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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2004 No. 1574

## **HUMAN RIGHTS**

The Human Rights Act 1998 (Amendment) Order 2004

*Made - - - - 21st June 2004* 

Coming into force in accordance with article 1

Whereas the United Kingdom ratified Protocol No 13 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms(1), concerning the abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances, on 10th October 2003, and that Protocol(2) came into force in relation to the United Kingdom on 1st February 2004;

And whereas a draft of this Order has been approved by each House of Parliament;

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 1(4) of the Human Rights Act 1998(3), hereby makes the following Order:

<sup>(1)</sup> Commonly known as the European Convention on Human Rights.

<sup>(2)</sup> Cm 5795.

<sup>(3) 1998</sup> c. 42. Section 1(4) was amended by article 8 of, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 2 to, the Transfer of Functions (Miscellaneous) Order 2001, S.I.2001/3500, to reflect the transfer of the relevant functions of the Secretary of State to the Lord Chancellor made by article 3 of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to, that Order. The Lord Chancellor's functions under section 1 of the Human Rights Act were then transferred to the Secretary of State by article 4 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003, S.I. 2003/1887, and section 1 was amended by Schedule 2, paragraph 10 to that Order to refer to the Secretary of State, in place of the Lord Chancellor.