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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS FOR INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION**

**The European Communities (International Protection Procedures) Regulations 2022 and the International Protection Act 2015 (Procedures and Periods for Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2022**

INFORMATION NOTE

From 8th November 2022 new procedures will be introduced in the International Protection Office to accelerate the process for making a protection application in Ireland. The introduction of these new procedures are in parallel with a commitment to significantly increase the resources available for the international protection system in Budget 2023.

The main purpose of these new regulations is to establish an accelerated process for international protection applicants from safe countries of origin.

From Tuesday 08 November 2022 any applicant for International Protection attending at the reception of the International Protection Office (IPO) will complete a preliminary interviewand will also be required to complete the International Protection Questionnaire (IPO2) regarding their application and the reasons they are looking for protection.

The International Protection Office will have Translation services available to support applicants in completing their International Protection application on the day.

The introduction of the new procedure will allow for a person to have their case dealt with in a more timely manner. Applicants from a safe country of origin will also receive their interview date on the day they apply for international protection which will reduce their waiting time for an interview to a matter of weeks.

The application process remains the same for all international protection applicants and applicants under the new procedure will still have the right to appeal a negative recommendation by the IPO to the International Protection Appeals Tribunal.

All applications for international protection are examined fully and individually on their merits, including those from countries which are designated as safe countries of origin.

Frequently asked questions can be found [here](http://www.ipo.gov.ie/en/IPO/European%20Communities%20Regulations%202022.pdf/Files/European%20Communities%20Regulations%202022.pdf).

**Reference Links:**

**FAQs:**

<http://www.ipo.gov.ie/en/IPO/European%20Communities%20Regulations%202022.pdf/Files/European%20Communities%20Regulations%202022.pdf>

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2022** <https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2022/si/541/made/en/pdf>

**INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION ACT 2015 (PROCEDURES AND PERIODS FOR APPEALS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2022**

<https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2022/si/542/made/en/pdf>

**PRIORITISATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION ACT 2015 (Amended)**

<http://www.ipo.gov.ie/en/IPO/IPO%20Prioritisation%20Statement%20Final%2014.06.21%20Website.pdf/Files/IPO%20Prioritisation%20Statement%20Final%2014.06.21%20Website.pdf>

**INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION ACT 2015 (RETURN ORDER) REGULATIONS 2020**

<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2020/si/726/made/en/pdf>

**WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) ACT 2020**

<https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2020/act/23/section/115/enacted/en/html#part18>