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9 A relevant officer must produce evidence of the officer's authority...

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11 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of...

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Introductory
12 (1) This Part of this Schedule sets out the powers...

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13 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable...

Power to search and obtain information
14 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable...

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15 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable...

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16 (1) The relevant officer may search a person found on...
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Assistants

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19 A relevant officer may use reasonable force, if necessary, in...

Evidence of authority

20 A relevant officer must produce evidence of the officer's authority...

Protection of relevant officers

21 A relevant officer is not liable in any criminal or...

Offences

22 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of...

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3 [(1)] The Lord Chancellor shall pay— (a) to the adjudicators,...
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7 The president and such number of the other members of...
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9 [(1)] The Lord Chancellor shall pay— (a) to the members of...
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- s. 8B(1)(2) power to modify conferred by S.I. 2019/411 reg. 98(1) (This amendment comes into force in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State under 2018 c. 13, s. 56)
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- s. 8B(1)(2) power to modify conferred by S.I. 2019/438 reg. 38(1) (This amendment comes into force in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State under 2018 c. 13, s. 56)
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– s. 10(1) words repealed by 1999 c. 33 Sch. 14 para. 47(2)Sch. 16
– s. 10(2) words substituted by 1999 c. 33 Sch. 14 para. 47(4)
– s. 11(1) words inserted by 1999 c. 33 Sch. 14 para. 47(8)
– s. 11(1) words omitted by 2016 c. 19 Sch. 10 para. 15(b)
– s. 25 heading words inserted by S.I. 2019/745 reg. 4(3)(a) (Exit day)
– s. 25(1) word substituted by S.I. 2019/745 reg. 4(3)(b)(i) (Exit day — in each place where it appears)
– s. 25(1) words inserted by S.I. 2019/745 reg. 4(3)(b)(ii) (Exit day — in each place where it appears)
– s. 25(2) words inserted by S.I. 2019/745 reg. 4(3)(c)(i) (Exit day)
– s. 25(2) words inserted by S.I. 2019/745 reg. 4(3)(c)(ii) (Exit day)
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– Sch. 2 para. 22-25 amendment to earlier affecting provision 1999 c. 33, s. 10(9)(h) by 2016 c. 19 Sch. 10 para. 27

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– Act applied by 2008 c. 4 s. 133(7)(8)

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– s. 10(1A)(1B) inserted by 1999 c. 33 Sch. 14 para. 47(3)
– s. 24C-24F inserted by 2016 c. 19 s. 44(2)
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– s. 26A(1)(b)(ii) inserted by 2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 25
– s. 28CA(1)(b) substituted for word in s. 28CA(1)(b) by 2016 c. 19 s. 44(5)
– Sch. 2 para. 27B(4A) inserted by 2004 c. 19 s. 16
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– Sch. 2 Pt. 1A inserted by 2016 c. 19 Sch. 13