

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (ACCESSIONS) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 200-

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by the Chief Minister

STATES GREFFE



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REPORT

The Regulations are made under provisions of Article 1(3A) of the European Communities (Jersey) Law 1973, which enables the States to make Regulations to modify the list of Community Treaties in the 1973 Law as necessary to reflect similar changes made in the equivalent U.K. legislation.

On 1st January 2007, Romania and the Republic of Bulgaria will become members of the European Union. The United Kingdom has enacted the European Union (Accession) Act 2006, which adds the E.U. Accession Treaty signed at Luxembourg on 25th April 2005, concerning the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, to the list of Community Treaties in the European Communities Act 1972.

A proposed change to the European Communities (Jersey) Law 1973 would similarly add the 2005 E.U. Accession Treaty to the list of Community Treaties in Article 1(1) of the 1973 Law, and mirrors the change made by the U.K. to the definition of 'the Treaties' and 'the Community' in the European Communities Act 1972.

The purpose of the amendment is to give effect in Jersey to the 2005 Accession Treaty and the enlargement of the E.U., so that the provisions of Protocol 3 to the U.K. Act of Accession, which governs the Island's relationship with the E.U., will apply in relation to the expanded Union.

It is not anticipated the legislation will have any additional revenue or manpower implications for the States; in fact, a manpower saving will be derived from a reduced requirement for the issue of work permits.

Explanatory Note

These Regulations would expand the definition of “Treaties” and “Community Treaties” in the European Communities (Jersey) Law 1973 so as to include the Treaty that provides for the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.



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Made [date to be inserted]

Coming into force [date to be inserted]

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 1(4) of the European Communities (Jersey) Law 1973¹, have made the following Regulations –

1 Article 1 of European Communities (Jersey) Law 1973 amended

In Article 1(1) of the European Communities (Jersey) 1973, after sub-paragraph (l) in the definition of “Treaties” and “Community Treaties” there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph –

“(m) the treaty concerning the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, signed at Luxembourg on 25th April 2005.”.

2 Citation and commencement

These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Accessions) (Jersey) Regulations 200- and shall come into force seven days after they are made.

¹ *chapter 17.210*