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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 2(5) of the Identity Cards Act 2006 provides that an entry in the National Identity Register which consists of all the information recorded about a person must be given a unique number known as his National Identity Registration Number, and that this number must comply with prescribed requirements. Regulation 2 prescribes these requirements.

Regulation 2(2) provides that no information about a person is to be provided by his National Identity Registration Number except that an entry in the Register has been made in respect of him, and that his entry has been given this number.

Regulation 2(3) provides that the process of giving a National Identity Registration Number to an entry made in the Register is to have no regard to any existing reference number or code – (for example, a national insurance number or a driver number) – which has already been assigned to the person in respect of whom the entry has been made.