

**2002 No. 1435**

**RACE RELATIONS**

**The Race Relations Act 1976 (General Statutory Duty: Code of Practice) Order 2002**

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| <i>Made - - - -</i>           | <i>28th May 2002</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> | <i>29th May 2002</i> |
| <i>Coming into force</i>      | <i>30th May 2002</i> |

Whereas:

(1) pursuant to section 71C(5) of the Race Relations Act 1976<sup>(a)</sup> (“the 1976 Act”) the Secretary of State, on 17th April 2002, laid before Parliament a draft transmitted to him by the Commission for Racial Equality (“the Commission”) of a code of practice containing such practical guidance as the Commission think fit in relation to the performance by persons of duties imposed on them by virtue of subsections (1) and (2) of section 71 of the 1976 Act (“the code”); and

(2) neither House of Parliament has resolved during the period referred to in section 71C(6) of the 1976 Act that no further proceedings be taken on the draft code;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 71C(8) of the 1976 Act, and after consulting the Scottish Ministers and the National Assembly for Wales, the Secretary of State makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Race Relations Act 1976 (General Statutory Duty: Code of Practice) Order 2002 and shall come into force on 30th May 2002.

**Day of commencement of code**

2. The code shall come into effect on 31st May 2002.

Home Office  
28th May 2002

*Jeff Rooker*  
Minister of State

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<sup>(a)</sup> 1976 c.74; as amended by section 2(1) of the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 (c.34).

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order appoints 31st May 2002 as the day on which the code of practice containing the Commission for Racial Equality's guidance in relation to the performance of the duties under section 71(1) and (2) of the Race Relations Act 1976 (as amended by the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000) is to come into effect. The duty under section 71(1), which applies to certain specified public authorities, is a general duty to have due regard, in the exercise of their functions, to the need to eliminate unlawful racial discrimination and to promote equality of opportunity and good relations between persons of different racial groups. The duties under section 71(2) are duties imposed on certain of those authorities for the purpose of ensuring the better performance of the general duty.

Copies of the code of practice can be obtained from:

The Commission for Racial Equality,  
Elliott House,  
10/12 Allington Street,  
London SW1E 5EH.

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