



Immigration Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 19

PART 1

LABOUR MARKET AND ILLEGAL WORKING

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Labour market enforcement orders

18 Power to make LME order on application

- (1) The appropriate court may, on an application by an enforcing authority under section 19, make a labour market enforcement order against a person if the court—
 - (a) is satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that the person has committed, or is committing, a trigger offence, and
 - (b) considers that it is just and reasonable to make the order.
- (2) A labour market enforcement order (an “LME order”) is an order which—
 - (a) prohibits or restricts the person against whom it is made (“the respondent”) from doing anything set out in the order;
 - (b) requires the respondent to do anything set out in the order.

See section 21.

- (3) In this section “the appropriate court”—
 - (a) where the conduct constituting the trigger offence took or is taking place primarily in England and Wales, means a magistrates' court;
 - (b) where that conduct took or is taking place primarily in Scotland, means the sheriff;

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- (c) where that conduct took or is taking place primarily in Northern Ireland, means a court of summary jurisdiction.
- (4) An application for an LME order under this section is—
 - (a) in England and Wales, to be made by complaint;
 - (b) in Northern Ireland, to be made by complaint under Part 8 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/1675 (N.I. 26)).

Commencement Information

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