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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors)
Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1986

<i>Made - - - -</i>	4th June 1986
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st July 1986

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred upon him by section 121 of the National Health Service Act 1977^(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1986.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (No. 2) Regulations 1982^(b).

Amendment of regulations

2.—(1) The principal regulations shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 1(2), for the definition of “Continental Shelf” there shall be substituted the following definition—

“ ‘Continental Shelf’, except in a reference to a designated area of the Continental Shelf, means the sea-bed and subsoil of the submarine area (other than in the Baltic or Mediterranean Seas, including the Adriatic and Aegean, or the Black Sea) adjacent to the coasts, lying north of the latitude of 25 degrees north and between the longitude of 30 degrees west and 35 degrees east, of the territory (including islands) of—

- (i) any country situated on the Continent of Europe, or
- (ii) the Republic of Ireland,

where the submarine area is outside the seaward limits of the territorial limits of those countries and the Republic of Ireland and is an area with respect to which the exercise by any of them of sovereign rights in accordance with international law is recognised by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom;”.

(3) In Schedule 6 (countries or territories in respect of which the United Kingdom has a reciprocal agreement), after the entry “Anguilla” there shall be inserted the entry “Australia”.

^(a) 1977 c.49.

^(b) S.I. 1982/863; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1982/1577 and 1984/300.

Revocation

3. Regulation 2(1) of the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Amendment Regulations 1984^(a) (which inserted a definition of "Continental Shelf" in regulation 1(2) of the principal regulations), is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

Barney Hayhoe,
Minister of State,
Department of Health and Social Security.

4th June 1986.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (No. 2) Regulations 1982 by replacing the definition of "Continental Shelf". They also add Australia to the list of countries or territories with which the United Kingdom Government has entered into reciprocal agreements for health care, in accordance with which overseas visitors may be exempted from charges which would otherwise be payable.

^(a) S.I. 1984/300.

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