

Draft Order in Council 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

2018 No. 0000

EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement) (Armenia) Order 2018

Made - - - - *****

Coming into force in accordance with article 2

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the ***** day of ***** 2018

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

A draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 1(3) of the European Communities Act 1972(1) and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

Accordingly, 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 as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement) (Armenia) Order 2018.

2. This Order comes into force on the date on which the treaty specified in article 3 enters into force for the United Kingdom(2).

3. The Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, signed at Brussels on 24th November 2017(3) is to be regarded as an EU Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(4).

(1) 1972 c. 68; section 1(3) was amended by section 3(3) of, and Part 1 of the Schedule to, the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c. 7).

(2) It will be possible to find out the date on which the treaty enters into force for the United Kingdom by referring to the relevant page on UK Treaties Online which can be found at this link: <https://www.gov.uk/uk-treaties>.

(3) Cm 9588.

(4) Section 1(2) was amended by: section 3(1) and (3) of, and Part 1 of the Schedule to, the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008; section 15(2) of the European Union Act 2011 (c. 12); section 3 of the European Union (Croatian Accession and Irish Protocol) Act 2013 (c. 5); and section 1(2) of the European Union (Finance) Act 2015 (c. 32). There are other amending instruments but none are relevant.

Draft Legislation: *This is a draft item of legislation. This draft has since been made as a UK Statutory Instrument: The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement) (Armenia) Order 2018 No. 1063*

Name
Clerk of the Privy Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order declares the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, signed at Brussels on 24th November 2017 (the Agreement), to be an EU Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

The Agreement provides a legal framework for future political and economic cooperation between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, and Armenia, across a broad range of areas, including: domestic reform, human rights, trade and all other areas of mutual interest. It replaces the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement that has been in force between the same parties since 1999.

The principal effect of declaring the Agreement to be an EU Treaty is that the provisions of section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 (which provide for implementation of treaties specified in orders made under section 1(3) of that Act) apply to it.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been carried out for this Order as there is a negligible impact on the costs to UK business, charities and voluntary bodies.