

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 1 of the European Communities Act 1972⁽¹⁾ and has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:

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

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Common Electoral Principles) Order 2004.

(2) It 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.

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.

Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULE

Article 2

The Decision of the Council of the European Communities of 25 June and 23 September 2002 amending the Act concerning the election of the representatives of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, annexed to Council Decision [76/787/ECSC](#), EEC, Euratom⁽²⁾ ([2002/772/EC](#), Euratom)⁽³⁾.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order specifies that Council Decision [2002/772/EC](#), Euratom is to be regarded as a Community Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972. The Decision amends the Act concerning the election of the representatives of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage, annexed to Decision [76/787/ECSC](#), EEC, Euratom. The principal effect of declaring the Decision to be a Community Treaty as so defined is to bring into play, in relation to it, the provisions of section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 which provides for the implementation of Treaties so specified.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 278, 8.10.1976, p.1 (Cmnd. 6623).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 283, 21.10.2002, p.1.