#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2005 No. 230

# The Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 2005

### PART 1

#### Introduction

#### Citation and commencement

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 2005 and shall come into force on 4th April 2005.

## Interpretation

- 2. In these Rules—
  - "the 2002 Act" means the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002;
  - "the 2004 Act" means the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004(1);
  - "appellant" means a person who has given a notice of appeal to the Tribunal against a relevant decision in accordance with these Rules;
  - "appropriate appellate court" has the meaning given in sections 103B(5) and 103E(5) of the 2002 Act;
  - "apropriate court" has the meaning given in section 103A(9) of the 2002 Act;
  - "appropriate prescribed form" means the appropriate form in the Schedule to these Rules, or that form with any variations that the circumstances may require;
  - "asylum claim" has the meaning given in section 113(1) of the 2002 Act;
  - "business day" means any day other than a Saturday or Sunday, a bank holiday, 25th to 31st December or Good Friday;
  - "determination", in relation to an appeal, means a decision by the Tribunal in writing to allow or dismiss the appeal, and does not include a procedural, ancillary or preliminary decision;
  - "the Immigration Acts" means the Acts referred to in section 44(1) of the 2004 Act;
  - "immigration decision" means a decision of a kind listed in section 82(2) of the 2002 Act;
  - "immigration rules" means the rules referred to in section 1(4) of the Immigration Act 1971(2);
  - "order for reconsideration" means an order under section 103A(1) or any other statutory provision requiring the Tribunal to reconsider its decision on an appeal;
  - "President" means the President of the Tribunal;
  - "relevant decision" means a decision against which there is an exercisable right of appeal to the Tribunal;

<sup>(1) 2004</sup> c. 19.

<sup>(2) 1971</sup> c. 77.

## Scope of these Rules

- **3.**—(1) These Rules apply to the following proceedings—
  - (a) appeals to the Tribunal;
  - (b) section 103A applications which are considered by a member of the Tribunal in accordance with paragraph 30 of Schedule 2 to the 2004 Act;
  - (c) reconsideration of appeals by the Tribunal;
  - (d) applications to the Tribunal for permission to appeal to the Court of Appeal, the Court of Session, or the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland; and
  - (e) applications to the Tribunal for bail.
- (2) These Rules apply subject to any other Rules made under section 106 of the 2002 Act which apply to specific classes of proceedings.

#### Overriding objective

**4.** The overriding objective of these Rules is to secure that proceedings before the Tribunal are handled as fairly, quickly and efficiently as possible; and, where appropriate, that members of the Tribunal have responsibility for ensuring this, in the interests of the parties to the proceedings and in the wider public interest.

<sup>&</sup>quot;respondent" means the decision maker specified in the notice of decision against which a notice of appeal has been given;

<sup>&</sup>quot;section 103A" means section 103A of the 2002 Act (Review of Tribunal's decision) and "section 103A application" means an application under section 103A;

<sup>&</sup>quot;Tribunal" means the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal;

<sup>&</sup>quot;United Kingdom Representative" means the United Kingdom Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.