



Modern Slavery Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 30

PART 5

PROTECTION OF VICTIMS

49 Guidance about identifying and supporting victims

- (1) The Secretary of State must issue guidance to such public authorities and other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate about—
 - (a) the sorts of things which indicate that a person may be a victim of slavery or human trafficking;
 - (b) arrangements for providing assistance and support to persons who there are reasonable grounds to believe [^{F1}are] victims of slavery or human trafficking [^{F2}or who are such victims];
 - (c) arrangements for determining whether there are reasonable grounds to believe that a person [^{F3}is] a victim of slavery or human trafficking.
 - [^{F4}(d) arrangements for determining whether a person is a victim of slavery or human trafficking.]

[^{F5}(1A) Guidance issued under subsection (1) must, in particular, provide that the determination mentioned in paragraph (d) is to be made on the balance of probabilities.]

- (2) The Secretary of State may, from time to time, revise the guidance issued under subsection (1).
- (3) The Secretary of State must arrange for any guidance issued or revised under this section to be published in a way the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (4) If the Secretary of State makes regulations under section 50, the references in subsection (1) to “arrangements” include arrangements under the regulations.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 49(1)(b) substituted (30.1.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\), ss. 60\(3\)\(a\)\(i\)](#), 87(1); S.I. 2023/33, reg. 3(a)
- F2** Words in s. 49(1)(b) inserted (30.1.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\), ss. 60\(3\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#), 87(1); S.I. 2023/33, reg. 3(a)
- F3** Word in s. 49(1)(c) substituted (30.1.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\), ss. 60\(3\)\(b\)](#), 87(1); S.I. 2023/33, reg. 3(a)
- F4** S. 49(1)(d) inserted (30.1.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\), ss. 60\(3\)\(c\)](#), 87(1); S.I. 2023/33, reg. 3(a)
- F5** S. 49(1A) inserted (30.1.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\), ss. 60\(4\)](#), 87(1); S.I. 2023/33, reg. 3(a)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 49 in force at 15.10.2015 by [S.I. 2015/1690, reg. 2\(a\)](#)

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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\(1\)](#)