



## 2015 CHAPTER 2

### PART 3

#### ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT

##### Interpretation of this Part

**17.—**[<sup>F1</sup>(A1) For the purposes of this Part, there is a conclusive determination that a person is, or is not, a victim of—

- (a) slavery or servitude, or
- (b) forced or compulsory labour,

when, on completion of an identification process corresponding to one required by Article 10 of the Trafficking Convention, a competent authority concludes that the person is, or is not, such a victim.]

(1) For the purposes of this Part there is a conclusive determination that a person is, or is not, a victim of trafficking in human beings when, on completion of the identification process required by Article 10 of the Trafficking Convention, a competent authority concludes that the person is, or is not, such a victim.

[<sup>F2</sup>(1A) A reference in this Part to—

- (a) slavery or servitude, or
- (b) forced or compulsory labour,

is to be construed in accordance with Article 4 of the Human Rights Convention.]

(2) In this Part—

“competent authority” means a person who is a competent authority of the United Kingdom for the purposes of the Trafficking Convention;

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“the Trafficking Convention” means the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (done at Warsaw on 16 May 2005);

“trafficking in human beings” has the same meaning as in the Trafficking Convention.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 17(A1) inserted (28.4.2022) by [Justice \(Sexual Offences and Trafficking Victims\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(c. 19\)](#), **ss. 21(2)(a)**, 30(1)(a)
- F2** S. 17(1A) inserted (28.4.2022) by [Justice \(Sexual Offences and Trafficking Victims\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(c. 19\)](#), **ss. 21(2)(b)**, 30(1)(a)

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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. 18(10A) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 28\(5\)](#)