

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are the first commencement regulations made under the Serious Crime Act 2015 (c. 9) (“the 2015 Act”).

Regulation 2 brings into force on 3rd May 2015 provisions of the 2015 Act relating to computer misuse, serious crime prevention orders, the seizure and forfeiture of drug-cutting agents, child cruelty, child sexual exploitation, termination of pregnancy on grounds of sex of foetus and the new offences of participating in the activities of an organised crime group and the possession of a paedophile manual. Regulation 2 also brings into force on the same date consequential amendments in Schedule 4 to the 2015 Act that relate to these provisions, and to sections 72 and 80 of the 2015 Act, which are commenced by section 88(4) and (5) of the Act.

Regulation 3 brings into force on 1st June 2015 provisions of the 2015 Act relating to confiscation and civil recovery under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (c. 29), injunctions to prevent gang-related violence and drug-dealing activity and the new offence of unauthorised possession of a knife or other offensive weapon in prison, as well as the consequential amendments in Schedule 4 to the 2015 Act that relate to these provisions.