Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 14(1) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006; draft to lie for forty days, pursuant to section 16(3) of the said Act of 2006, during which period either House of Parliament may resolve that the Order be not made.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2010 No.

REGULATORY REFORM

The Legislative Reform (Civil Partnership) Order 2010

Made - - - -	*2010*
Coming into force - -	*2010*

The Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office ("the Secretary of State") makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006(**1**) ("the 2006 Act").

For the purposes of section 3(1) of the 2006 Act, the Secretary of State considers that, where relevant, the conditions under section 3(2) are satisfied.

The Secretary of State has consulted in accordance with section 13(1) of the 2006 Act.

The Secretary of State has laid a draft of this Order and an explanatory document before Parliament in accordance with section 14(1) of the 2006 Act.

Pursuant to section 15 of the 2006 Act, the negative resolution procedure (within the meaning of Part 1 of that Act) applies in relation to the making of this Order.

Neither House of Parliament has resolved, within the 40-day period referred to in section 16(3) of the 2006 Act, that the Secretary of State should not make this Order.

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Legislative Reform (Civil Partnership) Order 2010 and shall come into force on the day after it is made.

Amendments to the Civil Partnership Act 2004

2.—(1) Section 210 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004(**2**) (registration at British consulates etc) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)(b), for the words "a prescribed officer of Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service" substitute "a registration officer".

(**1**) 2006 c.51; see section 32 for the definitions of "Minister of the Crown" and "regulatory function".
(**2**) 2004 c.33.