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## IMMIGRATION DIRECTORATES' INSTRUCTIONS

### CHAPTER 8, SECTION 8 ANNEX W

#### **DEPENDENT RELATIVES** **OTHER RELATIVES**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Apart from parents and grandparents, Paragraph 317 of HC 395 also provides for other relatives to be admitted to the United Kingdom for settlement as the dependant of a person who is present and settled here. These are:

- \* sons and daughters over the age of 18;
- \* brothers and sisters over the age of 18; and
- \* aunts and uncles over the age of 18.

#### **2. REQUIREMENTS OF THE RULES**

Other relatives who wish to join a relative in the United Kingdom must not only satisfy each of the requirements of Paragraph 317, they must also demonstrate that they are living alone in the **most exceptional compassionate circumstances**. Therefore such applications will have to be decided on the individual merits of the case. As the majority of such applications will be from persons who are over the age of 18, but not necessarily old and frail, the compassionate circumstances will need to be very strong. The circumstances will have to be such that the applicant cannot function (either because of illness or disability) without the help and support of friends or relatives and that no such help or support is available to them in the country where they are living.