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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 123**

**The Referral of Proposed Marriages and  
Civil Partnerships Regulations 2015**

**PART 3**

Changes of address

**Requirement to notify the Secretary of State of changes of address**

8.—(1) This regulation applies where—

- (a) a party's notified usual address changes, or
- (b) a party's notified UK contact address changes.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the party must, within four working days beginning with the day on which the change occurs, give the Secretary of State notice of—

- (a) in a case where paragraph (1)(a) applies—
  - (i) his or her usual address, and
  - (ii) in a case where that address is no longer in the United Kingdom, a UK contact address, or
- (b) in a case where paragraph (1)(b) applies, his or her UK contact address.

(3) Where under paragraph (6) the Secretary of State requires a party to give notice of an address mentioned in paragraph (2) by telephone or by text message, the party must give the Secretary of State notice of that address within two working days beginning with the day on which the change occurs.

(4) But paragraphs (2) and (3) do not prevent a party giving notice of an address mentioned in paragraph (2) and when the change will occur beforehand (and if a party does, paragraphs (2) and (3) do not apply).

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), notice given under this regulation may be—

- (a) given over the telephone to the telephone number,
- (b) sent by text message to the telephone number,
- (c) sent by fax to the fax number,
- (d) sent by email to the email address,
- (e) sent by postal service in which delivery or receipt is recorded to the address,
- (f) sent by ordinary first or second class postal service to the address,
- (g) delivered by hand at the address, or
- (h) sent by courier to the address,

notified to the party in accordance with paragraph (8) (where such a number or address is so notified).

(6) But the Secretary of State may require a party to give notice in a particular way mentioned in paragraph (5).

(7) Where—

- (a) both parties to a proposed marriage or civil partnership are required to give notice of an address mentioned in paragraph (2) under this regulation, and
- (b) that address is (or is to be) the usual address or (as the case may be) the UK contact address of both parties,

notice under this regulation in respect of that address may be given by one party on behalf of both parties.

(8) A number or address mentioned in paragraph (5) may be notified to a party by—

- (a) the superintendent registrar or (as the case may be) the registration authority in the information given to the party in accordance with regulation 16, or
- (b) (subsequently) by the Secretary of State, in the section 48 notice given to the party or in any subsequent notification as mentioned in section 50(3)(b) of the 2014 Act.

#### **Evidence of change of usual address**

9.—(1) This regulation applies where, as a result of a change of usual address, a party gives notice of his or her usual address under regulation 8.

(2) The party must also provide evidence that the address mentioned in paragraph (1) is (or is to be) his or her usual address.

(3) The evidence mentioned in paragraph (2) must be—

- (a) of a kind specified in paragraph 2(a) to (h) of Schedule 2, and
- (b) provided in accordance with paragraph (4).

(4) The party must send or deliver the evidence to the Secretary of State at a notified address within seven working days beginning with the day on which the change mentioned in paragraph (1) of regulation 8 occurs.

(5) In a case where paragraph (7) of regulation 8 applies, one party may provide evidence on behalf of both parties (and where appropriate that may be the same evidence).

(6) Subject to paragraph (7), paragraphs 1 and 3 to 9 of Schedule 2 apply for the purpose of this regulation as they apply for the purposes mentioned in regulation 7.

(7) Schedule 2 has effect as it applies for the purpose of this regulation as if—

- (a) in paragraph (4), for “three months” there were substituted “one week”,
- (b) in paragraphs (5) and (8), for “one month” there were substituted “one week”,
- (c) in paragraphs (6) and (7), for “12 months” there were substituted “one week”,
- (d) for “the relevant notice is given” on each occasion there were substituted “the notice is given under regulation 8”.

(8) In this regulation a reference to a “notified address” is a reference to an address notified to the party in accordance with paragraph (8) of regulation 8.

#### **Rejection of evidence of change of usual address**

10.—(1) The Secretary of State may reject any evidence relating to a usual address provided in accordance with regulation 9 if the Secretary of State has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the evidence is false.

(2) If the Secretary of State rejects any evidence relating to a party's usual address, the Secretary of State may proceed as if that evidence had not been provided (and notice of usual address under regulation 8 had not been given).