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Department of Immigration and Border Protection  
Border Protection

Submission  
For decision

ExecCorro Reg.Number **617(016/fj)**

To **Minister for Immigration and Border Protection**

Subject **Composition of the 2014-15 offshore Humanitarian Programme**

Timing *Please action by 20 June 2014, to allow outcomes to be communicated to UNHCR and other stakeholders in Geneva during the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement in the week commencing 23 June 2014.*

**Recommendations**

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3. agree to the approximate geographical breakdown of 46 per cent to be resettled from the Asia region, 37 per cent from the Middle East region, and 14 per cent from the Africa region, with 3 per cent of places held in a contingency reserve until the mid-year review;

agreed

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### Geographical Breakdown of 2014-15 Humanitarian Programme

7. The geographical breakdown of the proposed 2014-15 Programme is broadly similar to the geographical breakdown that will be delivered in the 2013-14 Programme and focuses on the key regions of Asia, Middle East, and Africa. In 2014-15, it is proposed to resettle s. 47C(1)

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review. A comparison with the geographical breakdown in the 2013-14 Programme is outlined in the table below.

Programme Year	Asia Region	Middle East Region	Africa Region	Contingency
2013-14 (expected outcome)	51 per cent	35 per cent	14 per cent	0 per cent
2014-15 (proposed)	s. 47C(1)			

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30. Congolese from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) have been the largest African nationality resettled over recent years and are expected to feature highly again in the 2014-15 programme. Ongoing violence and civil disruption in the DRC continues to cause significant displacement of populations, and this caseload continues to present particularly compelling humanitarian claims. Recent violence in South Sudan is also likely to lead to an increase in referrals and applications from this caseload. Other caseloads likely to be considered for resettlement include Ethiopians, Eritreans, and Somalis .

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## Background

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### Delivery of 2013-14 Humanitarian Programme

33. As at 1 June 2014, a total of 9479 visas have been granted of the 11 000 places allocated for the offshore Humanitarian Programme. This includes 5926 Refugee grants (of the 6500 places allocated) and 3553 SHP grants (of the 4500 places allocated).

34. The progress of key commitments to date includes:

- 969 Woman at Risk (subclass 204) visas granted (of the 1000 places allocated);
- 731 Humanitarian visa grants for Syrian nationals (of the 1000 places allocated). This includes:
  - o 115 Refugee grants (of the 300 places allocated); and
  - o 616 SHP grants (of the 700 places allocated);
- 589 visas granted for refugees in Indonesia (of the 600 places allocated);
- 541 In-country Special Humanitarian (subclass 201) visas granted for Afghan locally engaged employees; and
- 114 In-country Special Humanitarian (subclass 201) visas granted for s. 33(a)(iii) (of the 150 places allocated).

35. The Department expects to fully deliver the offshore component of the 2013-14 Programme by June 2014.

36. Further analysis of the SHP pipeline and applications made in 2013-14 is at Attachment C.

### **Consultation - internal/external**

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**Client service implications**

39. No new client services implications are anticipated.

**Financial/systems/legislation implications**

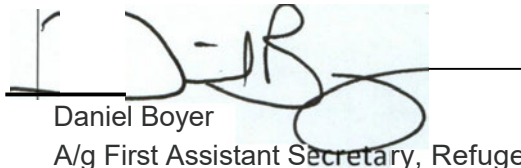
40. The financial implications of the size of the 2014-15 Humanitarian Programme have previously been addressed as part of the 2014-15 Budget process.

