STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1976 (C. 122)

CRIMINAL LAW, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Serious Crime Act 2015 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2015

Made - - - - 4th December 2015

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the power conferred by section 88(1) of the Serious Crime Act 2015(**1**), makes the following Regulations.

Citation and interpretation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Serious Crime Act 2015 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2015.

Provisions coming into force on 29th December 2015

2. The following provisions of the Serious Crime Act 2015 come into force on 29th December 2015—

(a) section 76 (coercive or controlling behaviour in an intimate or family relationship);

(b) section 77 (guidance about investigation of offences under section 76).

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4th December 2015

(**1**) 2015 c. 9.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are the fourth set of commencement regulations made under the Serious Crime Act 2015 (c. 9) ("the 2015 Act").

Regulation 2 brings into force on 29th December 2015 sections 76 and 77 of the 2015 Act. Section 76 creates a new offence of coercive or controlling behaviour in an intimate or family relationship and section 77 allows the Secretary of State to issue guidance about the investigation of offences under section 76 to whoever the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The following provisions of the Act have been brought into force to their fullest extent (unless indicated otherwise) by commencement regulations made before the date of these Regulations:

Provision	*Date of Commencement*	*S.I. No. or *S.R. No.*
Sections 1 to 4	01.06.2015	2015/820
Section 5	01.06.2015	2015/820
Section 6	01.06.2015	2015/820
Section 7	01.06.2015	2015/820
Section 8	01.06.2015	2015/820
Section 9	01.06.2015	2015/820
Section 10	01.06.2015	2015/820
Section 11	01.06.2015	2015/820
Section 12	01.06.2015	2015/820
Section 14	01.06.2015	2015/820
Section 24	01.06.2015	2015/190*
Section 25	01.06.2015	2015/190*
Section 26	01.06.2015	2015/190*
Section 27	01.06.2015	2015/190*
Section 28	01.06.2015	2015/190*
Section 29	01.06.2015	2015/190*
Section 30	01.06.2015	2015/190*
Section 31	01.06.2015	2015/190*