

*These notes refer to the Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland)  
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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 8: Trafficking offences to be triable only on indictment***

Section 8 amends sections 57, 58 and 59 of the 2003 Act and section 4 of the 2004 Act to remove provision for summary conviction of human trafficking offences. Section 8 ensures that, from commencement, all future offences of human trafficking, whether for sexual exploitation or other forms of exploitation, will be triable on indictment only in the Crown Court, where the maximum sentence available is 14 years.