STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2005 No. 15

The Immigration (Procedure for Marriage) Regulations 2005

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Immigration (Procedure for Marriage) Regulations 2005 and shall come into force on 1st February 2005.

2. In these Regulations, "the 2004 Act" means the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc) Act 2004.

Specified registration districts in England and Wales

3. The registration districts in England and Wales listed in Schedule 1 are specified for the purposes of section 19(2)(a) of the 2004 Act.

Prescribed registration districts in Scotland

4. Every registration district in Scotland is prescribed for the purposes of section 21(2)(a) of the 2004 Act.

Prescribed registrars in Northern Ireland

5. The registrar of every register office in Northern Ireland is prescribed for the purposes of section 23(2)(a) of the 2004 Act.

Specified classes of person

6.—(1) A person who is settled in the United Kingdom is hereby specified for the purpose of sections 19(3)(c), 21(3)(c) and 23(3)(c) of the 2004 Act.

(2) In this regulation, "settled in the United Kingdom" has the meaning given in paragraph 6 of the immigration rules (which are the rules laid before Parliament under section 3(2) of the Immigration Act 1971(1)).

Application for permission

7.—(1) A person seeking the permission of the Secretary of State to marry in the United Kingdom under section 19(3)(b), 21(3)(b) or 23(3)(b) of the 2004 Act shall—

- (a) make an application in writing; and
- (b) pay a fee on the submission of the application in accordance with regulation 8.
- (2) The information set out in Schedule 2 is to be contained in or provided with the application.

8.—(1) The fee to be paid in connection with the application is $\pounds 135$.

(2) The fee is to be paid to the Immigration and Nationality Directorate of the Home Office-

- (a) by a cheque or postal order crossed and made payable to "Home Office Certificate of Approval"; or
- (b) by means of any debit card or credit card which that Directorate accepts.

Home Office 10th January 2005 Des Browne Minister of State