



Sex Offenders Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 51

PART II

SEXUAL OFFENCES COMMITTED OUTSIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM

7 Extension of jurisdiction: England and Wales and Northern Ireland.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, any act done by a person in a country or territory outside the United Kingdom which—
 - (a) constituted an offence under the law in force in that country or territory; and
 - (b) would constitute a sexual offence to which this section applies if it had been done in England and Wales, or in Northern Ireland,shall constitute that sexual offence under the law of that part of the United Kingdom.
- (2) No proceedings shall by virtue of this section be brought against any person unless he was at the commencement of this section, or has subsequently become, a British citizen or resident in the United Kingdom.
- (3) An act punishable under the law in force in any country or territory constitutes an offence under that law for the purposes of this section, however it is described in that law.
- (4) Subject to subsection (5) below, the condition in subsection (1)(a) above shall be taken to be satisfied unless, not later than rules of court may provide, the defence serve on the prosecution a notice—
 - (a) stating that, on the facts as alleged with respect to the act in question, the condition is not in their opinion satisfied;
 - (b) showing their grounds for that opinion; and
 - (c) requiring the prosecution to show that it is satisfied.
- (5) The court, if it thinks fit, may permit the defence to require the prosecution to show that the condition is satisfied without the prior service of a notice under subsection (4) above.

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- (6) In the Crown Court the question whether the condition is satisfied is to be decided by the judge alone.
- (7) Schedule 2 to this Act (which lists the sexual offences to which this section applies) shall have effect.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act repealed by [2003 c. 42 Sch. 6 para. 37 Sch. 7](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 1 para. 2(1)(f) added by [2003 asp 13 s. 314](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 3(1)(l) and word added by [S.I. 2003/1247 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 20\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2(1)(f) and word inserted by [S.I. 2003/1247 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 21\(a\)\(ii\)](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Sex Offenders Act 1997

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2004/874 art. 2](#) commences ([2003 c. 42](#))
- [S.S.I. 2003/378 art. 2](#) commences ([2000 c. 44](#))
- [S.S.I. 2005/161 art. 2-4](#) commences ([2003 asp 13](#))
- [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2 3](#) commences ([S.I. 2003/1247 \(N.I.\)](#))
- [S.R. 2005/391 art. 2](#) commences ([2002 c. 26](#))