**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

*Migration Regulations 1994*

**SPECIFIED PLACE 2015**

(Subparagraph 2.04(3)(b)(ii) and sub-subparagraph 2.08AC(4)(a)(ii)(B))

1. This Instrument is made under subparagraph 2.04(3)(b)(ii) and sub-subparagraph 2.08AC(4)(a)(ii)(B) of the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations).
2. The Instrument revokes Instrument number IMMI 14/089 (F2014L01186), signed on 27 August 2014, under section 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.
3. The purpose of the Instrument is to specify places in Nepal, Mexico and Singapore, where a visa applicant can supply their personal identifiers to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department).
4. The Instrument operates to specify places offshore and onshore visa applicants can provide their personal identifiers to the department. The personal identifiers are to be provided when required by an officer, for the purpose of assessing the validity of a visa application under sub-subparagraph 2.08AC(4)(a)(ii)(B) and for circumstances in which a visa may be granted under subparagraph 2.04(3)(b)(ii).
5. Consultation was not necessary as, under subsection 18(1) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*, the Instrument is of minor or machinery nature and does not substantially alter existing arrangements.
6. Under section 44 of *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* the instrument is exempt from disallowance and therefore a Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights is not required.
7. The Office of Best Practice has advised a Regulatory Impact Statement is not required (OBPR reference 18609).
8. The Instrument, IMMI 15/054, commences the day after registration on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.