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Making asylum claims and further submissions

The UK Border Agency has provided further information in relation to this. ILPA has, therefore, produced a further information sheet: "Making Asylum Claims and Further Submissions 2". ILPA has also produced an information sheet for immigration advisers: "Making Further Submissions – Advice for Legal Representatives".

Human Provenance Pilot Project

Following the brief information given in the last immigration update, ILPA has now produced an information sheet on the "Human Provenance Project".

Zimbabwe

On 29 October, the UK Border Agency has announced changes to the assistance it will make available to some Zimbabweans who agree to go back to Zimbabwe voluntarily. Information is available at:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2009/october/returns-to-zimbabwe>

The UK Border Agency has stated that it intends to review its current policy under which refused asylum-seekers from Zimbabwe are not forcibly returned to that country. However, for the time being that policy remains in force.

Points Based System – shortage occupation list

In October, the Migration Advisory Committee has made further recommendations about which occupations should be included on the shortage occupation list (which identifies types of occupation in the UK for which there is a particular need for migrant labour). The Government is yet to respond to the recommendations. More information is available at:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2009/october/24-mac-sol-additions?area=allNews>

Points Based System – sponsors

In October, the UK Border Agency published new guidance and information for sponsors under the Points Based System. More information is available at:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/t4-phase3-launched?area=allNews>
<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2009/october/sponsor-changes?area=allNews>

Points Based System – students

In October, the UK Border Agency issued new application forms to be used by student (Tier 4) applicants and their dependants. More information is available at:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2009/october/new-versions-tier-4-forms?area=allNews>