

CHAPTER 1  
SECTION 11

## RACE RELATIONS (GENERAL)

**STANDARD PARAGRAPHS FOLLOWING CLAIMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION  
MADE AFTER AN APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO ENTER OR REMAIN BUT  
BEFORE A DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN****Cases where the Border and Immigration Agency does not accept that any racial  
discrimination has occurred in the taking of a decision**

"In reaching this decision to refuse your application, the Secretary of State has given careful consideration to your rights under the Race Relations Act 1976. However, he is satisfied that the decision does not involve unlawful discrimination on the grounds of race, colour, nationality or national or ethnic origin and that your rights under that Act have not been breached."

**Cases where the Border and Immigration Agency accepts that racial  
discrimination has occurred but the discrimination is lawful under legislation**

"In reaching the decision of [insert date] to refuse your application, the Secretary of State has given careful consideration to your rights under the Race Relations Act 1976. However, he is satisfied that any discrimination on racial grounds is lawful by virtue of [insert relevant paragraphs of Immigration Rules, statutory instruments or sections of Acts]."

**Cases where the Border and Immigration Agency accepts that racial  
discrimination has occurred but the discrimination is lawful under Ministerial  
authorisation**

"In reaching the decision of [insert date] to refuse your application, the Secretary of State has given careful consideration to your rights under the Race Relations Act 1976. However, he is satisfied that any discrimination on racial grounds is lawful by virtue of the [insert relevant authorisation] made by a Minister of the Crown on [insert date of authorisation], a copy of which is attached [copy of relevant authorisation to be attached to refusal – (the authorisations are found on the Border and Immigration Agency website)]."