EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations specify fees relating to immigration and nationality. They are made for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/445) (as amended), which sets out the applications, services and processes related to immigration and nationality for which fees may be specified in regulations.

These Regulations specify fees in cases where the amount of the fee either exceeds the administrative costs incurred by the Secretary of State or reflects the costs related to other applications, services or processes relating to immigration or nationality.

These Regulations replace, with modifications, the Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Regulations 2013. They specify fees relating to applications for limited and indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom, applications for entry clearance to enter the United Kingdom, and applications relating to nationality. They include fees for applications for entry clearance or leave to remain made under the Points-Based System set out in Part 6A of the Immigration Rules and for sponsor licenses and premium customer services for sponsors. They include fees for applications for entry clearance to the Channel Islands. These Regulations also specify the fees for various services and processes, offered either in the UK or to applicants overseas. These include the expedited processing of applications, the provision of services outside office hours, and the provision of services at a location other than offices of the Home Office or consular premises overseas. They also include fees for the passport pass-back service and the international contact centre advice and support service (both offered to applicants overseas) and for the registered travellers scheme (by which members of that scheme are offered expedited transit through the UK border).

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument at www.legislation.gov.uk.