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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 6

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE OFFENCES

PART 1

ENGLAND AND WALES, AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- 1 An offence under section 2 of the Obscene Publications Act 1959 relating to an obscene article tending to deprave and corrupt others by encouraging them to commit an offence specified in paragraph 2, 4, 5, 7 or 8.

Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. 6 para. 1 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(4\)\(h\)](#)

- 2 An offence under section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1978 (indecent photographs of children).

Commencement Information

- I2** Sch. 6 para. 2 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(4\)\(h\)](#)

- 3 An offence under Article 3 of the Protection of Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/1047 (N.I. 17)) (indecent photographs of children).

Commencement Information

- I3** Sch. 6 para. 3 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(4\)\(h\)](#)

- 4 An offence under section 160 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (possession of indecent photograph of a child).

Commencement Information

- I4** Sch. 6 para. 4 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(4\)\(h\)](#)

- 5 An offence under any of the following provisions of the Sexual Offences Act 2003—
- (a) section 8 (causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity);
 - (b) section 10 (causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity);
 - (c) section 11 (engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child);
 - (d) section 12 (causing a child to watch a sexual act);

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- (e) section 13 (child sex offences committed by children or young persons);
- (f) section 14 (arranging or facilitating commission of a child sex offence);
- (g) section 15 (meeting a child following sexual grooming etc);
- (h) section 15A (sexual communication with a child);
- (i) section 47 (paying for sexual services of a child);
- (j) section 48 (causing or inciting sexual exploitation of a child);
- (k) section 49 (controlling a child in relation to sexual exploitation);
- (l) section 50 (arranging or facilitating sexual exploitation of a child).

Commencement Information

I5 Sch. 6 para. 5 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(4\)\(h\)](#)

- 6 An offence under any of the following provisions of the Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 ([S.I. 2008/1769 \(N.I. 2\)](#))—
- (a) Article 15 (causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity);
 - (b) Article 17 (causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity);
 - (c) Article 18 (engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child);
 - (d) Article 19 (causing a child to watch a sexual act);
 - (e) Article 20 (sexual offences against children committed by children or young persons);
 - (f) Article 21 (arranging or facilitating commission of a sex offence against a child);
 - (g) Article 22 (meeting a child following sexual grooming etc);
 - (h) Article 22A (sexual communication with a child);
 - (i) Article 37 (paying for sexual services of a child);
 - (j) Article 38 (causing or inciting child prostitution or pornography);
 - (k) Article 39 (controlling a child prostitute or a child involved in pornography);
 - (l) Article 40 (arranging or facilitating child prostitution or pornography).

Commencement Information

I6 Sch. 6 para. 6 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(4\)\(h\)](#)

- 7 An offence under section 62 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (possession of prohibited image of a child).

Commencement Information

I7 Sch. 6 para. 7 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(4\)\(h\)](#)

- 8 An offence under section 69 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 (possession of paedophile manual).

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I8 Sch. 6 para. 8 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(4\)\(h\)](#)

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Inchoate offences

- 9 (1) An offence of attempting or conspiring to commit an offence specified in this Part.
- (2) An offence under Part 2 of the Serious Crime Act 2007 (encouraging or assisting) in relation to an offence specified in this Part.
- (3) An offence of aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of an offence specified in this Part.

Commencement Information

19 Sch. 6 para. 9 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(4\)\(h\)](#)

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