
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

In England, Wales and Northern Ireland, only “designated” Ministers and departments can exercise powers in section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 (c.68) to make orders, rules, regulations and schemes. This is one of a series of Orders by which the Ministers and departments are designated for the purposes of section 2(2) in relation to different subject areas.

Article 2 designates the Secretary of State in relation to the issuance of multilingual standard forms by the Registrar General for England and Wales.

Article 3 designates the Secretary of State in relation to geo-blocking and other forms of discrimination, where such discrimination is based on customer’s nationality, place of residence or place of establishment within the internal market.

Article 4 provides that this Order does not restrict the scope of designation in other Orders and allows Ministers and departments designated in relation to the same matters to legislate jointly as well as individually.

Article 5 provides that this order ceases to have effect on exit day, within the meaning of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c.16).

A full Impact Assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the private or voluntary sectors.