

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Migration Regulations 1994

CLASS OF PASSPORTS (Schedule 4, Part 1, Public Interest Criterion 4021)

1. This Instrument is made under Schedule 4, Part 1, Public Interest Criterion 4021 of the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations).
2. This Instrument revokes IMMI 13/032 (F2013L00463).
3. The purpose of the Instrument is to prevent non citizens, holding unacceptable travel documents, being granted a visa.
4. The Instrument operates to identify certain characteristics of travel documents that are unacceptable and specified passports that Australia does not recognise for foreign policy and integrity reasons. The effect of this is to prevent non-citizens being granted a visa if they hold unacceptable travel documents.
5. The Instrument has been amended to include expired Syrian passports, which have been extended in validity via a label or other endorsement by the Syrian National Coalition, as unacceptable travel documents.
6. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and relevant areas of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection were consulted before the Instrument was made.
7. The Office of Best Practice Regulation has advised that a Regulation Impact Statement is not required (OBPR Reference 17429).
8. 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.
9. The Instrument IMMI 14/073 commences on 6 October 2014.