## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the British Nationality (General) Regulations 2003 ("the 2003 Regulations") with effect from 13th January 2010.

Regulation 14 of the 2003 Regulations prescribes the manner in which individuals are required to signify parental consent to the registration of a child as a British citizen under section 3(5)(c) of the British Nationality Act 1981 ('the Act'). Regulation 3 substitutes a new regulation 14 of the 2003 Regulations so as to extend its effect to applications made under section 4D of the Act, which also comes into force on 13th January 2010.

Schedule 2 to the 2003 Regulations sets out the manner in which specified applications under the Act must be made. Regulation 4 inserts new paragraphs 1A and 11A into, amends paragraphs 10 and 11 and repeals paragraph 5 of that Schedule. This reflects amendments made to the Act by virtue of the Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009, which also come into force on 13th January 2010.