**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

*Migration Regulations 1994*

**PLACES AND CURRENCIES FOR PAYING OF FEES**

(Paragraphs 5.36(1)(a) and 5.36(1)(b))

1. This Instrument is made under paragraphs 5.36(1)(a) and 5.36(1)(b) of the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations) and revokes Instrument IMMI 14/006 (F2014L00646) made on 26 May 2014.
2. The purpose of the Instrument is to specify a place, (Australia or a foreign country), and the relevant currency to use when paying a fee when applying in a foreign country for a visa to enter Australia.
3. The Instrument operates to specify the places in which payment of a fee must be made and the currency in which a fee may be paid in that place*.*
4. The instrument has been updated to include the Nigerian Naira as an acceptable currency for Nigeria.
5. Consultation is unnecessary as, under section 18(1) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*, the Instrument is of a minor or machinery nature and does not substantially alter existing arrangements.
6. The Office of Best Practice Regulation has advised that a Regulatory Impact Statement is not required (OBPR Reference 17737).
7. Under section 44 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* the Instrument is exempt from disallowance and therefore a Human Rights Statement of Compatibility is not required.
8. The Instrument, IMMI 14/102, commences on 3 November 2014.