STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 1003

The Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006

PART 2

EEA RIGHTS

Permanent right of residence

- **15.**—(1) The following persons shall acquire the right to reside in the United Kingdom permanently—
 - (a) an EEA national who has resided in the United Kingdom in accordance with these Regulations for a continuous period of five years;
 - (b) a family member of an EEA national who is not himself an EEA national but who has resided in the United Kingdom with the EEA national in accordance with these Regulations for a continuous period of five years;
 - (c) a worker or self-employed person who has ceased activity;
 - (d) the family member of a worker or self-employed person who has ceased activity;
 - (e) a person who was the family member of a worker or self-employed person where—
 - (i) the worker or self-employed person has died;
 - (ii) the family member resided with him immediately before his death; and
 - (iii) the worker or self-employed person had resided continuously in the United Kingdom for at least the two years immediately before his death or the death was the result of an accident at work or an occupational disease;
 - (f) a person who-
 - (i) has resided in the United Kingdom in accordance with these Regulations for a continuous period of five years; and
 - (ii) was, at the end of that period, a family member who has retained the right of residence.
- (2) Once acquired, the right of permanent residence under this regulation shall be lost only through absence from the United Kingdom for a period exceeding two consecutive years.
 - (3) But this regulation is subject to regulation 19(3)(b).