

*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 59: Trafficking out of the UK for sexual exploitation

110. **Section 59** makes it an offence for a person (A) intentionally to arrange or facilitate the departure from 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 A 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 after B's departure and may take place anywhere in the world. "Relevant offence" is defined at *subsection (1)* of section 60
111. The offence is designed to cover the situation where B is in the UK, either because he is ordinarily resident here or because he has been trafficked here, but is then trafficked by A to another part of the world to be subjected to a sex offence.