**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

*Migration Regulations 1994*

**CLASS OF PERSONS (EMERGENCY SERVICES) 2015**

(Sub-subparagraph 1231(2)(a)(iv)(A))

1. This Instrument is made under sub-subparagraph 1231(2)(a)(iv)(A) of Schedule 1 to the *Migration Regulations 1994* (‘the Regulations’).
2. The purpose of the Instrument is to only specify persons who have been invited to Australia by the Australian Government, or by an Australian State or Territory government, to assist in providing emergency services in connection with a disaster or emergency as a class of persons applying for the Subclass 400 (Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity)) visa.
3. The Instrument operates by specifying applicants for a Subclass 400 (Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity)) visa who are a class of persons who under sub-subparagraph 1231(2)(a)(iv)(A) are not required to pay a Visa Application Charge.
4. Consultation was not necessary as, under subsection 18(1) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*, the Instrument is of a minor or machinery nature and does not substantially alter existing arrangements.
5. The Office of Best Practice Regulation has advised that a Regulation Impact Statement is not required (OBPR Reference 19058).
6. 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.
7. This Instrument, IMMI 15/081, commences on the day after registration on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.