EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) Order 2003.

This Order enables the Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) Regulations 2006 to have effect in a Control Zone in France, to enable biometric information to be taken from persons accredited for the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games. These persons would usually be required to apply for a visa and therefore have their biometric information taken as visa nationals. When Her Majesty's Government signed the Host City Contract for the Games it gave a commitment that in specified circumstances there would be no requirement for certain holders of the accreditation card to apply for a visa before travelling to the United Kingdom. As such, an amendment to those Regulations are necessary to enable UK Border Agency to maintain the current level of checks of biometric information on all visa nationals and this order applies those Regulations as amended to the Control Zone in France.

An impact assessment of the effect that this Order will have on the costs of the public sector is available from UK Border Agency website at www.UKBA.homeoffice.gov.uk and is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside this Order on the OPSI website.