

Changes to EEA Regulations Coming Into Effect on 1 January 2014 - Immigration Solicitors Comment

LONDON, ENGLAND, UK, December 12, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006 will incorporate a new set of changes from 1 January 2014. [Immigration solicitors Kadmos Consultants](#) comment on how these changes will affect family members of British citizens relying on EU free movement rights.

On 5 December 2013 Parliament considered amendments to the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006, the most important part of which will be coming into effect on 1 January 2014. Immigration solicitors at Kadmos Consultants express their concern over the meaning and implications of the forthcoming changes.



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The changes will affect family members of the British citizens relying on the residence rights derived from European legislation, as opposed to domestic immigration rules. In legal jargon this immigration option is known as "Surinder Singh" route after the name of the case decided by the European Court of Justice in 1992, *Surinder Singh*, C-370/90.

In line with *Surinder Singh* judgment family members of a British citizen who has exercised his or her rights as a worker or self-employed person in another EEA country have the right of residence in the UK similar to those of family members of other EEA nationals.

This principle is now incorporated into the Immigration (EEA) Regulations 2006. From 1 January 2014, a new requirement will be added for *Surinder Singh* migrants who will be required to demonstrate that the British citizen sponsor had "transferred the centre of his or her life" to another EEA country before they could benefit from free movement rights.

In their recent [blog post](#), Kadmos Consultants discuss potential clash of the new requirement with the jurisprudence of the Court of Justice. According to Helena Sheizon, "'centre of life' test is miles away from the principle established in *Surinder Singh* judgment which says that having engaged EU rights in another country, British citizens should enjoy the same rights as any national of an EEA state in the UK".

The blog also offers tips on the likely practical implications of the changes.

Helena Sheizon is available to comment on the forthcoming changes and can be reached by email to Helena@kadmos.org.uk.

About Kadmos Consultants

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