

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the British Nationality (General) Regulations 2003, which prescribe the procedure for making applications for registration or naturalisation as a British citizen and for making a declaration of renunciation of British citizenship. The effect of the amendments is that applications for registration or naturalisation as a British citizen and declarations of renunciation of British citizenship made overseas must be made to the Home Office rather than consular officers or representatives of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The exceptions are Hong Kong and the British overseas territories where the procedure is unchanged. A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.