

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Under the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953, copies of entries in the registers of births and deaths (which are created and stored locally) make their way to the Registrar General for England and Wales in paper form. The Registrar General is required to index the copies and make the indexes, and through them the individual entries, available to the public.

This Order amends the 1953 Act to allow for the electronic communication and storage of those copies. The amendments enable local registrars (using a system approved by the Registrar General) to transmit those copies to the Registrar General electronically and allow the Registrar General to use the copies in the same way as paper copies.

This Order does not impose a charge on business.