

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are the first commencement regulations made under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (c. 30) (“the 2015 Act”).

Regulation 2 brings into force on 31st July 2015 provisions of the 2015 Act relating to offences of slavery, servitude, forced or compulsory labour and human trafficking, prevention orders, the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, a defence for slavery and trafficking victims who commit certain offences and special measures for witnesses in criminal proceedings.

Regulations 3 to 8 make saving and transitional provision in connection with the coming into force of the provisions of the 2015 Act relating to offences of slavery, servitude, forced or compulsory labour and human trafficking.