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AN ACT TO AMEND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ACT 1972, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER CONNECTED MATTERS. [3rd December, 2003]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

**1.**—(1) The definition of “the treaties governing the European Communities” in section 1(1) of the European Communities Act 1972 is amended by the insertion after paragraph (*t*) (inserted by the European Communities (Amendment) Act 2002) of the following: Amendment of section 1 of European Communities Act 1972.

“and

- (*u*) the Treaty concerning the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union done at Athens on the 16th day of April 2003, in so far as that Treaty relates to the European Communities.”.

(2) The text of the definition of “the treaties governing the European Communities” in the said section 1, as amended by *subsection (1)* of this section and by other enactments, is set out in the Table to this section.

TABLE

“the treaties governing the European Communities” means—

- (*a*) “the ECSC Treaty”, that is to say, the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, signed at Paris on the 18th day of April, 1951,
- (*b*) “the EEC Treaty”, that is to say, the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, signed at Rome on the 25th day of March, 1957,
- (*c*) “the Euratom Treaty”, that is to say, the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, signed at Rome on the 25th day of March, 1957,

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- (d) the Convention on certain Institutions common to the European Communities, signed at Rome on the 25th day of March, 1957,
- (e) the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities, signed at Brussels on the 8th day of April, 1965,
- (f) the Treaty amending certain Budgetary Provisions of the Treaties establishing the European Communities and of the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities, signed at Luxembourg on the 22nd day of April, 1970,
- (g) the Treaty relating to the accession of Ireland to the European Economic Community and to the European Atomic Energy Community, signed at Brussels on the 22nd day of January, 1972,
- (h) the decision, of the 22nd day of January, 1972, of the Council of the European Communities relating to the accession of Ireland to the European Coal and Steel Community,

as supplemented or amended by treaties or other acts of which the dates of entry into force are dates not later than the 1st day of January, 1973, and

- (i) the Treaty amending certain financial provisions of the treaties establishing the European Communities and of the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities, signed at Brussels on the 22nd day of July, 1975, and
- (j) the Treaty relating to the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the European Economic Community and to the European Atomic Energy Community, signed at Athens on the 28th day of May, 1979, and
- (k) the decision, of the 24th day of May, 1979, of the Council of the European Communities relating to the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the European Coal and Steel Community, and
- (l) the Treaty amending, with regard to Greenland, the Treaties establishing the European Communities, signed at Brussels on the 13th day of March, 1984, and
- (m) the Treaty concerning the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the European Economic Community and to the European Atomic Energy Community, signed at Lisbon and Madrid on the 12th day of June, 1985, and
- (n) the decision, of the 11th day of June, 1985, of the Council of the European Communities relating to the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the European Coal and Steel Community, and

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- (o) the following provisions of the Single European Act S.1 (done at Luxembourg on the 17th day of February, 1986, and at The Hague on the 28th day of February, 1986), namely, Article 3.1; Title II; Articles 31 and 32; and, in so far as they relate to the said Article 3.1, the said Title II and the said Articles 31 and 32, Articles 33 and 34, and
- (p) the following provisions of the Treaty on European Union, namely, Titles II, III and IV; in Title VII, Articles L, M and P, and the other provisions of that Title in so far as they relate to any of the treaties governing the European Communities as defined by this subsection; together with the Protocols (whether expressed to be annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community, or to the said Treaty on European Union and the Treaties establishing the European Communities), done at Maastricht on the 7th day of February, 1992, and
- (q) the Act amending the Protocol on the Statute of the European Investment Bank, empowering the Board of Governors to establish a European Investment Fund, signed at Brussels on the 25th day of March, 1993, together with the Treaty amending certain provisions of the Protocol on the Statute of the European Investment Bank, signed at Brussels on the 10th day of July, 1975, and
- (r) the Treaty concerning the accession of the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union signed at Corfu on the 24th day of June, 1994, in so far as that Treaty relates to the European Communities, and
- (s) the following provisions of the Treaty of Amsterdam amending the Treaty on European Union, the Treaties establishing the European Communities and certain related Acts, namely, Articles 1.13 and 2 to 12 together with the annexed Protocols whether expressed to be annexed to—
- (i) the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty establishing the European Community,
  - (ii) the Treaty establishing the European Community, or
  - (iii) the Treaty on European Union and the Treaties establishing the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community,
- signed at Amsterdam on the 2nd day of October, 1997, and
- (t) the following provisions of the Treaty of Nice amending the Treaty on European Union, the Treaties establishing the European Communities and certain related Acts, namely, Articles 1.15 and 2 to 10 together with the annexed Protocols whether expressed to be annexed to—

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- (i) the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaties establishing the European Communities,
- (ii) the Treaty on European Union, to the Treaty establishing the European Community and to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, or
- (iii) the Treaty establishing the European Community,

signed at Nice on the 26th day of February 2001, and

- (u) the Treaty concerning the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union done at Athens on the 16th day of April 2003, in so far as that Treaty relates to the European Communities.”.

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commencement.

**2.—**(1) This Act may be cited as the European Communities (Amendment) Act 2003.

(2) The European Communities Acts 1972 to 2002, and this Act may be cited together as the European Communities Acts 1972 to 2003, and shall be construed together as one Act.

(3) This Act shall come into operation on such day as may be appointed by order made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.