

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations bring into force a code of practice issued under paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 2 to the Modern Slavery Act 2015. Schedule 2 sets out the enforcement powers in relation to ships that are available to an English and Welsh constable or an enforcement officer as defined by section 39(1) of that Act.

This code of practice sets out the practice to be followed by English and Welsh constables and enforcement officers when arresting a person under the power of arrest conferred by paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to that Act. Paragraph 4 provides a power to English and Welsh constables and enforcement officers to arrest without warrant any person whom the constable or officer has reasonable grounds to believe to be guilty of an offence under section 1 or 2 of that Act.