*This Order supersedes S.I. 2009/1032 and is being issued free of charge to all known recipients of that Order.*

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2009 No. 1229

# IMMIGRATION

# The Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2009

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| *Made - - - -* | *14th May 2009* |
| *Laid before Parliament* | *15th May 2009* |
| *Coming into force in accordance with article 2* | |

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 41 and 166(3) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999(**a**).

**Citation and Commencement**

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2009.

**2.**—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) this Order comes into force on 17th May 2009.

(2) Article 4(1), 4(2) and 4(4)(a) comes into force on 18th May 2009.

(3) Article 4(3) and (4)(b) to (d) comes into force on 1st July 2009.

**Revocation**

**3.** The Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2009(**b**) is revoked.

**Amendments to the Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) Order 2003**

**4.**—(1) The Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) Order 2003(**c**) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In article 2, after paragraph (3A) insert—

"(3B) This paragraph applies to a person who holds a passport issued by the Republic of Venezuela that does not contain biometric information held in an electronic chip.".

(3) In article 2, omit paragraph (3A).

(4) In Schedule 1—

(a) after "Belarus" insert "Bolivia";

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(**a**) 1999 c. 33.
(**b**) S.I. 2009/1032. This S.I. is not yet in force.
(**c**) S.I. 2003/1185 as amended by S.I. 2003/2628, S.I. 2004/1304, S.I. 2005/492 , S.I. 2006/493, S.I. 2009/198 and S.I. 2009/1032.

(b) after “Lebanon” insert “Lesotho”;

(c) after “Somalia” insert “South Africa”; and

(d) after “Sudan” insert “Swaziland”.

Home Office
14th May 2009

*Phil Woolas*
Minister of State

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order is made under sections 41 and 166(3) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. It revokes the Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2009 which is not yet in force, and amends the Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) Order 2003 (the “2003 Order”). The 2003 Order requires certain passengers to hold a transit visa to pass through the United Kingdom without entering whilst transiting to another country or territory.

Article 4(2) of this Order provides that from 18th May 2009 a person who holds a passport issued by the Republic of Venezuela that does not contain biometric information held in an electronic chip requires a transit visa.

Article 4(4)(a) has the effect that from 18th May 2009 nationals and citizens of Bolivia will require a transit visa.

From 1st July 2009 nationals and citizens of Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland will require a transit visa. Article 4(3) removes the temporary exemption from the visa regime available to certain South Africans with a previous travel history to the United Kingdom on 1st July 2009.

This Order revokes and replaces the Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2009. That Order is revoked on the 17th May 2009, before it comes into force.

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