

*These notes refer to the Equality Act 2010 (c.15) which received Royal Assent on 8 April 2010*

# EQUALITY ACT 2010

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 2: Equality: Key Concepts**

#### *Chapter 1: Protected characteristics*

#### *Section 9: Race*

#### **Examples**

- Colour includes being black or white.
- Nationality includes being a British, Australian or Swiss citizen.
- Ethnic or national origins include being from a Roma background or of Chinese heritage.
- A racial group could be “black Britons” which would encompass those people who are both black and who are British citizens.