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INFORMATION NOTE:

MARRIAGE: REQUESTS FOR RECOGNITION OR VALIDITY OF MARRIAGE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

This is to confirm that the British Embassy does not provide standard wording to comment on the validity of a foreign marriage under UK law, nor confirm that a foreign marriage cannot be registered in the UK or at a British Embassy or Consulate for the purpose of a visa application of a non-EU spouse of a British person.

Marriage in the UK is governed by separate and different legislation in England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. None of the Register Offices in England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland issues certificates of marital status.

Only the relevant courts of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland can recognise a marriage which has taken place in a foreign jurisdiction. Applicants are advised to seek legal advice in this regard.

This information contained in this Note is general and should not be taken as a definitive statement of law.

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