



**Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP**

Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee  
House of Commons  
London  
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Dear Ms Cooper,

**Arrangements for British National (Overseas) (BN(O)) status holders from Hong Kong at the UK border and in the UK by 19 July 2021**

The new Hong Kong BN(O) route opened on 31 January to enable BN(O) status holders and their family members to apply to live and work in the UK on a pathway to settlement and citizenship.

I'm writing to you to advise you I am making a further Ministerial Authorisation under Schedule 3, Part 4, paragraph 17 (4) (a) of the Equality Act 2010.

This Ministerial Authorisation relates to the extending of Leave Outside the Rules (LOTR) at the border for BN(O) status holders and their eligible family members. Further to my letter of 13 May, this new Ministerial Authorisation will extend the relevant provisions of the previous Ministerial Authorisation on the subject of LOTR at the border, which were due to expire on today (21 June), but which will now be extended until 23:59 on 19 July.

The new Ministerial Authorisation will allow Border Force to continue to consider granting Hong Kong BN(O) status holders and their eligible family members LOTR at the border in situations where they do not qualify for entry under the Immigration Rules due to their intention to remain in the UK. This will remain in place until 23:59 on 19 July. It will ensure BN(O) status holders and their family members who are planning to travel to the UK before applying to the new Hong Kong BN(O) route have enough notice of the end of the LOTR arrangements at the border and avoid confusion arising as a result of extending aspects of the COVID-19 roadmap to 19 July.

I am placing a copy of this letter and the Ministerial Authorisation for this concession in the Library of both Houses of Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Foster', with a large flourish at the end.

**Kevin Foster MP**  
**Minister for Future Borders**