

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

EXTRADITION ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

TERRITORIAL APPLICATION: WALES

Part 1

Extradition to Category 1 Territories

Section 16: Hostage-taking considerations

51. A person's extradition is barred if the category 1 territory requesting extradition is a party to the Hostage-taking Convention and certain conditions apply. These are that, if extradited, communication between the person and the appropriate (consular) authorities would not be possible and the conduct constituting an extradition offence would constitute an offence under section 1 of the Taking of Hostages Act 1982 or an attempt to commit such an offence (*subsection (1)*).
52. *Subsections (2) to (4)* make interpretative provision relating to the hostage-taking bar to extradition.