

## Draft Regulation

Regulation (EU) No \*\*\*\*/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 April 2013 establishing the provision of Friday Afternoon Presents

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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the European Union, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from Stephen Mason [1],

Having regard to the opinion of the female citizens of the European Union,

Having regard to the opinion of the select number of self appointed independent experts [2],

Acting in accordance with the voluntary agreements under Rule 48,

Whereas:

(1) It is in the interests of the harmony of the male and the female of the species for males to honour females.

(2) The Member States desire to foster relations between male and female citizens of the European Union and the world to engender a loving relationship between the same.

(3) It is desirable that the male of the species of genus *homo sapiens* aspire to being properly categorized as *homo adorans* without delay.

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

### Article 1

1. It is the solemn duty of all males to ensure they look after their female partner, whether in a state of matrimony or not.

### Article 2

Males shall provide, out of love and honour, a Friday Afternoon Present to their wives, girlfriends, partners.

### Article 3

#### Definitions

(i) 'Friday Afternoon' is a term that includes every day of the week and any time of any day during the week, in that a Friday Afternoon Present can be given on any day of the week and at any time (for instance, Tuesday lunch; Saturday coffee; Sunday after lunch; Friday afternoon; Monday because it is Monday).



(ii) 'Present' is infinitely changeable according to the creativity of the male, and examples include, but are not limited to:

- (a) a beautiful bunch of flowers in season;
- (b) a surprise holiday for two for two days;
- (c) a box of delicious hand made chocolates;
- (d) an item of wonderful jewellery;
- (e) a poem;
- (f) a postcard to tell her how much you love her.

#### Article 4

The failure to provide Friday Afternoon Presents will be deemed to be a symptom of the failure of the male of the species to understand his mate.

#### Article 5

This Regulation can only be implemented upon the provision of an Impact Statement, such statement to be prepared for the European Parliament and the Council by Professor Dr. John A. E. Vervaele of the University of Utrecht, on the strict understanding that he determines what happiness is, and establishes that he can be certain that all females will be satisfied.

#### Article 6

##### Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States, and shall apply to every country on earth.

Done at Brussels, [ ].

For the European Parliament

The President

[1] Stephen Mason is a Barrister, and a subject of Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas Queen, Defender of the Faith, and (at the time of writing) a citizen of the European Union. He drafted this proposal between 00:20 – 00:40 on 19.04.2013, and has revised it subsequently (dc and ac\*). Stephen Mason created the European Union intelligence officer in his espionage novel *The World's a Minefield* under the pseudonym Felix M Temple.

[2] Those dining at the table of the official dinner of the 7th European Jurists' Forum, Barcelona, 18 – 20 April 2013 held in Arts 41, Hotel Arts, Barcelona on the evening of 19 April 2013.

\* dc = during coffee; ac = after coffee; bc = before coffee

