

Amendments to the Civil Partnership Act 2004

2.—(1) Section 210 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004(a) (registration at British consulates etc) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)(b), for the words “a prescribed officer of Her Majesty’s Diplomatic Service” substitute “a registration officer”.

(3) In subsection (3), for “An officer” substitute “A registration officer”.

(4) After subsection (5) insert—

“(6) “Registration officer” means—

- (a) a consular officer in the service of Her Majesty’s government in the United Kingdom, or
- (b) in the case of registration in a country in which Her Majesty’s government in the United Kingdom has for the time being no consular representative, a person authorised by the Secretary of State in respect of registration of civil partnerships in that country.”

Signed by the Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Date

Name
Secretary of State
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

(a) 2004 c.33.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (“the 2004 Act”). Article 2(2) amends section 210(1)(b) of the 2004 Act to remove the restriction that civil partnerships may only be registered in the presence of a prescribed officer of Her Majesty’s Diplomatic Service. The new section 210(1)(b) permits registration to be carried out before a registration officer and Article 2(3) amends section 210(3) of the 2004 Act to reflect this change.

Article 2(4) of the Order amends section 210 of the 2004 Act to add a definition of “registration officer”, which encompasses consular officers and authorised individuals in countries in which the United Kingdom has no consular representative.

An impact assessment has been prepared in respect of this Order and may be obtained from Consular Directorate, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Old Admiralty Building, London, SW1A 2PA. It is also annexed to the explanatory document which is available alongside this Order on the OPSI website.

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