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The Iranian Penal Code stipulates corporal punishments for a wide range of offences, including death penalty, crucifixion, limb amputation, blinding, stoning, retributive ‘eye for an eye’ punishments, flogging, etc. Flogging could be used as a punishment for at least 148 offences, while the punishment of amputation was used for 20 offences. In some cases, the punishment is at the discretion of the judge [Country Focus 2024, 3.2.].

Please also refer to Article 15(a) QD/QR: death penalty or execution.

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Corporal punishments, such as those described above, would meet the requirements of serious harm under Article 15(b) QD/QR.

Where there is no nexus to a reason for persecution under the refugee definition, and there is a reasonable degree of likelihood for the individual to be subjected to corporal punishment, this risk would qualify under Article 15(b) QD/QR.

Exclusion considerations may be relevant.

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