**Attachments**

**Attachment A** Proposed 2014-15 offshore Humanitarian Programme Caseload Allocations

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**Attachment C** Further analysis of the Special Humanitarian Programme (SHP) pipeline

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Attachment A

### Proposed 2014-15 offshore Humanitarian Programme Caseload Allocations

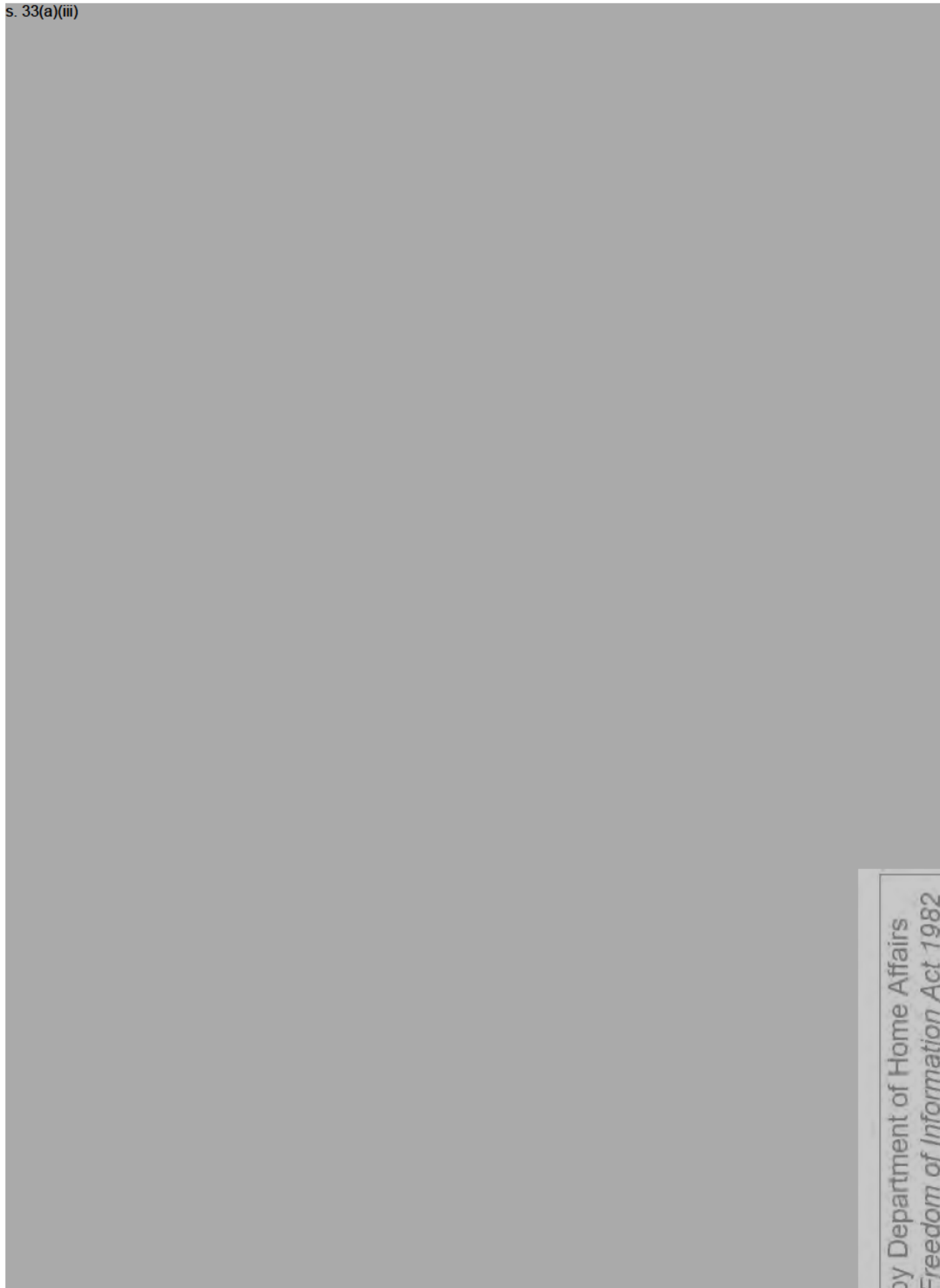
REGION and Caseload		LOCATION
<b>ASIA REGION</b>		
Burmese	Malaysia, Thailand, India	
Bhutanese	Nepal	
Mixed refugee caseload	Indonesia	
Afghans	Pakistan and Iran	
Afghan LEE	Afghanistan	
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<b>MIDDLE EAST REGION</b>		
Iraqis	Syria, Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon	
Iranians (primarily Baha'is)	Turkey	
Syrians	Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, Egypt	
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<b>AFRICA REGION</b>		
Democratic Republic of Congo	East and southern Africa & Great Lakes re	
Ethiopians and Eritreans	Egypt, Sudan	
Somalis	Kenya, Eritrea	
Other African nationals		
<b>OTHER REGIONS/GLOBAL CONTINGENCY</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

