

## Passport policy - Travel Restriction Orders

### Staff guidance

The Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 came into force on 1 April 2002. This Act makes provision for the Crown Courts to impose Travel Restriction Orders on certain drug trafficking offenders and to confiscate the passports of those who are British nationals for the period of the travel ban.

The power to make a Travel Restriction order (TRO) is a discretionary power intended to apply to serious cases of drug trafficking. The Court's power to impose such an order at the time of sentencing is targeted at those traffickers:

- Who are convicted of certain "trigger" offences which are identified by a direct relationship with overseas travel, and
- Upon whom the court has determined that it would be appropriate to impose a term of imprisonment of four years or more.

The TRO is intended to prevent convicted drug traffickers from travelling outside the UK for as long as the orders are in force.

The Courts will provide details of those subject to a TRO to be entered on to the passport Stop File and regional Fraud Intelligence Unit (FIU) teams will deal with any passport applications received.

Enquiries relating to TROs should be referred immediately to regional FIU teams.