

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Order 2011 (the “2011 Order”) which enables the Secretary of State to set fees for the applications, services and processes listed in the Order. The fees themselves are specified in separate Regulations. The amendments to the 2011 Order are as follows:

Article 2(3) adds, to the list of applications for which fees can be charged, applications made by EEA nationals (and their family members) for residence cards and registration certificates (pursuant to Part 3 of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006).

Article 2(4) adds, to the list of services for which fees can be charged, certain additional optional arrangements for expediting the processing of immigration and nationality applications. These include arrangements to enable applicants to make immigration and nationality applications in person; and the provision of immigration and nationality services at places other than offices of the Home Office or consular premises (for example, at mobile clinics, or at visa application centres overseas). It includes arrangements to enable the expedition of passenger movement at and through the United Kingdom border. Finally, it enables additional immigration officers and facilities to be provided at control ports by the Secretary of State, where this is requested.

Article 2(5) adds to the processes listed in the 2011 Order a facility for charging for the review, on request, of a decision to refuse an application or claim in connection with immigration or nationality.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.