

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE RESERVE FORCES (PROVISION OF INFORMATION BY PERSONS
LIABLE TO BE RECALLED) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2005

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1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Ministry of Defence and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Description

2.1 The Reserve Forces (Provision of Information by Persons Liable to be Recalled) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 amend the Reserve Forces (Provision of Information by Persons Liable to be Recalled) Regulations 1997 to require information from a person liable to recall either of his marital or civil partnership status.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 None

4. Legislative Background

4.1 The Civil Partnership Act 2004 is to come into force on 5 December 2005. This Act provides a new legal framework that will enable recognition of same-sex relationships through the new status of civil partner and the new legal relationship of civil partnership. Same-sex couples who commit themselves to a registered civil partnership will obtain the same rights and obligations as a married couple.

4.2 This instrument changes information requirements of a person liable to recall by now providing that information be supplied of marital or civil partnership status.

5. Extent

5.1 This instrument applies to all of the United Kingdom.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

6.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy Background

7.1. None.

8. Impact

8.1 A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no significant impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

9. Contact

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