

*These notes refer to the Modern Slavery Act 2015  
(c.30) which received Royal Assent on 26 March 2015*

# **MODERN SLAVERY ACT 2015**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **TERRITORIAL EXTENT AND APPLICATION**

9. [Section 60](#) sets out the territorial extent of the Act.
10. The majority of the Act's provisions extend to England and Wales only (subject to some consequential amendments having the same extent as the provisions being amended), but certain provisions also extend to Scotland and Northern Ireland.
11. In Part 3 of the Act relating to maritime enforcement powers section 35 extends to England and Wales only, 36 to Scotland only, 37 to Northern Ireland only and sections 38 and 39 and Schedule 2 to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
12. The role of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner as set out in Part 4 of the Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
13. [Section 53](#), relating to protections for overseas domestic workers extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
14. [Part 6](#), relating to transparency in supply chains, extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
15. [Part 7](#) relating to the Gangmasters Licensing Authority and general matters such as consequential provision and commencement extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
16. The human trafficking offence in section 2 provides for extra territorial jurisdiction over UK nationals who commit trafficking offences overseas.