



2015 CHAPTER 2

PART 1

SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING OFFENCES

The offences

Human trafficking

2.—(1) A person (“A”) commits an offence if A arranges or facilitates the travel of another person (“B”) with a view to B being exploited.

(2) A may in particular arrange or facilitate B's travel by recruiting B, transporting or transferring B, harbouring or receiving B, or transferring or exchanging control over B.

(3) A arranges or facilitates B's travel with a view to B being exploited only if—

- (a) A intends to exploit B (in any part of the world) during or after the travel, or
- (b) A knows or ought to know that another person is likely to exploit B (in any part of the world) during or after the travel.

(4) “Travel” means—

- (a) arriving in, or entering, any country,
- (b) departing from any country,
- (c) travelling within any country.

(5) The consent of B to any act which forms part of an offence under this section is irrelevant.

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- (6) A person to whom this subsection applies commits an offence under this section regardless of—
- (a) where the arranging or facilitating takes place, or
 - (b) where the travel takes place.
- (7) Any other person commits an offence under this section if—
- (a) any part of the arranging or facilitating takes place in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) the travel consists of arrival in or entry into, departure from, or travel within the United Kingdom.
- (8) Subsection (6) applies to—
- (a) a UK national;
 - (b) a person who at the time of the offence was habitually resident in Northern Ireland; and
 - (c) a body incorporated under the law of a part of the United Kingdom.
- (9) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for life.

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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\(5\)](#)