



# Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015

## 2015 CHAPTER 2

### PART 1

#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

##### *Dangerous offenders*

#### **1 Maximum sentence for certain offences to be life imprisonment**

- (1) In section 4 of the Explosive Substances Act 1883 (making or possession of explosive under suspicious circumstances)—
  - (a) in subsection (1), for the words from “guilty” to the end substitute “ guilty of an offence ”, and
  - (b) after that subsection insert—
    - “(1A) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for life.
    - (1B) Where a person is convicted of an offence under subsection (1) the explosive substance is to be forfeited.”
- (2) In section 54(6)(a) of the Terrorism Act 2000 (penalty on conviction on indictment of offence involving weapons training for terrorism), for “imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years” substitute “ imprisonment for life ”.
- (3) In section 6(5)(a) of the Terrorism Act 2006 (penalty on conviction on indictment of offence involving training for terrorism), for “imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years” substitute “ imprisonment for life ”.
- (4) The amendments made by this section apply only in relation to an offence committed on or after the day on which they come into force.
- (5) Where an offence is found to have been committed over a period of 2 or more days, or at some time during a period of 2 or more days, it must be taken for the purposes of subsection (4) to have been committed on the last of those days.

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