

Sexual Offences Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 42

PART 2

NOTIFICATION AND ORDERS

Foreign travel orders

116 Section 114: qualifying offenders

- (1) A person is a qualifying offender for the purposes of section 114 if, whether before or after the commencement of this Part, he—
 - (a) has been convicted of an offence within subsection (2),
 - (b) has been found not guilty of such an offence by reason of insanity,
 - (c) has been found to be under a disability and to have done the act charged against him in respect of such an offence, or
 - (d) in England and Wales or Northern Ireland, has been cautioned in respect of such an offence.

(2) The offences are—

- (a) an offence within any of paragraphs 13 to 15, 44 to 46, 77, 78 and 82 of Schedule 3;
- (b) an offence within paragraph 31 of that Schedule, if the intended offence was an offence against a person under 16;
- (c) an offence within paragraph 93 of that Schedule, if—
 - (i) the corresponding civil offence is an offence within any of paragraphs 13 to 15 of that Schedule;
 - (ii) the corresponding civil offence is an offence within paragraph 31 of that Schedule, and the intended offence was an offence against a person under 16; or
 - (iii) the corresponding civil offence is an offence within any of paragraphs 1 to 12, 16 to 30 and 32 to 35 of that Schedule, and the victim of the offence was under 16 at the time of the offence.

- (d) an offence within any other paragraph of that Schedule, if the victim of the offence was under 16 at the time of the offence.
- (3) A person is also a qualifying offender for the purposes of section 114 if, under the law in force in a country outside the United Kingdom and whether before or after the commencement of this Part—
 - (a) he has been convicted of a relevant offence (whether or not he has been punished for it),
 - (b) a court exercising jurisdiction under that law has made in respect of a relevant offence a finding equivalent to a finding that he is not guilty by reason of insanity,
 - (c) such a court has made in respect of a relevant offence a finding equivalent to a finding that he is under a disability and did the act charged against him in respect of the offence, or
 - (d) he has been cautioned in respect of a relevant offence.

(4) In subsection (3), "relevant offence" means an act which-

- (a) constituted an offence under the law in force in the country concerned, and
- (b) would have constituted an offence within subsection (2) if it had been done in any part of the United Kingdom.
- (5) An act punishable under the law in force in a country outside the United Kingdom constitutes an offence under that law for the purposes of subsection (4), however it is described in that law.
- (6) Subject to subsection (7), on an application under section 114 the condition in subsection (4)(b) above (where relevant) is to be taken as met unless, not later than rules of court may provide, the defendant serves on the applicant a notice—
 - (a) stating that, on the facts as alleged with respect to the act concerned, the condition is not in his opinion met,
 - (b) showing his grounds for that opinion, and
 - (c) requiring the applicant to prove that the condition is met.
- (7) The court, if it thinks fit, may permit the defendant to require the applicant to prove that the condition is met without service of a notice under subsection (6).