

*These notes refer to the British Overseas Territories Act  
2002 (c.8) which received Royal Assent on 26 February 2002*

# BRITISH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES ACT 2002

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### *Section 7 and Schedule 2: Repeals*

29. *Schedule 2* repeals provisions of the British Nationality Act 1981 and the British Nationality (Falkland Islands) Act 1983.
- The words “which is for the time being a colony” in section 43(1)(b) of the 1981 Act are removed because they are unnecessary;
  - the definition of “dependent territory” in section 50(1) of the 1981 Act is repealed because the territories are now known as “British overseas territories”, which has its own definition;
  - section 1(2) to (5) of the 1983 Act is repealed as being superseded entirely by the amendments to section 1 of the 1981 Act (in other words, the provision that section 1(2) to (5) makes for the Falkland Islands is now made for all the qualifying territories, including the Falkland Islands, by section 1 of the 1981 Act, as amended);
  - section 2 of the 1983 Act is repealed because the persons who could have applied under that section for registration as British citizens can now apply more easily under the new section 4A of the 1981 Act.