EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order designates the Secretary of State so that the Secretary of State may exercise the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 (c.68) in relation to accreditation of conformity assessment bodies, public procurement and pyrotechnic articles. It also designates Northern Ireland departments so that they may exercise the powers conferred by section 2(2) in relation to cross-border healthcare and public procurement.