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# The General Civil Penal Code

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## PREFACE

This unofficial translation of the Penal Code (Straffeloven 1902) is largely based on the translation made by Harald Schjoldager and Finn Backer (1961) and Ronald Walford in close cooperation with Sandra Hamilton (1995). Further amendments to the Act have been translated by Ronald Walford and Maidie Kloster and incorporated therein with the approval of the Ministry of Justice.

Finding exact English equivalents for the Norwegian legal terms and concepts involved was no easy task. In some cases the solutions adopted are no more than approximations, since there are no direct equivalents, and on occasion it has been necessary to resort to explanatory notes.

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Section 224. Any person who by force, threats, misuse of another person's vulnerability, or other improper conduct exploits another person for the purpose of

- a) prostitution or other sexual purposes,
- b) forced labour,
- c) war service in a foreign country, or
- d) removal of any of the said person's organs,

or who induces another person to allow himself or herself to be used for such purposes, shall be guilty of human trafficking and shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years.

Any person who

- a) makes arrangements for such exploitation or inducement as is mentioned in the first paragraph by procuring, transporting or receiving the person concerned,
- b) in any other way aids and abets such exploitation or inducement, or
- c) provides payment or any other advantage in order to obtain consent to such exploitation from any person who has authority over the aggrieved person, or who receives such payment or other advantage

shall be liable to the same penalty.

Any person who commits an act referred to in the first or second paragraph against a person who is under 18 years of age shall be liable to a penalty independently of any use of force or threats, misuse of a person's vulnerability, or other improper conduct.

Gross human trafficking is punishable by imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years. In deciding whether the offence is gross, particular importance shall be attached to whether the person exposed to the act was under 18 years of age, whether gross violence or coercion was used or whether the act led to considerable gain.

Section 225. Any person who causes another person to be enslaved, or who aids and abets thereto, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of not less than five years and not exceeding 21 years.

Any person who engages in slave-trading or the transporting of slaves or persons destined for slave-trading, or who aids and abets thereto, shall be liable to the same penalty.

Any person who conspires with another person for the purpose of carrying out any act referred to in this section, or aiding and abetting thereto, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years.