

**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. This Instrument revokes Instrument number IMMI 15/054 (F2015L00387), signed on 30 March 2015, under section 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.
3. The purpose of the Instrument is to add an address in Hong Kong as a specified place, 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 where visa applicants can provide their personal identifiers, as identified in regulation 2.08AC, to the department. Personal identifiers are to be provided 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 15/080, commences on 21 May 2015.