



Modern Slavery Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 30

PART 5

PROTECTION OF VICTIMS

52 Duty to notify Secretary of State about suspected victims of slavery or human trafficking

- (1) If a public authority to which this section applies has reasonable grounds to believe that a person may be a victim of slavery or human trafficking it must notify—
 - (a) the Secretary of State, or
 - (b) if regulations made by the Secretary of State require it to notify a public authority other than the Secretary of State, that public authority.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about the information to be included in a notification.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) must provide that a notification relating to a person aged 18 or over may not include information that—
 - (a) identifies the person, or
 - (b) enables the person to be identified (either by itself or in combination with other information),unless the person consents to the inclusion of the information.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (2)—
 - (a) may provide that a public authority which includes information in a notification in accordance with the regulations does not breach any obligation of confidence owed by the public authority in relation to that information;
 - (b) may not require or authorise the inclusion of information which contravenes any other restriction on the disclosure of information (however imposed).
- (5) This section applies to—
 - (a) a chief officer of police for a police area,
 - (b) the chief constable of the British Transport Police Force,

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- (c) the National Crime Agency,
 - (d) a county council,
 - (e) a county borough council,
 - (f) a district council,
 - (g) a London borough council,
 - (h) the Greater London Authority,
 - (i) the Common Council of the City of London,
 - (j) the Council of the Isles of Scilly,
 - (k) the [^{F1}Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority].
- (6) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend subsection (5) so as to—
- (a) add or remove a public authority;
 - (b) amend the entry for a public authority.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 52(5)(k) substituted (12.7.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\), s. 94\(1\), Sch. 3 para. 29](#); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(u)
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 52 in force at 1.11.2015 by [S.I. 2015/1690, reg. 3](#)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

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