SCHEDULE 1

Procedures

Acknowledgement of receipt and request for information

5.—(1) Within 20 days following the receipt of an application under paragraphs 2, 3 or 4 of this Schedule, the competent authority must verify to the applicant that the application has been duly completed or, if not, request further information pursuant to sub-paragraph (2).

(2) If the application has not been duly completed, the competent authority may request any missing information from the applicant.

(3) The right to request missing information under sub-paragraph (2) does not affect the right of the competent authority to request further information from the competent authority in the country of origin under paragraph 6(1)(b).

(4) The competent authority must determine an application for authorisation under paragraphs 2, 3 or 4 of this Schedule within 2 months of the date that the competent authority verifies that the application has been duly completed unless a longer period is agreed between the competent authority and the person applying for the authorisation.