

*These notes refer to the European Union (Croatian Accession and Irish Protocol) Act 2013 (c.5) which received Royal Assent on 31 January 2013*

# **EUROPEAN UNION (CROATIAN ACCESSION AND IRISH PROTOCOL) ACT 2013**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY**

#### ***Section 2: Approval of Irish Protocol***

21. This section provides for the approval of the Irish Protocol for the purposes of section 2 of the European Union Act 2011, under which primary legislation is required before a treaty which amends or replaces TEU or TFEU can be ratified by the UK.
22. [Section 2\(2\)](#) approves the Irish Protocol for the purposes of section 2(1)(b) of the 2011 Act.
23. [Section 2\(3\)](#) provides, as required by section 2(3) of the 2011 Act, that the Protocol does not fall within section 4 of that Act (cases where treaty or Article 48(6) decision attracts a referendum).