



Modern Slavery Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 30

PART 7

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

General

61 Commencement

- (1) This Act comes into force on whatever day or days the Secretary of State appoints by regulations, subject to subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) Section 48(7) comes into force at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) This Part, other than section 57(1) and Schedule 5, comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (4) Before making regulations bringing into force any of the provisions of Part 3, the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) the Scottish Ministers, so far as the provisions extend to Scotland;
 - (b) the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland, so far as the provisions extend to Northern Ireland.
- (5) The Secretary of State may not make regulations under subsection (1) bringing into force section 48(1) to (6) (or any part of it) before the end of the period of 9 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (6) After the end of that period—
 - (a) if a resolution is passed by each House of Parliament that section 48(1) to (6) (or any part of it) should come into force, the Secretary of State must make regulations under subsection (1) bringing into force that section (or that part of it);

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- (b) the Secretary of State may not make regulations under subsection (1) bringing into force section 48(1) to (6) (or any part of it) unless required to do so by paragraph (a).
- (7) Regulations made by virtue of subsection (6)(a) must bring into force section 48(1) to (6) (or the part of it specified in the resolutions) before the end of the period of one month beginning with the day on which the resolutions are passed (or, if they are passed on different days, the day on which the later of them is passed).
- (8) The Secretary of State may by regulations make whatever saving, transitory or transitional provision the Secretary of State thinks appropriate in connection with the coming into force of any provision of this Act.

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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\(1\)](#)