
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations bring into force provisions of the Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36) (“the 2022 Act”). They are the third commencement regulations to be made under the 2022 Act.

Regulation 2 of these Regulations brings section 3 of the 2022 Act into force on 23rd November 2022. Section 3 allows people of Chagossian descent to make an application to be registered as British Overseas Territories citizens (“BOTCs”) subject to meeting certain statutory conditions.

The coming into force of section 3 also allows Regulation 2 to bring section 4 of the 2022 Act, so far as not already in force, into force on 23rd November 2022. Section 4, which was commenced in part by S.I. 2022/590, creates a registration route to British citizenship for those who have registered as a BOTC under the new routes provided by sections 1 to 3 of the 2022 Act.