

*These notes refer to the Extradition Act 2003 (c.41)  
which received Royal Assent on 20th November 2003*

# **EXTRADITION ACT 2003**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **SUMMARY**

4. This Act reforms the law on extradition.
5. Extradition takes place when, at the request of another jurisdiction, a person accused or convicted of a serious offence is returned by the United Kingdom to that jurisdiction, or where a person is returned from another jurisdiction, at the United Kingdom's request, to stand trial or serve a custodial sentence. (This is distinct from deportation where the country in which the person is present initiates the removal process.)