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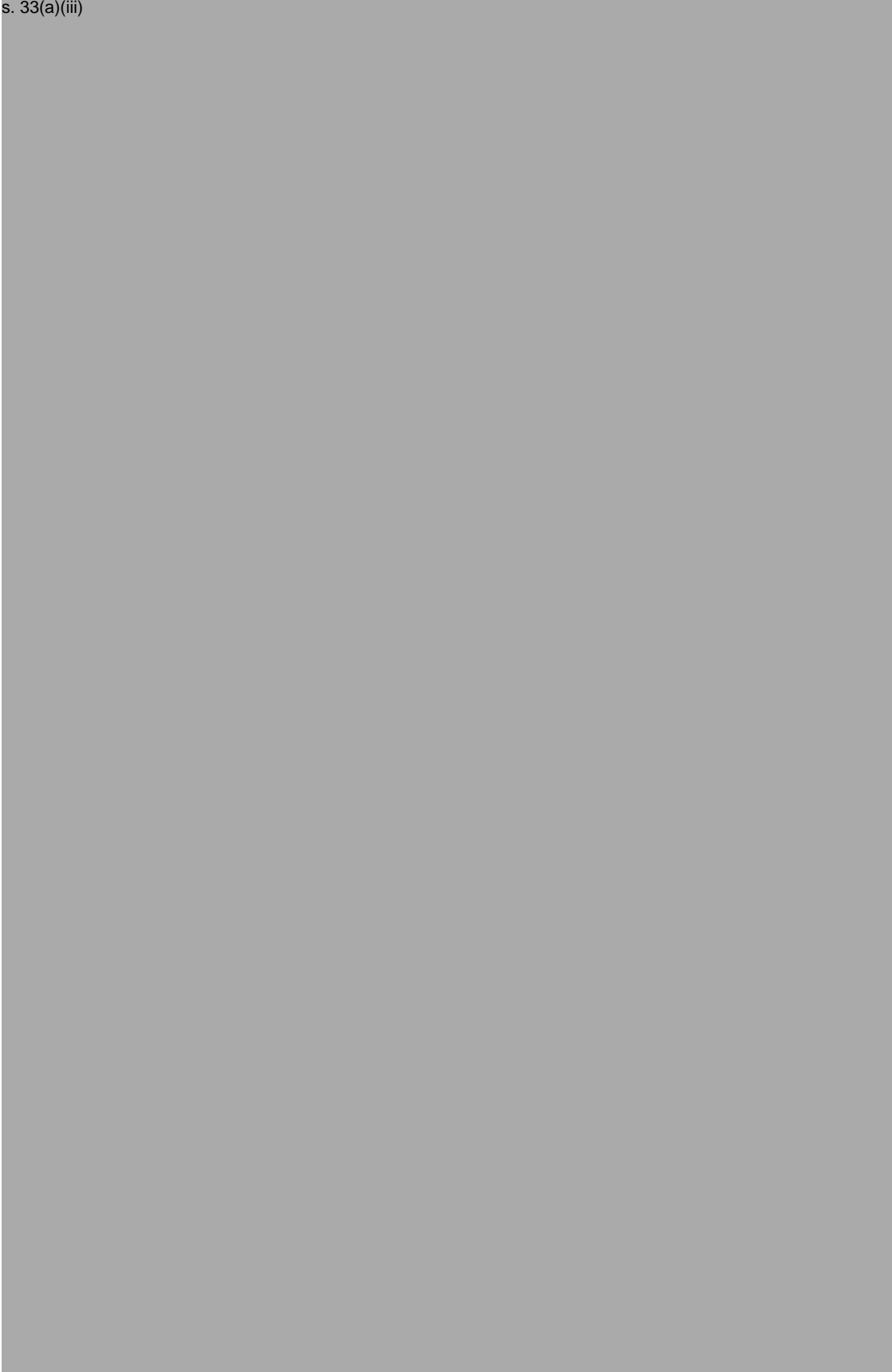


