
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1985 No. 1574

**REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS,
DEATHS, MARRIAGES, ETC.**

ABROAD

**The Registration of Overseas Births and
Deaths (Amendment) Regulations 1985**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>8th October 1985</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>22nd October 1985</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>1st January 1986</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 41(1) of the British Nationality Act 1981, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and entry into force

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Registration of Overseas Births and Deaths (Amendment) Regulations 1985 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1986.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the Registration of Overseas Births and Deaths Regulations 1982.

Amendment of the principal Regulations

3.—(1) The principal Regulations shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this Regulation.

(2) In Regulation 2(1) of the principal Regulations after the words ““consular officer” means any person authorised by the Secretary of State to exercise consular functions,” there shall be inserted the following subparagraph—

““register” means any register maintained in accordance with Regulation 4 or any register maintained in accordance with any regulations made under the British Nationality Acts 1948 to 1965,”

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(3) For Regulation 2(1)(c)(ii) of the principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following words—

“(ii) any person authorised by the Secretary of State to be in charge of any registers of births or deaths kept at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, or”

(4) At the end of Regulation 4(3) of the principal Regulations there shall be added the following words—

“or in which for any other reason the Secretary of State may consider it impracticable to register births and deaths.”

(5) For Regulation 12(5) of the principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(5) Where, after completion of an entry in the register of births, the person to whom the entry relates is given one or more Christian or forenames in baptism or otherwise, which differ from the Christian or forenames (if any) recorded therein, the name or names so given may, subject to the production of satisfactory evidence that the child has been known by the new or additional name or names since its earliest years, be recorded in the register without alteration of the previous name or names.”

8th October 1985

Geoffrey Howe
Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations amend the Registration of Overseas Births and Deaths Regulations 1982 by inserting a definition of the word “register”, by amending the definition of the words “registration officer”, by making provision for the registration at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of births and deaths in countries in which the Secretary of State may consider it impracticable to register births and deaths and by making provision for the recording in the register of Christian or forenames given in baptism or otherwise.