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D. Willie,
IMMIGRATION RULES

Thank you for sending me a copy of the draft Immigration Rules under cover of your letter to Quintin dated 10 August.

I have one small amendment to suggest. Paragraph 27 is accurate in as much as work permits are in most instances issued in respect of a specific post with a specific employer, but it is also misleading to the extent that it implies that this is the only circumstances in which a permit is issued. The fact is that work permits are also required for certain types of self-employment. The most common example is for a concert artist giving an "own risk" recital, but there are also instances in commerce and industry where the control is exercised.

I see advantages in making the position explicit, rather than implicit and would suggest the following addition at the end of the second sentence of paragraph 27:-

"....., or employment in a specific capacity /whether under a contract of service or otherwise/. Self-employed entertainers, including musicians, dancers and actors coming to seek or to fulfil engagements require work permits."

The section in square brackets is perhaps rather legalistic and although I would prefer to see it in am content to defer to your views. Otherwise, I hope you will be able to agree to this small but useful amendment.

I am sending copies of this letter to the recipients of yours.

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R. Willie,

IMMIGRATION RULES

Thank you for your letter of 6 September.

I am glad that you are reasonably confident that you can justify the view that self-employed entertainers do require work permits and that it is right to exercise work permit control for such people.

I'm still inclined to think that ideally the work permit requirement for self-employed entertainers should be made explicit in the Immigration Rules, particularly since recent representations that such people should be permit-free will no doubt be repeated. However, I can understand your concern at the consequences of amending the rule in the way I suggested. Therefore I agree with your suggested amendment which means that the second sentence of paragraph 27 will read "Permits are issued by the Department of Employment in respect of a specific post".

As you say, my officials are taking steps to amend general literature about the work permit scheme and will circulate appropriate information to agents in the entertainments field.

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