

European Union (Approvals) Bill

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Explanatory notes to the Bill, prepared by the Ministry of Justice and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, are published separately as Bill 2 – EN.

EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Secretary Greg Clark 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 are compatible with the Convention rights.

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BE 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 draft 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— 5
- (a) the draft decisions on the participation of—
 - (i) the Republic of Albania, and
 - (ii) the Republic of Serbia,as observers in the work of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (document numbers 9877/16 and 9876/16), and 10
 - (b) the draft decisions on the signing and conclusion of an agreement between the European Union and the Government of Canada regarding the application of their competition laws (document numbers 10819/16 and 10821/16).
- (3) In this section “TFEU” means the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. 15

2 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 2017.

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*Presented by Secretary Greg Clark,
supported by
the Prime Minister,
Secretary David Lidington,
Secretary Liam Fox and Secretary David Davis.*

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