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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations bring into force provisions of the Nationality and Borders Act [2022 \(c. 36\)](#) (“the 2022 Act”). They are the third commencement regulations to be made under the 2022 Act.

Regulation 2 of these Regulations brings section 3 of the 2022 Act into force on 23rd November 2022. Section 3 allows people of Chagossian descent to make an application to be registered as British Overseas Territories citizens (“BOTCs”) subject to meeting certain statutory conditions.

The coming into force of section 3 also allows Regulation 2 to bring section 4 of the 2022 Act, so far as not already in force, into force on 23rd November 2022. Section 4, which was commenced in part by [S.I. 2022/590](#), creates a registration route to British citizenship for those who have registered as a BOTC under the new routes provided by sections 1 to 3 of the 2022 Act.