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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (REPRESENTATION) ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Gibraltar

Section 16: Entitlement to be registered in Gibraltar

34. **Section 16** provides conditions for entitlement to be registered on the Gibraltar register. *Subsection (1)* is very similar to the rules for the UK electorate relating to the registers that are used for UK purposes in European Parliamentary elections. *Subsection (2)* makes provision so that Commonwealth citizens qualifying for registration as overseas electors can also register to vote whilst overseas. By virtue of that paragraph and the regulation-making powers under *section 17*, the Lord Chancellor may prescribe similar conditions for registration as an overseas elector as apply to British citizens in respect of the UK. *Subsection (5)* reflects the conditions in the Gibraltarian Immigration Control Ordinance as to rights to enter or remain in Gibraltar.