<u>From:</u> Free Movement Operational Policy Team

Subject: New EEA Application Forms

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Purpose of notice

1. This notice provides guidance on the new EEA application forms which will be published on 30th January 2015.

Background

- The policy team have undertaken a substantive review of all in-country EEA application forms with the objective of making the forms simpler in terms of evidential requirements and more user-friendly. A review of the out of country VAF form used for EEA family permit applications, will take place during the first half of 2015.
- 3. Consultation has been undertaken with external stakeholders, including ILPA and with internal colleagues in European Operations.

Details of changes

- 4. The current forms (EEA1, EEA2, EEA3, EEA4 and DRF1) will be replaced on the website on 30 January 2015 by the new forms.
- In contrast to the forms above which are categorised according to the document being applied for, the new forms are categorised by the route in which the person is applying (i.e. qualified person, family member, extended family member, permanent residence and derivative rights).
- 6. The new forms are:
 - **EEA(QP)** application for a registration certificate by an EEA national who is exercising Treaty rights in the UK.
 - EEA(FM) application for a registration certificate or residence card by a direct family member of an EEA national who is exercising Treaty rights or who has a right of permanent residence; a family member who has retained a right of residence; or family member of a British citizen applying under the Surinder Singh route.

- EEA(EFM) application for a registration certificate or residence card by an extended family member of an EEA national who is exercising Treaty rights or who has a right of permanent residence in the UK.
- **EEA(PR)** application for a document certifying permanent residence or a permanent residence card from a person who has acquired permanent residence in the UK.
- DRF application for a derivative residence card as a primary carer with a Zambrano, Chen or Ibrahim/Teixeira right; as a child with an Ibrahim/Teixeira right; or as the dependent child under the age of 18 years of a primary carer with a derivative right of residence.
- 7. Caseworkers should note that applicants are still able to apply using the old forms (or no form at all) and that an application cannot be rejected or refused on this basis alone.
- 8. Any questions regarding this notice should be forwarded to the Free Movement Operational Policy Team mailbox EuropeanOperational@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

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