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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2012 No. 3063**

**CIVIL PARTNERSHIP**

**The Civil Partnership (Registration Abroad  
and Certificates) (Amendment) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - - *12th December 2012*  
*Laid before Parliament* *19th December 2012*  
*Coming into force* - - - *9th January 2013*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 12th day of December 2012

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by sections 210, 240, 241 and 244 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004(1), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Civil Partnership (Registration Abroad and Certificates) (Amendment) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 9th January 2013.
2. The Civil Partnership (Registration Abroad and Certificates) Order 2005(2) is amended as follows.
3. In article 2—
  - (a) Delete the definition of “civil partnership officer”; and
  - (b) After the definition of “overseas relationship”, insert—

““registration officer” has the same meaning as in section 210(6) of the Act”.
4. Substitute the term “registration officer” for the term “civil partnership officer” wherever it appears —
  - (a) in the Order; and
  - (b) in the form in the Schedule to the Order.

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(1) 2004 c.33.  
(2) S.I. 2005/2761.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made).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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*Richard Tilbrook*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the Civil Partnership (Registration Abroad and Certificates) Order 2005 to reflect the changes to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 as amended by the Legislative Reform (Civil Partnership) Order 2012.

The Order deletes the definition of “civil partnership officer” from Article 2 of the Civil Partnership (Registration Abroad and Certificates) Order 2005 and substitutes a definition of the term “registration officer”. The term “registration officer” replaces the term “a prescribed officer of Her Majesty’s Diplomatic Service” in section 210(1)(b) of the Civil Partnership Act, 2004 as amended by the Legislative Reform (Civil Partnership) Order 2012. This term is defined in section 210(6) of that Act.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of the business and voluntary sectors has not been prepared for this Order, as no impact on the business and voluntary sectors is foreseen.