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

2007 No.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement) (Republic of Albania) Order 2007

Made - - - -

Coming into force in accordance with Article 2

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the ** day of ** 2007

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(**a**) and has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

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 Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement) (Republic of Albania) Order 2007.

2. It shall come into force on the date on which the treaty specified in the Schedule enters into force for the United Kingdom. This date will be notified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes.

3. The treaty specified in the Schedule is to be regarded as a Community Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

Meriel McCullagh
Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council

(**a**) 1972 c.68.

SCHEDULE

The Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one Part, and the Republic of Albania, of the other part, signed at Luxembourg on 12 June 2006(**a**)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order declares the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Albania, signed on 12 June 2006, to be a Community Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

The Agreement provides a framework for regular political dialogue between the parties and includes a commitment to promote regional co-operation and good neighbourly relations with the other countries of the region. It provides for the establishment of a free trade area over a transitional period, asymmetric trade preferences, assistance to support democratic, economic and institutional reforms and co-operation in the field of Justice and Home Affairs.

The principal effect of declaring this Agreement to be a Community Treaty so defined is that the provisions of section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 apply to it.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been produced for this instrument, as it has no impact on the costs to UK business, charities or voluntary bodies.

(**a**) Cm 7055.

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