**Certificates (endorsement)**

1. Endorsements are made to certificates of registration or naturalisation in the following circumstances:

- When a person holding British citizenship by registration or naturalisation dies or makes a declaration of renunciation
- When a registration or naturalisation is declared a nullity or when a person is deprived of citizenship under s.40 of the British Nationality Act 1981. (See Chapter 55)
- When an applicant has made a genuine error over a date of birth etc and supporting evidence is produced. (See NAMES: Endorsements in this case are made by INPD(L))

(See also Certificates (copies) regarding the certification of copies of certificates by the Director).

In cases of death or renunciation, provided that the certificate has been sent in, Computer and Statistics Section endorse the certificate accordingly. If the certificate has not been sent in it should not be requested.

Following renunciation:
"The holder made a declaration of renunciation No ..... dated ....."
Following death:
"The holder died on ....."

The endorsements are signed and dated by the HEO in Computer and Statistics Section and embossed with the official Home Office stamp. The endorsed certificate is kept on the file unless its return is requested by the person concerned or the person's next of kin.

Where the grant of citizenship is not recorded on computer, an appropriate note should be made on the Home Office copy and card index.

Care should be taken when dealing with certificates of naturalization issued under the 1914 Act and certificates of registration under s.12(6) of the 1948 Act, where these include the name(s) of the holder's child or children. In order to make clear that the endorsement does not affect the child/children the following sentence should be added to the endorsement:

"This endorsement does not affect the national status of the/any child of the holder whose name is included on this certificate."

When it is the child (included on a certificate) who has ceased to hold a British status the words 'the holder' in the endorsement should be replaced by the full name of the child.