



Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015

2015 asp 12

PART 1

OFFENCES

Human trafficking

2 Application of offence to conduct in United Kingdom and elsewhere

- (1) A person mentioned in subsection (2) commits an offence of human trafficking regardless of where the relevant action takes place.
- (2) The persons are—
 - (a) a person who is a UK national,
 - (b) a person who at the time of the offence was habitually resident in Scotland,
 - (c) a body incorporated under the law of a part of the United Kingdom.
- (3) A person not mentioned in subsection (2) commits an offence of human trafficking if—
 - (a) any part of the relevant action takes place in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) the relevant action is taken with a view to a person arriving in or entering into, departing from, or travelling within, the United Kingdom.

Commencement Information

II S. 2 in force at 31.5.2016 by S.S.I. 2016/128, reg. 2, Sch.

Changes to legislation:

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015, Section 2 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 04 December 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

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

- s. 9(10) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 28\(3\)](#)
- s. 10(3) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 28\(4\)](#)