EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE OVERSEAS TERRITORIES (CHANGE OF NAME) (No. 11) ORDER 2011

2011 No. 2984

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

2. Purpose of the instrument

This Order amends various statutory instruments so that they use the correct current names of the British overseas territories of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha and South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

3. Matters of special interest to the [Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments *or* the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments]

None.

4. Legislative Context

The Order is made under the several statutory powers listed in the recital, which are the current legal bases for the statutory instruments it amends. None of these powers requires the Order to be laid before Parliament.

5. Territorial Extent and Application

This instrument applies to the British overseas territories to which the statutory instruments amended by it extend. The amendment made by article 2(5) to the Evidence (St Helena) Order 1961 extends to the United Kingdom, because the 1961 Order so extends.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

As the instrument is subject to no parliamentary procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

- ***What is being done and why***

7.1 The Order is being made to bring up to date various Orders in Council that extend to British overseas territories, and one Order in Council that extends to the United Kingdom, so that they refer to the territories of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha and South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands by their correct current names. It is part of a series of Orders made for this purpose.

- ***Consolidation***

7.2 No consolidation of the relevant legislation is considered necessary.

8. Consultation outcome

The territories concerned have been consulted and agree with the instrument.

9. Guidance

No guidance is required.

10. Impact

10.1 No impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies in the United Kingdom.

10.2 No impact on the United Kingdom public sector.

10.3 An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument.

11. Regulating small business

The legislation does not apply to small business.

12. Monitoring & review

None required.

13. Contact

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