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An Ordinance to make further provision to regulate immigration into the Territory, and for purposes incidental thereto.

Citation and construction.

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Immigration Ordinance 2006, ROBIOT c.F.1., and shall be construed as one with the British Indian Ocean Territory (Immigration) Order 2004 (**the Order**).

Permits for group visits.

2. (1) If there is submitted to the Commissioner or to the Principal Immigration Officer a list of persons who seek, as a group, to make an authorised visit to the Territory, the Commissioner or the Principal Immigration Officer may give authority for that visit to take place, and, unless the Commissioner or the Principal Immigration Officer at any time otherwise determines as respects any particular person so listed, all the persons so listed shall then be authorised visitors for the purposes of that visit, that is to say, persons deemed for the purposes of that visit to be in possession of a permit issued to them under section 7 of the Order.

(2) In this section **authorised visit** means a visit that is authorised by the Commissioner or the Principal Immigration Officer under subsection (1) for such purpose and for such period as is then approved by him.

(3) A determination by the Commissioner or the Principal Immigration Officer under subsection (1) as respects a particular person shall have effect as if it were the withholding or, as the case may be, the cancellation of any permit deemed in accordance with that subsection to be issued to that person, and the provisions of the Order relating to the issue or cancellation of permits, and to matters consequential thereon or incidental thereto, shall apply accordingly.

(4) When giving authority under subsection (1) for a visit to take place, or at any time thereafter during that visit, the Commissioner or the Principal Immigration Officer may, in respect of any authorised visitor, determine that any permit that is deemed by virtue of that subsection to be issued to him for the purposes of that visit is subject to such conditions (which shall be notified in such manner as he may direct) as he then determines, and the provisions of the Order relating to conditions to which permits are subject, and to matters consequential thereon or incidental thereto, shall apply accordingly.

(5) If, in any proceedings in any court, a question arises whether any person is an authorised visitor or whether any (and what) determination has been made under this section in respect of him, a certificate as to that matter by the Commissioner shall be conclusive of that question for all the purposes of those proceedings.
