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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2014 No. 3181**

**The Marriage of Same Sex Couples (Conversion  
of Civil Partnership) Regulations 2014**

**PART 3**

**Consular Conversions**

**Power to dispense with requirements**

**34.**—(1) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that there are good reasons why the requirement as to residence in regulation 32(c) cannot be complied with, the Secretary of State may authorise the registration officer to amend this part of the conversion declaration to reduce the residence period.

(2) The Secretary of State must notify the registration officer in writing of the decision to authorise the reduction of the residence period and provide a statement of reasons for the decision.

(3) If the Secretary of State authorises the registration officer to amend the conversion declaration in accordance with paragraph (1), the registration officer must record the good reasons referred to in paragraph (1) and initial the amendment made to the conversion declaration.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Reg. 34 in force at 10.12.2014, see [reg. 1](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Marriage of Same Sex Couples (Conversion of Civil Partnership) Regulations 2014, Section 34.