

*These notes refer to the British Overseas Territories Act
2002 (c.8) which received Royal Assent on 26 February 2002*

BRITISH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Sections 1 and 2: Change of names

10. *Section 1* changes references to “dependent territory” in the 1981 Act (and related references) to “British overseas territory”. It also introduces the latter term into the Interpretation Act 1978 so that it can be conveniently used in future legislation.
11. *Section 2* changes the name of “British Dependent Territories citizenship” and “British Dependent Territories citizen” to “British overseas territories citizenship” and “British overseas territories citizen” respectively. References to the old terms in existing legislation are to be read as the new terms.
12. These name changes are simply alterations of labels; they involve no change of substantive law.