

# Nationality and Borders Act 2022

## **2022 CHAPTER 36**

#### PART 6

# MISCELLANEOUS

## Visa penalties under section 71: review and revocation

- (1) This section applies where any visa penalty provision made pursuant to section 71 is in force in relation to a country.
- (2) The Secretary of State must, before the end of each relevant period—
  - (a) review the extent to which the country's government is continuing to act in a way that, in the opinion of Secretary of State, has or is likely to have any of the consequences mentioned in section 71(1), and
  - (b) in light of that review, determine whether it is appropriate to amend the visa penalty provision.
- (3) If, at any time, the Secretary of State forms the opinion that, despite the fact that the country's government has taken or is taking action as mentioned in section 71(1), the visa penalty provision is not necessary or expedient in connection with—
  - (a) the promotion of international peace and security,
  - (b) the resolution or prevention of armed conflict, or
  - (c) the promotion of compliance with international humanitarian law,

the Secretary of State must as soon as practicable revoke the visa penalty provision.

- (4) Each of the following is a relevant period—
  - (a) the period of 2 months beginning with the day on which the visa penalty provision came into force;
  - (b) each subsequent period of 2 months.
- (5) In this section, "visa penalty provision" has the same meaning as in section 70.