STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION RULES

Laid before Parliament on 21 November 2005 under section 3(2) of the Immigration Act 1971

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The Home Secretary has made the changes hereinafter stated in the Rules laid down by him as to the practice to be followed in the administration of the Immigration Act 1971 for regulating entry into and the stay of persons in the United Kingdom and contained in the Statement laid before Parliament on 23 May 1994 (HC 395), as amended. The amending statements were laid before, or presented to, Parliament on 20 September 1994 (Cmnd 2663), 26 October 1995 (HC 797), 4 January 1996 (Cmnd 3073), 7 March 1996 (HC 274), 2 April 1996 (HC 329), 30 August 1996 (Cmnd 3365), 31 October 1996 (HC 31), 27 February 1997 (HC 338), 29 May 1997 (Cmnd 3669), 5 June 1997 (HC 26), 30 July 1997 (HC 161), 11 May 1998 (Cmnd 3953), 8 October 1998 (Cmnd 4065), 18 November 1999 (HC 22), 28 July 2000 (HC 704), 20 September 2000 (Cmnd 4851), 27 August 2001 (Cmnd 5253), 16 April 2002 (HC 735), 27 August 2002 (Cmnd 5597), 7 November 2002 (HC 1301), 26 November 2002 (HC 104), 8 January 2003 (HC 180), 10 February 2003 (HC 389), 31 March 2003 (HC 538), 30 May 2003 (Cmnd 5829), 24 August 2003 (Cmnd 5949), 12 November 2003 (HC 1224), 17 December 2003 (HC 95), 12 January 2004 (HC 176), 26 February 2004 (HC 370), 31 March 2004 (HC 464), 29 April 2004 (HC 523), 3 August 2004 (Cmnd 6297), 24 September 2004 (Cmnd 6339), 18 October 2004 (HC 1112), 20 December 2004 (HC 164), 11 January 2005 (HC 194), 7 February 2005 (HC 302), 22 February 2005 (HC 346), 24 March 2005 (HC 486), 15 June 2005 (HC 104), 12 July 2005 (HC 299), 24 October 2005 (HC 582) and 9 November (HC 645).

The change shall take effect on 22nd November 2005.

After Appendix 2, add:

Appendix 3

LIST OF COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE WORKING HOLIDAYMAKER SCHEME:

Antigua and Barbuda

Australia

The Bahamas

Bangladesh

Barbados

Belize

Botswana

Brunei Darussalam

Canada

Cameroon

Dominica

Fiji Islands

The Gambia

Ghana

Grenada

Guyana

India

Jamaica

Kenya

Kiribati

Malawi

Malaysia

Maldives

Mauritius

Mozambique

Namibia

Nauru

New Zealand

Nigeria

Pakistan

Papua New Guinea

Saint Christopher and Nevis

Saint Lucia

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Seychelles

Sierra Leone

Singapore

Solomon Islands

South Africa

Sri Lanka

Swaziland

Tanzania, United Republic of

Tonga

Trinidad and Tobago

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO THE STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION RULES LAID ON 21 NOVEMBER 2005 (HC 697)

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Home Office and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Description

2.1 This Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules contains the following change:

The addition of Appendix 3 containing the list of countries participating in the Working Holidaymaker scheme which was inadvertently deleted by the last Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (HC 645).

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 None.

4. Legislative Background

- 4.1 The Immigration Rules are the rules made under section 3(2) of the Immigration Act 1971. These constitute a statement of practice, as laid before Parliament by the Home Secretary, to be followed in regulating entry into, and stay of persons in, the United Kingdom. Under section 3(2) the Secretary of State is obliged "... from time to time (and as soon as may be) lay before Parliament statements of the rules, or any changes in the rules, laid down by him as to the practice to be followed in the administration of this Act ...".
- 4.2 This Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules will be laid on 21 November 2005 and will be effective from 22 November. It is necessary to depart from the normal 21-day rule in order to remedy the inadvertent deletion of the list of countries participating in the Working Holidaymaker Scheme as quickly as possible.
- 4.3 This Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules will be incorporated into a consolidated version of the Immigration Rules which can be found under the 'Laws & Policy' page at: www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk, where there are also copies of all the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules issued since May 2003.

5. Extent

5.1 This Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules applies to all of the United Kingdom.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

6.1 Not applicable.

7. Policy background

- 7.1 Re-instatement of Appendix 3 to the Immigration Rules
 - This amendment to the Immigration Rules reinstates the list of countries participating in the Working Holidaymaker scheme. This list was inadvertently deleted by the last Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules HC 645.

8. Impact

8.1 A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

9.1 Queries should be addressed to the Home Office's Immigration and Nationality Enquiry Bureau on telephone: 0870-6067766 or by e-mail: indpublicenquiries@ind.homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk