



Modern Slavery Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 30

PART 7

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

General

56 Interpretation

[^{F1}(A1) For the purposes of sections 48 to 53 (identification and protection of victims), “victim of slavery” and “victim of human trafficking” have the meanings given in regulations made by the Secretary of State under section 69 of the Nationality and Borders Act 2022.]

(1) For the purposes of [^{F2}any other provision of] this Act a person is a victim of slavery if he or she is a victim of—

- (a) conduct which constitutes an offence under section 1, or
- (b) conduct which would have constituted an offence under that section if that section had been in force when the conduct occurred.

(2) For the purposes of [^{F3}any other provision of] this Act a person is a victim of human trafficking if he or she is the victim of—

- (a) conduct which constitutes an offence under section 2, or would constitute an offence under that section if the person responsible for the conduct were a UK national, or
- (b) conduct which would have been within paragraph (a) if section 2 had been in force when the conduct occurred.

(3) In this Act—

- “child” means a person under the age of 18;
- “country” includes territory or other part of the world;
- “immigration officer” means a person appointed as an immigration officer under paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971;

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“public authority” means any public authority within the meaning of section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998, other than a court or tribunal;

“UK national” has the meaning given by section 13.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 56(A1) inserted (30.1.2023) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 60(7)(a), 87(1); S.I. 2023/33, reg. 3(a)
- F2** Words in s. 56(1) inserted (30.1.2023) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 60(7)(b), 87(1); S.I. 2023/33, reg. 3(a)
- F3** Words in s. 56(2) inserted (30.1.2023) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 60(7)(b), 87(1); S.I. 2023/33, reg. 3(a)

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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\(1\)](#)