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EXTRADITION ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1. These explanatory notes relate to the Extradition Act which received Royal Assent on 20th November 2003. They have been prepared by the Home Office in order to assist the reader in understanding the Act. They do not form part of the Act and have not been endorsed by Parliament.
2. These notes need to be read in conjunction with the Act. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Act. So where a section or part of a section does not seem to require any explanation or comment, none is given.
3. [Sections 157 to 160, 166 to 168, 171, 173](#) and [205](#) of the Act apply only to England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Sections 154, 198, 200 and 201 apply only to England and Wales. Sections 183 and 199 apply only to Scotland, and sections 184 and 185 apply only to Northern Ireland. All other sections of the Act apply to the whole of the United Kingdom.