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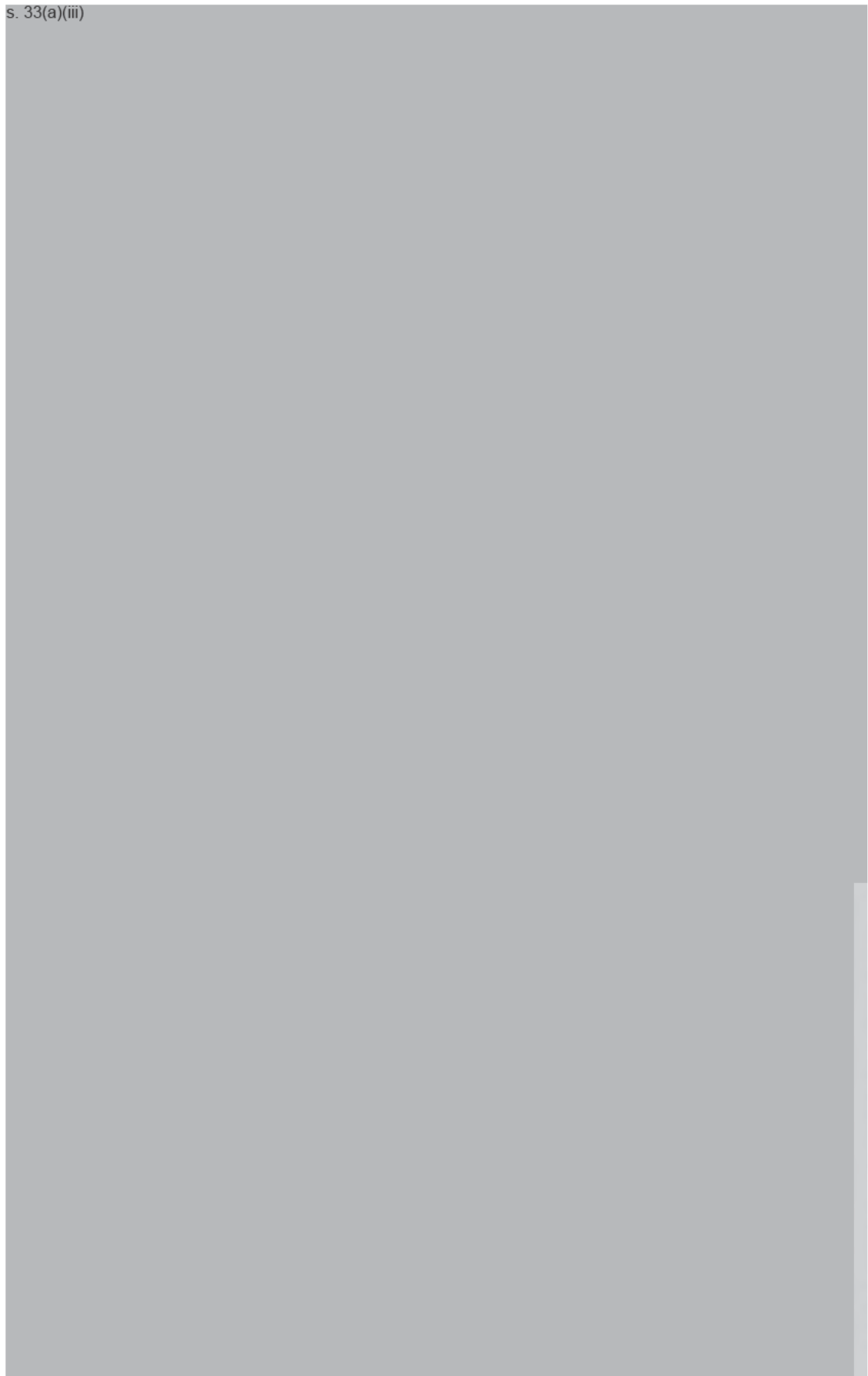
