

*These notes refer to the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c.42)
which received Royal Assent on 20 November 2003*

SEXUAL OFFENCES ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1: Sexual Offences

Section 58: Trafficking within the UK for sexual exploitation

109. **Section 58** makes it an offence for a person (A) intentionally to arrange or facilitate travel within the UK of a person (B) where A intends to do anything to, or in respect of, B that would result in the commission of a relevant offence involving B, or where he believes that another person is likely to do something to, or in respect of, B that would result in the commission of a relevant offence involving B. In both cases, the relevant offence must take place during or after the journey but may take place anywhere in the world. “Relevant offence” is defined at *subsection (1)* of section 60. This offence is intended to apply both to UK nationals who are moved from one place to another in the UK to be sexually exploited as well as to others, including foreign nationals, who are, for example, trafficked to London from central Europe and then moved from London to another part of the UK to be sexually exploited.