



## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force the code of practice on Retention of Communications Data prepared under section 71 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (c. 23) as modified by the Data Retention Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014 / 2042). The purpose of the code is to set out guidance relating to the retention by communications service providers of communications data under section 1 of the Data Retention and Investigatory Powers Act 2014 (c.27).

Under section 72(1) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, a person exercising any power or duty in relation to which provision may be made by a code of practice under section 71 must, in doing so, have regard to the code's provisions (as far as applicable).

The code is laid before Parliament with this Order. A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that the Data Retention and Investigatory Powers Act 2014 will have on the costs of business was published with that Act and with the Data Retention Regulations 2014. No separate assessment has been produced for this Order.

The code of practice will be published by the Stationery Office and copies may be obtained from the Stationery Office bookshops or online shop. The code of practice will also be available on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Codes of Practice pages of the gov.uk website.

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