WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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HOUSING, WALES

Housing (Assessment of Accommodation Needs) (Meaning of Gypsies and Travellers) (Wales) Regulations 2007

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The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on the National Assembly for Wales by section 225(5)(a) of the Housing Act 2004(**1**) and now vested(**2**) in the Welsh Ministers, make the following Regulations:

Title, commencement and application

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Housing (Assessment of Accommodation Needs) (Meaning of Gypsies and Travellers) (Wales) Regulations 2007 and they come into force on 14 December 2007.

(2) These Regulations apply where a local housing authority in Wales undertakes a review of housing needs in their district under section 8 of the Housing Act 1985.

Meaning of Gypsies and Travellers for the purposes of section 225 of the Housing Act 2004

2. For the purposes of section 225 of the Housing Act 2004 (duties of local housing authorities: accommodation needs of gypsies and travellers) "gypsies and travellers" ("*sipswn a theithwyr*") means—

(a) persons with a cultural tradition of nomadism or of living in a caravan; and

(b) all other persons of a nomadic habit of life, whatever their race or origin, including—

(i) such persons who, on grounds only of their own or their family's or dependant's educational or health needs or old age, have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently; and

(**1**) 2004 c. 34. The power conferred by section 225 is exercisable as respects Wales, by the National Assembly for Wales. *See* the definition of the "appropriate national authority" in section 261(1) of the 2004 Act.

(**2**) The power of the National Assembly for Wales under section 225 is transferred to the Welsh Ministers by paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32).