

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION ON THE IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS 2001, L.I. 1691

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Immigration Regulations 2001, L.I. 1691 was laid before the House and referred to the Committee on Subsidiary Legislation on 20th July 2001, pursuant to Article 111 (7) of the Constitution and Standing Order No.166.

2.0 REFERENCES

In considering the Bill, the Committee examined the following documents and enactments:

- (i) TheStanding Orders of Parliament
- (ii) The Constitution of the Republic of Ghana
- (iii) The Immigration Act, 2000, Act 573 and
- (iv) The Immigration Regulations 2001, L.I. 1691

3.0 BACKGROUND

The Minister of Interior derives his authority to make this Regulations from section 55 of the Immigration Act, 2000, Act (572) which provides among other things as follows:

"55. The Minister in consultation with the Immigration Service Board may by legislative instrument:

- (a) provide for passengers in transit to enter Ghana without entry visa;
- (d) provide for the conditions for issue of emergency visas;

- (e) provide for conditions and procedures for the issue and renewal of permits under this Act;
- (f) prescribe for fees to be paid and the forms to be used in respect of any permit and other matters under this Act."

4.0 **DELIBERATIONS**

The Committee was assisted by the Director of the Ghana Immigration Service and his technical team.

5.0 OBSERVATION

This Instrument seeks to make provisions for persons seeking to enter Ghana acquire Visas and Entry Permits, Residence Permits as well as the relevant Forms/Documents to be processed among other things.

The Committee noted that there is only one form i.e Form D for both foreign spouses applying for Indefinite Residence and others applying generally and is of the view that ideally there should have been two separate forms for each category.

It also came to the notice of the Committee that some of the information on the forms are too simplistic and recommends that there should be an explanatory note for the completion of the forms.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION/CONCLUSION

The Committee considers the L.I. 1691 consistent with the provisions of the parent Act and the Standing Orders of Parliament and accordingly recommends its passage into Law by the House.

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