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from:	Claire Fielder, First Secretary, Justice and Home Affairs, Permanent Representation of UK to the European Union
to:	Ivan Bizjak, Director-General H (JHA), General Secretariat of the Council
date of receipt:	11 December 2009
Subject:	Framework Decision 2003/577/JHA of 22 July 2003 on the execution in the European Union of freezing orders of property or evidence - Notification letter by United Kingdom

Dear Mr Bizjak

With reference to Article 14(2) of Council Framework Decision 2003/577/JHA of 22 July 2003 on the execution in the European Union of orders freezing property or evidence, the United Kingdom gives notice to the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union and the European Commission that it has implemented the Framework Decision in relation to evidence.

Sections 10 – 12 (outgoing) and 20 -25 (incoming) of the Crime (international Co-operation) Act 2003 were commenced on 19 October 2009 and came into immediate effect. A copy of the relevant legislation is attached and may also be accessed electronically.

http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2003/ukpga_20030032_en_1

Work to implement the Framework Decision in relation to property is ongoing. In the meantime we already have strong legislation in place which provides for international co-operation in both the freezing and confiscation of criminal assets. Part 11 of The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, and supporting Orders in Council (particularly SI 2005 No. 3181), provide for international co-operation in a streamlined and robust manner and these measures have been fully in place since the beginning of 2006.

The United Kingdom declares, in accordance with Article 4(1), that the freezing order together with the certificate must be sent to:

For England, Wales and Northern Ireland:

UK Central Authority

Home Office

5th Floor Fry

2 Marsham Street

London

SW1P 4DF

For Scotland:

International Co-operation Unit

Crown Office

25 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LA

I am writing in the same terms to the European Commission.

(complimentary close)

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