IMMIGRATION ACT 2014

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Section 57: Solemnization of marriage according to rites of Church of England

- 325. This section amends the 1949 Act.
- 326. Subsection (2) amends section 5 of the 1949 Act so that, where a couple wish to get married in the Anglican Church and one or both of them is not a relevant national (British citizen, EEA national or Swiss national), the banns process and the common licence process will not be available. In order to get married in the Anglican Church, they will have to obtain superintendent registrar's certificates (subject to the referral and investigation scheme where applicable), unless the provisions for the Archbishop of Canterbury's Special Licence or for Anglican preliminaries on board one of HM ships at sea apply.
- 327. Subsections (3) and (4) amend sections 8 and 16 of the 1949 Act so that, where a couple wish to get married in the Anglican Church following the publication of banns, or following the issue of a common licence, they will have to provide the minister (in the case of banns), or the person granting the common licence, with specified evidence that they are British citizens, EEA nationals or Swiss nationals.