



# Modern Slavery Act 2015

## 2015 CHAPTER 30

### PART 2

#### PREVENTION ORDERS

##### *Slavery and trafficking prevention orders*

#### **17 Effect of slavery and trafficking prevention orders**

- (1) A slavery and trafficking prevention order is an order prohibiting the defendant from doing anything described in the order.
- (2) The only prohibitions that may be included in the order are those which the court is satisfied are necessary for the purpose of protecting persons generally, or particular persons, from the physical or psychological harm which would be likely to occur if the defendant committed a slavery or human trafficking offence.
- (3) The order may prohibit the defendant from doing things in any part of the United Kingdom, and anywhere outside the United Kingdom.
- (4) Subject to section 18(1), a prohibition contained in a slavery and trafficking prevention order has effect—
  - (a) for a fixed period, specified in the order, of at least 5 years, or
  - (b) until further order.
- (5) A slavery and trafficking prevention order—
  - (a) may specify that some of its prohibitions have effect until further order and some for a fixed period;
  - (b) may specify different periods for different prohibitions.
- (6) If a court makes a slavery and trafficking prevention order in relation to a person who is already subject to such an order (whether made by that court or another), the earlier order ceases to have effect.

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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\(1\)](#)