

The Modern Slavery Act (2015)



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Description	<p>The Modern Slavery Act gives law enforcement the tools to fight modern slavery, ensure perpetrators can receive suitably severe punishments for these appalling crimes and enhance support and protection for victims.</p> <p>With regards to the topic of supply chains, the Act require businesses over a certain size to disclose what action they have taken to ensure there is no modern slavery in their business or supply chains each year.</p> <p>The Modern Slavery Act is in seven parts: Part 1 consolidates and clarifies the existing offences of slavery and human trafficking whilst increasing the maximum penalty for such offences; Part 2 provides for two new civil preventative orders, the Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Order and the Slavery and Trafficking Risk Order; Part 3 provides for new maritime enforcement powers in relation to ships; Part 4 establishes the office of Independent Anti-slavery Commissioner and sets out the functions of the Commissioner; Part 5 introduces a number of measures focussed on supporting and protecting victims, including a statutory defence for slavery or trafficking victims and special measures for witnesses in criminal proceedings; Part 6 requires certain businesses to disclose what activity they are undertaking to eliminate slavery and trafficking from their supply chains and their own business; Part 7 requires the Secretary of State to publish a paper on the role of the Gangmasters Licensing Authority and otherwise relates to general matters such as consequential provision and commencement.</p>
Availability	<p>ENG: http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/30/contents/enacted</p>