L.N. 61 of 2019

EUROPEAN UNION ACT
(CAP. 460)

European Parliament Elections Act
(Amendment No. 3) Order, 2019

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 4(2) of the European Union Act, the Prime Minister has made the following Order:-

Title and scope.

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1. (1) The title of this Order is the European Parliament Elections Act (Amendment No. 3) Order, 2019, and this Order shall be read and construed as one with the European Parliament Elections Act, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

(2) The scope of this Order is to permit the Electoral Commission to proceed to delete from the European Union Electoral Register the registration of voters who are citizens of a State that has ceased to be a Member of the European Union, even if such exit of the Member State from the European Union takes place on a date which falls after the issuance of the European Parliament Electoral Register and before polling day or the start of the election period.

Amends article 16 of the principal Act.

2. Article 16 of the principal Act shall be substituted by the following:

"16. (1) A person whose name appears on the Electoral Roll may at any time, in writing, request the Electoral Commission to remove his name from such Electoral Roll and thereupon his name shall be struck off the Electoral Roll.

(2) In the event that a State ceases to be a Member State of the European Union, the Electoral Commission shall proceed to cancel from the European Union Electoral Register any such persons who are solely so registered on that register by virtue of their being citizens of that State which has ceased to be a member of the European Union, and this without any further notice or proceedings:

Provided that if, following the publication of the notice provided in article 9 and prior to polling day, a State ceases to be a Member State of the European Union, the Electoral Commission shall ensure that all names of citizens of that State shall be struck off the list of voters referred to in article 64(1) of the General Elections Act, and such citizens will no longer be entitled to cast their vote:

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Provided further that any voter who shall not be eligible to vote on polling day shall not be considered eligible to vote on the first, second and third voting days.

(3) In the circumstances referred to in the preceding sub-article, the Electoral Commission shall issue an official notice in the Government Gazette with a list of names of those citizens whose name is to be struck off the list of voters.".

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