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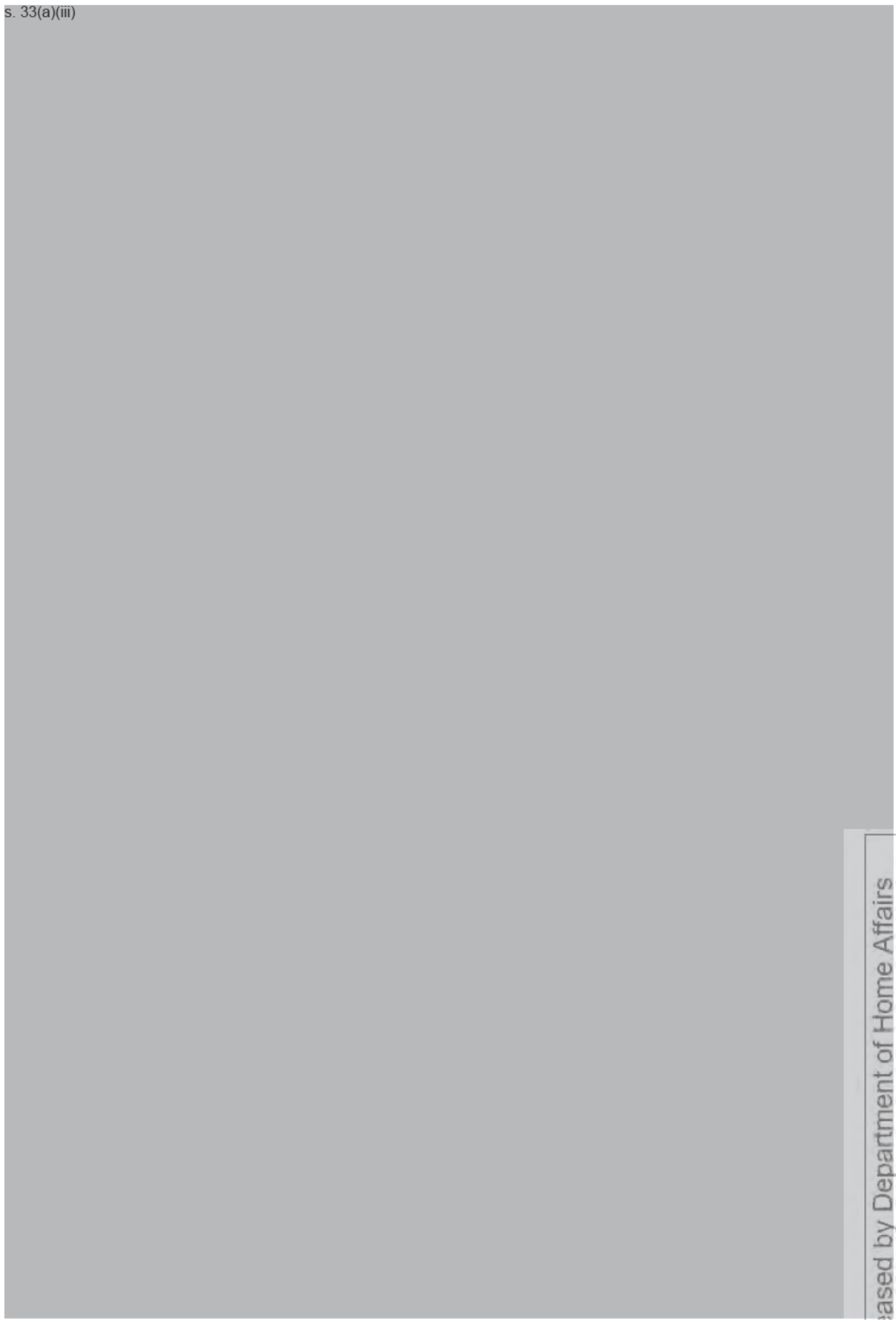
