

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE OVERSEAS TERRITORIES (CHANGE OF NAME) (No. 8) ORDER 2011**

2011 No. 2981

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

2. Purpose of the instrument

This Order amends two statutory instruments so that they use the correct current name of the British overseas territory of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

None.

4. Legislative Context

The Order is made under section 315(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (1995 c. 21) and section 150 of the Senior Courts Act 1981 (1981 c. 54), which are the current legal bases for the statutory instruments it amends. None of these powers requires the Order to be laid before Parliament.

5. Territorial Extent and Application

This instrument applies to St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

As the instrument is subject to no parliamentary procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

- *What is being done and why*

7.1 The Order is being made to bring up to date two Orders in Council relating to merchant shipping and admiralty jurisdiction, so that they refer to the territory of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha by its correct current name. It is part of a series of Orders made for this purpose.

- *Consolidation*

7.2 No consolidation of the relevant legislation is considered necessary.

8. Consultation outcome

The territories concerned have been consulted and agree with the instrument.

9. Guidance

No guidance is required.

10. Impact

10.1 No impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies in the United Kingdom.

10.2 No impact on the United Kingdom public sector.

10.3 An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument.

11. Regulating small business

The legislation does not apply to small business.

12. Monitoring & review

None required.

13. Contact

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