



# Modern Slavery Act 2015

## 2015 CHAPTER 30

### PART 1

#### OFFENCES

##### *Offences*

## 2 Human trafficking

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person arranges or facilitates the travel of another person (“V”) with a view to V being exploited.
- (2) It is irrelevant whether V consents to the travel (whether V is an adult or a child).
- (3) A person may in particular arrange or facilitate V's travel by recruiting V, transporting or transferring V, harbouring or receiving V, or transferring or exchanging control over V.
- (4) A person arranges or facilitates V's travel with a view to V being exploited only if—
  - (a) the person intends to exploit V (in any part of the world) during or after the travel, or
  - (b) the person knows or ought to know that another person is likely to exploit V (in any part of the world) during or after the travel.
- (5) “Travel” means—
  - (a) arriving in, or entering, any country,
  - (b) departing from any country,
  - (c) travelling within any country.
- (6) A person who is a UK national commits an offence under this section regardless of—
  - (a) where the arranging or facilitating takes place, or
  - (b) where the travel takes place.
- (7) A person who is not a UK national commits an offence under this section if—

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- (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.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 2 in force at 31.7.2015 by [S.I. 2015/1476](#), **reg. 2(a)** (with [regs. 6-8](#))

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 50A(5A) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 28\(1\)](#)