#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

#### **EUROPEAN UNION ACT 2011**

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# These notes refer to the European Union Act 2011 (c.12)

# COMMENCEMENT

### HANSARD REFERENCES