

2009 No. 3321

IMMIGRATION

**The Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Amendment No. 2)
Regulations 2009**

Made - - - - - *15th December 2009*

Coming into force - - - - - *6th January 2010*

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 5 and 6(6) of the UK Borders Act 2007(a).

In accordance with section 6(6)(e) of that Act, a draft of this instrument was laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2009 and shall come into force on 6th January 2010.

Amendments to the Immigration (Biometric Registration) Regulations 2008

2. The Immigration (Biometric Registration) Regulations 2008(b) are amended as follows.

3. In regulation 2 (Interpretation) for the definition of “dependant” substitute—

““dependant” means a spouse, a civil partner, an unmarried or same-sex partner, or a child.”.

4. In paragraph (2)(b) of regulation 3 (Requirement to apply for a biometric immigration document) after “applying” insert “, or has applied on or after 25th November 2008,”.

5. In regulation 4 (Specified categories)—

(a) after paragraph (l) omit “or”;

(b) in paragraph (m) for “sole representative” substitute “representative of an overseas business;”; and

(a) 2007 c.30.

(b) S.I. 2008/3048 as amended by S.I. 2009/819.

(c) after paragraph (m) insert—

“or

(n) as a Tier 2 Migrant making an application under that category for leave to remain for a period which, together with any preceding period of leave, exceeds a cumulative total of 6 months leave in the UK as a Tier 2 Migrant.”.

Home Office
15th December 2009

Meg Hillier
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Immigration (Biometric Registration) Regulations 2008 (“the 2008 Regulations”).

Regulation 3 amends regulation 2 of the 2008 Regulations to extend the definition of dependants to include unmarried and same-sex partners.

Regulation 4 ensures those dependants applying for leave under one of the categories specified in regulation 4 of the 2008 Regulations are required to also apply for a biometric immigration document in circumstances when their application for leave is made after that of the primary applicant.

Regulation 5 reflects the changes made to the immigration rules in respect of Sole Representatives and extends the categories of persons who are required to apply for a biometric immigration document to Tier 2 Migrants.

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