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**2016 No.**

**MODERN SLAVERY**

**The Modern Slavery Act 2015 (Code of Practice)  
Regulations 2016**

*Made* - - - -

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*Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 5(6) of Schedule 2 to the Modern Slavery Act 2015(a), makes the following Regulations.

The code which is brought into operation by these Regulations has been laid before Parliament in accordance with paragraph 5(10) of Schedule 2 to that Act.

A draft of these Regulations has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by each House of Parliament in accordance with paragraph 5(8) of Schedule 2 to that Act.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (Code of Practice) Regulations 2016, and come into force on the seventh day after the day on which they are made.

**Date on which this code of practice comes into operation**

2. The code of practice issued under paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 2 to the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (code of practice on the exercise of powers of arrest under paragraph 4 of that Schedule) which was laid before Parliament on 14th March 2016 comes into operation on the day on which these Regulations come into force.

Home Office

Date

Minister of State

## 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.

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