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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2008 No. 1741**

**The Representation of the People  
(Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008**

**PART 2**

**SERVICE AND OVERSEAS ELECTORS' DECLARATIONS**

*Overseas elector's declarations*

**Attestation of certain overseas electors' declarations**

**22.—**(1) An overseas elector's declaration shall be attested in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation except—

- (a) where the declarant has on a previous occasion made such a declaration in pursuance of which he was registered in a register of parliamentary electors; and
- (b) since being so registered, he has not been included in any register of parliamentary electors by virtue of being resident or treated for the purposes of registration as resident at an address in the United Kingdom.

(2) For the purposes of the application of this regulation by regulation 14(5), paragraph (1) shall have effect as if, in addition to the modifications made by that regulation, the word "local" were substituted for the word "parliamentary" in the second place where it occurs.

(3) An overseas elector's declaration shall be attested by the bearer of a British passport which describes his national status as a "British citizen" who—

- (a) is not resident in the United Kingdom;
- (b) is aged 18 years or over; and
- (c) is not the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of the declarant.

(4) A person shall not attest an overseas elector's declaration unless he is satisfied, to the best of his knowledge and belief, that the declarant is a British citizen who is not resident in the United Kingdom on the date of the declaration.

(5) A person attesting an overseas elector's declaration shall record on it—

- (a) his full name and address;
- (b) that he is the bearer of a British passport which describes his national status as a "British citizen", and the number of that passport together with its date and place of issue;
- (c) that he is aged 18 years or over;
- (d) that he is not resident in the United Kingdom on the date of the declaration;
- (e) that he is not the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of the declarant; and

(f) that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the declarant is a British citizen who is not resident in the United Kingdom on the date of the declaration,  
and he shall sign the attestation.