
DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2014 No.

The Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act
2014 and Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Consequential
Provisions and Modifications) Order 2014

PART 5

MARRIAGE OVERSEAS

CHAPTER 3

Consular marriage between civil partners

Power to dispense with requirements

24.—(1) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that there are good reasons why the requirement as to residence in article 21(b)(i) (consular declaration) cannot be complied with, the Secretary of State may authorise the registration officer to amend this part of the declaration to reduce the residence period.

(2) The Secretary of State must notify the registration officer in writing of the decision to reduce the residence period and provide a statement of reasons for the decision.

(3) If the Secretary of State authorises the registration officer to amend the declaration in accordance with paragraph (1), the registration officer must record the statement of reasons referred to in paragraph (2) and initial the amendment made to the declaration.