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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 1003**

The Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006

PART 1

INTERPRETATION ETC

**General interpretation**

**2.—(1)** In these Regulations—

“the 1971 Act” means the Immigration Act 1971<sup>(1)</sup>;

“the 1999 Act” means the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999<sup>(2)</sup>;

“the 2002 Act” means the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002;

“civil partner”<sup>(3)</sup> does not include a party to a civil partnership of convenience;

“decision maker” means the Secretary of State, an immigration officer or an entry clearance officer (as the case may be);

“document certifying permanent residence” means a document issued to an EEA national, in accordance with regulation 18, as proof of the holder’s permanent right of residence under regulation 15 as at the date of issue;

“EEA decision” means a decision under these Regulations that concerns a person’s—

- (a) entitlement to be admitted to the United Kingdom;
- (b) entitlement to be issued with or have renewed, or not to have revoked, a registration certificate, residence card, document certifying permanent residence or permanent residence card; or
- (c) removal from the United Kingdom;

“EEA family permit” means a document issued to a person, in accordance with regulation 12, in connection with his admission to the United Kingdom;

“EEA national” means a national of an EEA State;

“EEA State” means—

- (a) a member State, other than the United Kingdom;
- (b) Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein; or
- (c) Switzerland;

“entry clearance” has the meaning given in section 33(1) of the 1971 Act<sup>(4)</sup>;

“entry clearance officer” means a person responsible for the grant or refusal of entry clearance;

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(1) 1971 c. 77.

(2) 1999 c. 33.

(3) Civil partner has the meaning given by Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30) as amended by paragraph 59 of Schedule 27 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33).

(4) Section 33(1) is amended by paragraph 5 of the Schedule to the Immigration Act 1988 (c. 14).

“immigration rules” has the meaning given in section 33(1) of the 1971 Act;

“military service” means service in the armed forces of an EEA State;

“permanent residence card” means a card issued to a person who is not an EEA national, in accordance with regulation 18, as proof of the holder’s permanent right of residence under regulation 15 as at the date of issue;

“registration certificate” means a certificate issued to an EEA national, in accordance with regulation 16, as proof of the holder’s right of residence in the United Kingdom as at the date of issue;

“relevant EEA national” in relation to an extended family member has the meaning given in regulation 8(6);

“residence card” means a card issued to a person who is not an EEA national, in accordance with regulation 17, as proof of the holder’s right of residence in the United Kingdom as at the date of issue;

“spouse” does not include a party to a marriage of convenience;

“United Kingdom national” means a person who falls to be treated as a national of the United Kingdom for the purposes of the Community Treaties.

(2) Paragraph (1) is subject to paragraph 1(a) of Schedule 4 (transitional provisions).