



## **REPEAL OF THE 1972 EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ACT (Or what happens next?)**

The government has announced that it plans to introduce a new Bill to repeal the above Act, which currently gives direct effect to all EU law. The repeal will be timed and passed in advance so that it applies from the day of exit from the EU.

Simultaneously, existing EU law will be converted into domestic UK law so that there is continuation and any changes which the government may wish to make can be actioned after further consideration.

Under current arrangements, EU law overrides UK domestic law and is enforced by the European Court of Justice (ECJ). ECJ jurisdiction in the UK will end when the repeal Bill comes into force.

The Repeal Bill will include powers for ministers to make some changes by secondary legislation, giving flexibility to take account of the negotiations, as they proceed.