



Modern Slavery Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 30

PART 2

PREVENTION ORDERS

Slavery and trafficking prevention orders

21 Interim slavery and trafficking prevention orders

- (1) This section applies where an application under section 15 (“the main application”) has not been determined.
- (2) An application for an interim slavery and trafficking prevention order—
 - (a) may be made by the complaint by which the main application is made, or
 - (b) if the main application has been made, may be made by the person who has made that application, by complaint to the court to which that application has been made.
- (3) The court may, if it considers it just to do so, make an interim slavery and trafficking prevention order.
- (4) An interim slavery and trafficking prevention order is an order which prohibits the defendant from doing anything described in the order.
- (5) The order may prohibit the defendant from doing things in any part of the United Kingdom, and anywhere outside the United Kingdom.
- (6) The order may (as well as imposing prohibitions on the defendant) require the defendant to comply with subsections (3) to (6) of section 19.
If it does, those subsections apply as if references to a slavery and trafficking prevention order were to an interim slavery and trafficking prevention order.

- (7) The order—
 - (a) has effect only for a fixed period, specified in the order;

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- (b) ceases to have effect, if it has not already done so, on the determination of the main application.
- (8) The applicant or the defendant may by complaint apply to the court that made the interim slavery and trafficking prevention order for the order to be varied, renewed or discharged.

Commencement Information

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- s. 50A(5A) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 28\(1\)](#)