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IMMIGRATION

**The Travel Documents (Fees)(Amendments) Regulations
2002**

Made - - - - - *19th August 2002*
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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 27(1) and 166(3) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999(a), and with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Travel Documents (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 and shall come into force on 10th September 2002.
2. Regulation 3 of the Travel Documents (Fees) Regulations 1999(b) is amended as follows.
3. At the end of paragraph (2) insert—
“other than application falling within paragraph (3)”.
4. After sub-paragraph (2) insert—

“(3) An application falls within this paragraph where the application is stated as being made in order to enable the applicant to participate in a project operated or approved by the Secretary of State for the purpose of enabling a person in the United Kingdom to make a single trip to a country outside the United Kingdom in order to assist the reconstruction of that country or to decide whether to resettle there.”.

Home Office
30th July 2002

Beverley Hughes
Minister of State

We approve,

19th August 2002

Ian Pearson
Jim Fitzpatrick
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury

(a) 1999 c. 33.
(b) S.I. 1999/3339.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Travel Documents (Fees) Regulations 1999 (“the 1999 Regulations”). The 1999 Regulations prescribed fees for the making of applications for different types of travel document. A fee of £28 is payable upon the making of an application to the Secretary of State for a travel document under Article 28 of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and Article 28 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. In respect of applications for all other Home Office travel documents a fee of £67 is payable.

These Regulations amend the 1999 Regulations by introducing an exemption to the payment of fees in respect of applications for Home Office travel documents. This exemption applies to a person applying for a travel document in order to participate in one of two types of project, both of which require the participant to leave the United Kingdom voluntarily to make a single visit to the participant’s country of nationality or country of former residence. In the case of the first type of project the single visit would be made for the purpose of assisting the reconstruction of the country visited where conflict or natural disaster has resulted in loss and damage to infrastructure. Those participating in such projects may take advantage of the exemption irrespective of whether they intend to resettle in the country to which they are lending assistance. In the case of the second type of project covered by the exemption, the single visit would be made for the purpose of deciding whether to resettle in the country visited.

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