

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Section 11 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (“the 2015 Act”) make provision for courts in Northern Ireland to impose slavery and trafficking prevention orders (STPOs) upon offenders convicted of an offence of slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour, or of human trafficking, either upon sentencing or following an application by the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

This Order commences section 11 of, and Schedule 3 to, the 2015 Act on 1st April 2016 for all other purposes to make the STPO regime fully operational.