
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) Order 2000 (the “2000 Order”) with respect to the circumstances in which a visa or other entry clearance may have effect as leave to enter the United Kingdom.

The amendments made by article 4 provide that a visit visa granted pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding on visa and related issues concerning tourist groups from the People’s Republic of China to the United Kingdom as an approved destination, signed on 21st January 2005, (the “ADS Agreement with China”) shall have effect as leave to enter the United Kingdom on one occasion during its period of validity unless it is endorsed with a statement that it is a dual-entry visa; in which case it is to have effect as leave to enter on two occasions during its period of validity. Article 3 inserts a definition of the ADS Agreement with China into the 2000 Order.

The amendment made by article 4(5) provides that a visit visa (other than a visit visa granted pursuant to the ADS Agreement with China) if it is endorsed with a statement that it is to have effect as a single-entry visa shall have effect as leave to enter on only one occasion during its period of validity. A visit visa which does not contain such an endorsement has effect as leave to enter on an unlimited number of occasions during the period of its validity (article 4(1) of the 2000 Order).