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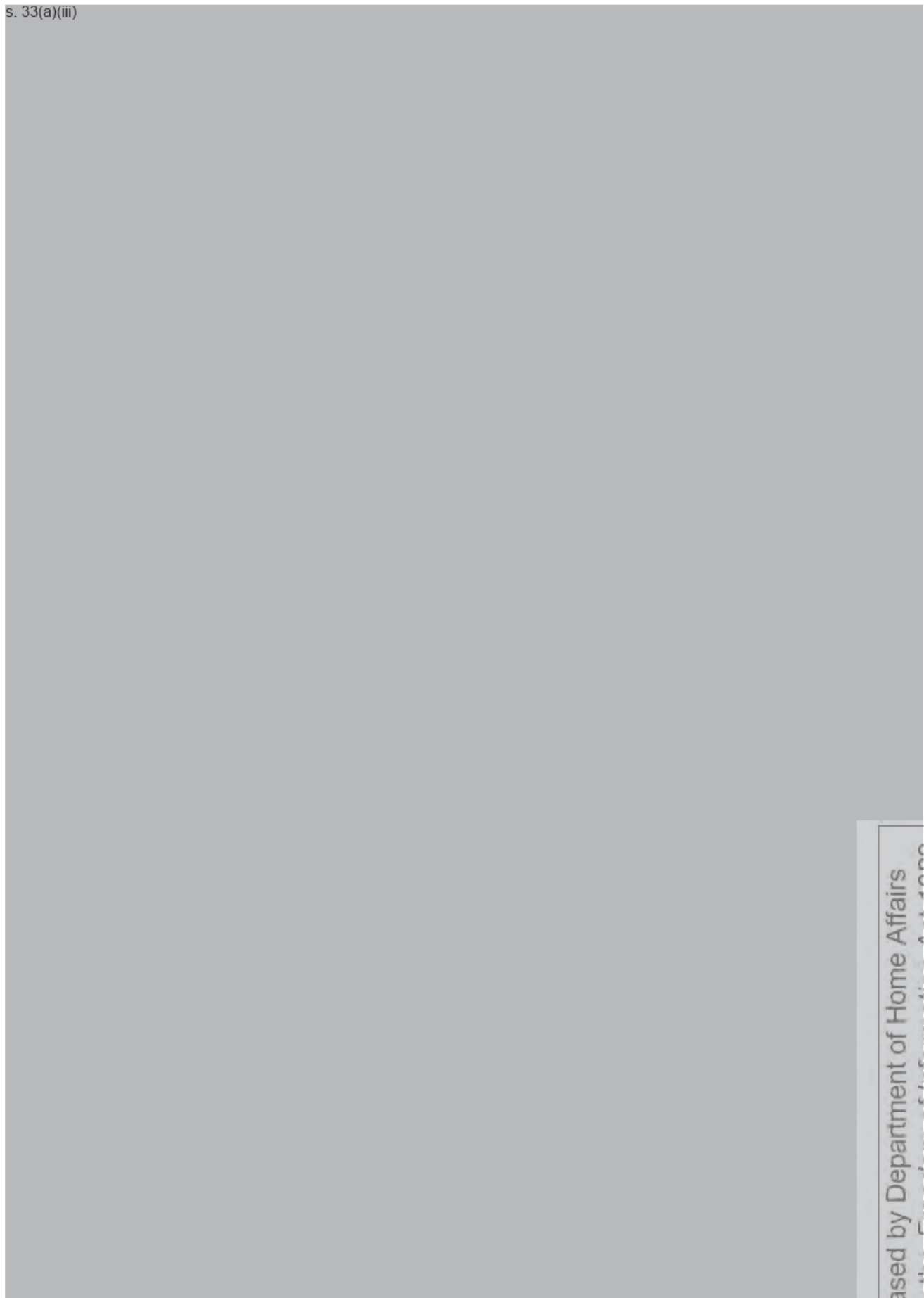


