



# Misuse of Drugs Act 1971

## 1971 CHAPTER 38

### *Miscellaneous and supplementary provisions*

#### **29 Service of documents.**

[<sup>F1</sup>(A1) In the application of this Act to criminal proceedings in England and Wales, any notice or other document required or authorised by any provision of this Act to be served on any person may be served on the person in accordance with Criminal Procedure Rules.

(A2) In any other application of this Act, subsections (1) to (4) apply.]

- (1) Any notice or other document required or authorised by any provision of this Act to be served on any person may be served on him either by delivering it to him or by leaving it at his proper address or by sending it by post.
- (2) Any notice or other document so required or authorised to be served on a body corporate shall be duly served if it is served on the secretary or clerk of that body.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, and of [<sup>F2</sup>section 7 of the <sup>M1</sup>Interpretation Act 1978] in its application to this section, the proper address of any person shall, in the case of the secretary or clerk of a body corporate, be that of the registered or principal office of that body, and in any other case shall be the last address of the person to be served which is known to the Secretary of State.
- (4) Where any of the following documents, that is to say—
  - (a) a notice under section 11(1) or section 15(6) of this Act; or
  - (b) a copy of a direction given under section 12(2), section 13(1) or (2) or section 16(3) of this Act,

is served by sending it by registered post or by the recorded delivery service, service thereof shall be deemed to have been effected at the time when the letter containing it would be delivered in the ordinary course of post; and so much of [<sup>F2</sup>section 7 of the <sup>M2</sup>Interpretation Act 1978] as relates to the time when service by post is deemed to have been effected shall not apply to such a document if it is served by so sending it.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, Section 29. (See end of Document for details)

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 29(A1)(A2) inserted (28.6.2022) by [Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 35\)](#), s. 51(3), [Sch. 1 para. 2](#)
- F2** Words substituted by virtue of [Interpretation Act 1978 \(c. 30\)](#), s. [25\(2\)](#)
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- M1** 1978 c. 30.
- M2** 1978 c. 30.

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