STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1743

MODERN SLAVERY, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Modern Slavery Act 2015 (Duty to Notify) Regulations 2015

Made - - - -	*1st October 2015*
Laid before Parliament	*9th October 2015*
Coming into force - -	*1st November 2015*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 52(2) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015(**1**), makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (Duty to Notify) Regulations 2015.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 1st November 2015.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"the Act" means the Modern Slavery Act 2015;

"human trafficking" means—

(a) conduct which constitutes an offence under section 2 of the Act, or would constitute an offence under that section if the person responsible for the conduct were a UK national, or

(b) conduct which would have been within paragraph (a) if section 2 had been in force when the conduct occurred;

"notification" means a notification made under section 52(1) of the Act;

"public authority" means a public authority to which section 52 of the Act applies;

"slavery" means—

(a) conduct which constitutes an offence under section 1 of the Act; or

(b) conduct which would have constituted an offence under that section if that section had been in force when the conduct occurred;

(**1**) 2015 c. 30.

"victim" means a person whom a public authority has reasonable grounds to believe may be a victim of slavery or human trafficking.

Information to be included in a notification

3.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (4), a notification must include the information specified in Schedules 1 and 2 to these Regulations where such information is in the possession or control of the public authority.

(2) A notification relating to a person aged 18 or over may not include information specified in Schedule 2 or information that—

(a) identifies the person, or

(b) enables the person to be identified (either by itself or in combination with other information),

unless the person consents to the inclusion of the information.

(3) A public authority which includes information in a notification in accordance with these Regulations does not breach any obligation of confidence owed by the public authority in relation to that information.

(4) Nothing in these Regulations requires or authorises the inclusion of information which contravenes any other restriction on the disclosure of information (however imposed).

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1st October 2015