

# **European Union (Approvals) Bill [HL]**

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

Explanatory notes to the Bill, prepared by the Ministry of Justice, are published separately as Bill 121 – EN.

## EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Secretary Chris Grayling has made the following statement under section 19(1)(a) of the Human Rights Act 1998:

In my view the provisions of the European Union (Approvals) Bill [HL] are compatible with the Convention rights.

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**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1 Approval of certain decisions under Article 352 of TFEU**

- (1) This section has effect for the purposes of section 8 of the European Union Act 2011 (decisions under Article 352 of TFEU).
- (2) The following draft decisions of the Council of the European Union under Article 352 of TFEU are approved—
  - (a) the draft decision to adopt the Council Regulation on the electronic publication of the Official Journal (document number 10222/5/11), and
  - (b) the draft decision to establish a Multiannual Framework for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for 2013-2017 (document number 10449/12).
- (3) In this section “TFEU” means the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

**2 Approval of decision relating to number of EU Commissioners**

The draft decision under Article 17(5) of the Treaty on European Union that the number of members of the European Commission should continue to be equal to the number of member States (document number EUCO 176/12) is approved for the purposes of subsection (3) of section 7 of the European Union Act 2011 (decisions requiring approval by Act).

**3 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act extends to the whole of the United Kingdom.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the European Union (Approvals) Act 2013.

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