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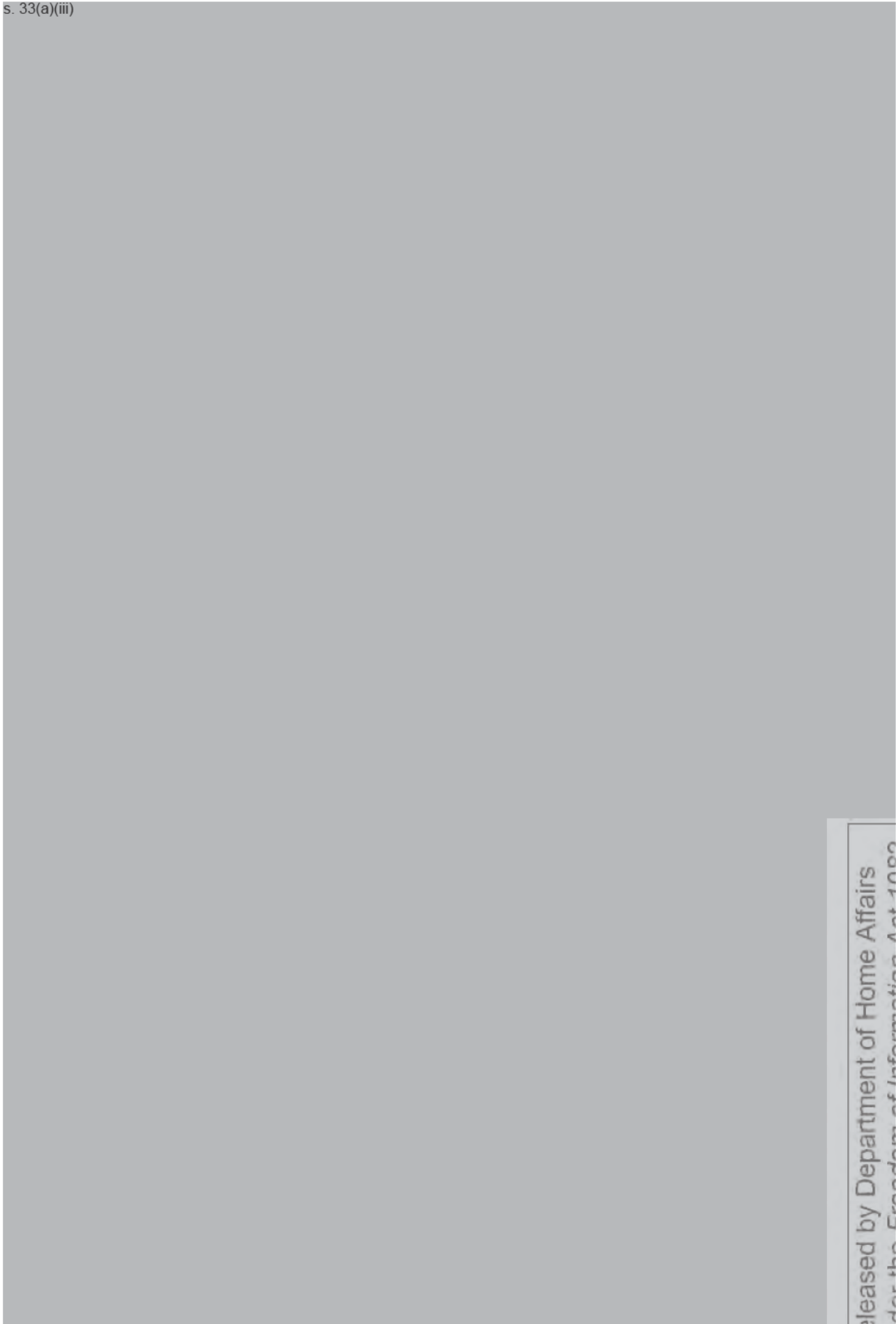


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