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**2008 No.**

**The Immigration (Biometric Registration) Regulations 2008**

**Issue of a biometric immigration document**

**13.**—(1) The Secretary of State may issue a biometric immigration document to a person who has applied in accordance with regulation 3, provided the Secretary of State has decided to grant limited leave to remain to the person.

(2) A biometric immigration document begins to have effect on the date of issue.

(3) A biometric immigration document ceases to have effect on one of the dates specified in paragraph (4), whichever date occurs earliest.

(4) The specified dates are —

- (a) the date that the person's leave to remain ceases to have effect, including where the leave to remain is varied, cancelled or invalidated, or is to lapse;
- (b) in the case of a biometric immigration document which was issued to a person aged eighteen or over, the date after the expiry of ten years beginning with the date of issue; or
- (c) in the case of a biometric immigration document which was issued to a person aged under eighteen, the date after the expiry of five years beginning with the date of issue.