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**The Human Trafficking and Exploitation
(Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 1
and Transitory Provisions) Regulations 2016**

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitory Provisions) Regulations 2016 and come into force on 31st May 2016.

(2) In these Regulations “the Act” means the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015.

Appointed day

2.—(1) 31st May 2016 is the day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Act specified in column 1 of the Schedule (the subject matter of which is described in column 2).

(2) If a purpose is specified in column 3 of the Schedule in relation to any provision specified in column 1, that provision comes into force for that purpose only.

Transitory provision – minor and consequential modifications

3.—(1) Paragraph (2) has effect until the end of the period of 3 months beginning on the date on which paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 of the schedule to the Act come into force.

(2) Despite the amendments made by paragraph 3 of that schedule, for the purposes of section 40A(1) of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004(1) an “exploitation offence” continues to include any of the following—

- (a) an offence under section 22 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 (traffic in prostitution etc.);
- (b) an offence under section 4 of the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (trafficking people for exploitation); and
- (c) an offence under section 47 of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour).

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