



# Specialist Printing Equipment and Materials (Offences) Act 2015

## 2015 CHAPTER 16

### 2 Meaning of “specialist printing equipment”

- (1) In this Act, “specialist printing equipment” means any equipment which is designed or adapted for, or is otherwise capable of being used for, the making of relevant documents (including any material or article that is used in the making of such documents).
- (2) A “relevant document” is anything that is or purports to be—
  - (a) an identity document;
  - (b) a travel document;
  - (c) an entry document;
  - (d) a document used for verifying the holder's age or national insurance number;
  - (e) a currency note or protected coin, as defined by section 27(1) of the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act, 1981
  - (f) a debit or credit card;
  - (g) any other instrument to which section 5 of the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 applies (money orders, etc).
- (3) In subsection (2)(a), “identity document” means—
  - [<sup>F1</sup>(a) a document used for confirming—
    - (i) the right of a person at a time before IP completion day under the EU Treaties in respect of entry or residence in the United Kingdom; or
    - (ii) the right of a person under the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016 (as they continue to have effect by virtue of the Citizens' Rights (Application Deadline and Temporary Protection) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020) in respect of entry or residence in the United Kingdom;]
  - (b) a document that is given in the exercise of immigration functions and records information about leave granted to a person to enter or remain in the United Kingdom;

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- (c) a registration card (within the meaning of section 26A of the Immigration Act 1971);
  - (d) a United Kingdom passport (within the meaning of the Immigration Act 1971);
  - (e) a passport, or other document used for the purposes of establishing identity, issued by or on behalf of the authorities of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom or by or on behalf of an international organisation;
  - (f) a document that can be used (in some or all circumstances) instead of a passport.
- [<sup>F2</sup>(3A) In subsection 3(a)(i) “EU Treaties” includes a reference to those Treaties so far as applicable to and in the United Kingdom by virtue of Part 4 of the EU withdrawal agreement.]
- (4) In subsection (2)(b), “travel document” means—
- (a) a licence to drive a motor vehicle granted under Part 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 or under Part 2 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1));
  - (b) a driving licence issued by or on behalf of the authorities of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom or by or on behalf of an international organisation;
  - (c) a ticket or other document authorising travel on public passenger transport services;
  - (d) a permit authorising travel on public passenger transport services at a concession;
  - (e) a badge of a form prescribed under section 21 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 (blue badge scheme) or a recognised badge for the purposes of section 21A of that Act.
- (5) In subsection (2)(c), “entry document” means any document used for the purpose of authorising the holder to enter any premises (or part of premises), including—
- (a) a security pass or other document used in that capacity, and
  - (b) a ticket, or other document used in that capacity, to a sporting or other event.
- (6) In this section—
- “equipment” includes any device, machinery or apparatus and any wire or cable, together with any software used with it;
  - “document” means information recorded in any form (including stamps or labels);
  - “immigration functions” means functions under the Immigration Acts (within the meaning of the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc) Act 2004);
  - “premises” includes any land;
  - “public passenger transport services” has the same meaning as in the Transport Act 1985 (see section 63(10) of that Act).

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 2(3)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Act 2020 \(Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1309\)](#), regs. 1(2), **22(2)(a)**

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