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**2016 No.**

The European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016

PART 2

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE  
REFERENDUM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

*Action to be taken before the poll*

**Notification of requirement of secrecy**

**24.**—(1) The counting officer must make whatever arrangements the officer thinks are appropriate to ensure that—

- (a) every person attending at a polling station (otherwise than for the purpose of voting, or assisting a voter with disabilities to vote, or as a constable on duty there) has been given a copy in writing of the provisions of subsections (1), (3) and (6) of section 66 of the 1983 Act<sup>(1)</sup> as modified by Schedule 1;
- (b) every person attending at the counting of the votes (other than any constable on duty at the counting) has been given a copy in writing of the provisions of subsections (2)(2) and (6) of that section as so modified.

(2) In the application of this regulation in England and Wales, a reference to a constable includes a person designated as a community support officer under section 38 of the Police Reform Act 2002<sup>(3)</sup> (police powers for employees).

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(1) Section 66(1) was amended by paragraphs 69 and 82 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22); paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 2 to the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 14); and by article 3 of S.S.I. 2012/31. Section 66(3) was amended by paragraphs 69 and 86(b) of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 and section 34(1)(b)(ii) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006. Section 66(6) was amended by paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50).

(2) Section 66(2) was amended by paragraphs 69 and 86(a) of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22) and section 34(1)(b)(i) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 14).

(3) 2002 c.30. Section 38 was amended by section 120 of, and paragraphs 179 and 181 of Schedule 4 to, the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c.15); section 7(1) of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 5 to, the Police and Justice Act 2006 (c.48); paragraphs 125(1) and (2) of Schedule 7 to the Policing and Crime Act 2009 (c.26); and paragraphs 277 and 292 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c.13).