
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force on 1st January 2001 the following provisions of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, so far as not already in force:

- (a) section 24, which imposes a duty on certain persons to make a report to the Secretary of State without delay if one of those persons has reasonable grounds for suspecting that a marriage will be a sham marriage;
- (b) section 160, which amends the Marriage Act 1949 (the 1949 Act) so as to abolish certificates by licence, specify a waiting period of 15 days and provide for a reduction of that period if there are compelling reasons;
- (c) section 161, which amends the 1949 Act so that notice of marriage must be given by each party to the marriage;
- (d) section 162, which amends the 1949 Act and the Marriage Law (Ireland) Amendment Act 1863 so that the person to whom notice of marriage has been given has the power to require that certain evidence be provided;
- (e) section 163, which amends the 1949 Act and the Marriages (Ireland) Act 1844, by providing for refusal to issue a certificate for marriage and a right of appeal against such refusal;
- (f) certain consequential amendments in Schedule 14 together with entries in the repeals Schedule, Schedule 16.