

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

*Migration Regulations 1994*

**PLACES AND CURRENCIES FOR PAYING OF FEES 2015  
(Places and Currencies Instrument)**

*(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).
2. Under section 33 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* (AI Act), the Instrument revokes IMMI 15/002 (F2014L01711), signed on 9 December 2014, by Steven Groves, Delegate of the Minister.
3. The purpose of the Instrument is to update the places (Australia or a foreign country), and the relevant currency for the purposes of paragraphs 5.36(1)(a) and 5.36(1)(b) of the Regulations.
4. The Instrument operates to specify the places (being Australia or a foreign country) in which a payment of a fee (other than a visa application charge mentioned in subregulation 5.36(3A) of the Regulations) must be made and the currency in which a fee may be paid in that place. The term foreign country is defined in section 28 of the AI Act.
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 19101).
7. Under section 44 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*, the Instrument is exempt from disallowance and therefore a Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights is not required.
8. The Instrument, IMMI 15/052, commences on 1 July 2015.