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**2023 No. 980**

**IMMIGRATION**

**The Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>6th September 2023</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>7th September 2023</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>8th September 2023</i>

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 41 and 166(3) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999<sup>(1)</sup>.

**Citation, commencement and extent**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023.

(2) This Order comes into force on 8th September 2023.

(3) This Order extends to the United Kingdom.

**Amendment to the Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) Order 2014**

2.—(1) The Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) Order 2014<sup>(2)</sup> is amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 1 (countries or territories whose nationals or citizens need transit visas), at the appropriate places, insert –

(a) “Georgia”;

(b) “Russia”.

**Transitional provision**

3. Nothing in article 2 applies in respect of a national or citizen of any of the countries named in article 2(2) transiting through the United Kingdom who—

(a) arrives in the United Kingdom on or before 5th October 2023, and

(b) before the date this Order comes into force already held a booking for that journey.

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(1) 1999 c. 33.

(2) S.I. 2014/2702, amended by S.I. 2015/657, S.I. 2015/1534, S.I. 2022/524 and S.I. 2023/824.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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6th September 2023

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Minister of State  
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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends the Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) Order 2014 ([S.I. 2014/2702](#)) which requires certain passengers to hold a transit visa to pass through the United Kingdom without entering whilst transiting to another country.

Schedule 1 to that Order sets out a list of countries or territories whose nationals or citizens need transit visas, and this Order adds Georgia and Russia to that list.

Article 3 of this Order contains a transitional provision to disapply the requirement for a transit visa to people who at the time this Order comes into force had already booked travel to the United Kingdom to arrive on or before 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and arrived on or before that date.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private or voluntary sector or community bodies is foreseen.