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Terrorism Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 11

PART III

TERRORIST PROPERTY

VALID FROM 19/02/2001

Offences

15 Fund-raising.

(1) A person commits an offence if he—

- (a) invites another to provide money or other property, and
- (b) intends that it should be used, or has reasonable cause to suspect that it may be used, for the purposes of terrorism.

(2) A person commits an offence if he-

- (a) receives money or other property, and
- (b) intends that it should be used, or has reasonable cause to suspect that it may be used, for the purposes of terrorism.
- (3) A person commits an offence if he—
 - (a) provides money or other property, and
 - (b) knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that it will or may be used for the purposes of terrorism.
- (4) In this section a reference to the provision of money or other property is a reference to its being given, lent or otherwise made available, whether or not for consideration.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 15 applied (19.2.2001) by S.I. 2001/192, reg. 3

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16 Use and possession.

(1) A person commits an offence if he uses money or other property for the purposes of terrorism.

(2) A person commits an offence if he—

- (a) possesses money or other property, and
- (b) intends that it should be used, or has reasonable cause to suspect that it may be used, for the purposes of terrorism.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 S. 16 applied (19.2.2001) by S.I. 2001/192, reg. 3

17 Funding arrangements.

A person commits an offence if—

- (a) he enters into or becomes concerned in an arrangement as a result of which money or other property is made available or is to be made available to another, and
- (b) he knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that it will or may be used for the purposes of terrorism.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 S. 17 applied (19.2.2001) by S.I. 2001/192, reg. 3

18 Money laundering.

- (1) A person commits an offence if he enters into or becomes concerned in an arrangement which facilitates the retention or control by or on behalf of another person of terrorist property—
 - (a) by concealment,
 - (b) by removal from the jurisdiction,
 - (c) by transfer to nominees, or
 - (d) in any other way.
- (2) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (1) to prove that he did not know and had no reasonable cause to suspect that the arrangement related to terrorist property.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C4 S. 18 applied (19.2.2001) by S.I. 2001/192, reg. 3

19 Disclosure of information: duty.

(1) This section applies where a person—

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- (a) believes or suspects that another person has committed an offence under any of sections 15 to 18, and
- (b) bases his belief or suspicion on information which comes to his attention in the course of a trade, profession, business or employment.
- (2) The person commits an offence if he does not disclose to a constable as soon as is reasonably practicable—
 - (a) his belief or suspicion, and
 - (b) the information on which it is based.
- (3) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (2) to prove that he had a reasonable excuse for not making the disclosure.
- (4) Where—
 - (a) a person is in employment,
 - (b) his employer has established a procedure for the making of disclosures of the matters specified in subsection (2), and
 - (c) he is charged with an offence under that subsection,

it is a defence for him to prove that he disclosed the matters specified in that subsection in accordance with the procedure.

(5) Subsection (2) does not require disclosure by a professional legal adviser of—

- (a) information which he obtains in privileged circumstances, or
- (b) a belief or suspicion based on information which he obtains in privileged circumstances.
- (6) For the purpose of subsection (5) information is obtained by an adviser in privileged circumstances if it comes to him, otherwise than with a view to furthering a criminal purpose—
 - (a) from a client or a client's representative, in connection with the provision of legal advice by the adviser to the client,
 - (b) from a person seeking legal advice from the adviser, or from the person's representative, or
 - (c) from any person, for the purpose of actual or contemplated legal proceedings.
- (7) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a) a person shall be treated as having committed an offence under one of sections 15 to 18 if—
 - (a) he has taken an action or been in possession of a thing, and
 - (b) he would have committed an offence under one of those sections if he had been in the United Kingdom at the time when he took the action or was in possession of the thing.

(8) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable—

- (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, to a fine or to both, or
- (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C5 S. 19 applied (19.2.2001) by S.I. 2001/192, reg. 3

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S. 19 restricted (19.2.2001) by S.I. 2001/192, reg. 4

20 Disclosure of information: permission.

- (1) A person may disclose to a constable-
 - (a) a suspicion or belief that any money or other property is terrorist property or is derived from terrorist property;
 - (b) any matter on which the suspicion or belief is based.
- (2) A person may make a disclosure to a constable in the circumstances mentioned in section 19(1) and (2).
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) shall have effect notwithstanding any restriction on the disclosure of information imposed by statute or otherwise.
- (4) Where—
 - (a) a person is in employment, and
 - (b) his employer has established a procedure for the making of disclosures of the kinds mentioned in subsection (1) and section 19(2),

subsections (1) and (2) shall have effect in relation to that person as if any reference to disclosure to a constable included a reference to disclosure in accordance with the procedure.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C6 S. 20 applied (19.2.2001) by S.I. 2001/192, reg. 3

21 Cooperation with police.

- (1) A person does not commit an offence under any of sections 15 to 18 if he is acting with the express consent of a constable.
- (2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), a person does not commit an offence under any of sections 15 to 18 by involvement in a transaction or arrangement relating to money or other property if he discloses to a constable—
 - (a) his suspicion or belief that the money or other property is terrorist property, and
 - (b) the information on which his suspicion or belief is based.

(3) Subsection (2) applies only where a person makes a disclosure—

- (a) after he becomes concerned in the transaction concerned,
- (b) on his own initiative, and
- (c) as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- (4) Subsection (2) does not apply to a person if—
 - (a) a constable forbids him to continue his involvement in the transaction or arrangement to which the disclosure relates, and
 - (b) he continues his involvement.
- (5) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under any of sections 15(2) and(3) and 16 to 18 to prove that—

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- (a) he intended to make a disclosure of the kind mentioned in subsections (2) and (3), and
- (b) there is reasonable excuse for his failure to do so.

(6) Where—

- (a) a person is in employment, and
- (b) his employer has established a procedure for the making of disclosures of the same kind as may be made to a constable under subsection (2),

this section shall have effect in relation to that person as if any reference to disclosure to a constable included a reference to disclosure in accordance with the procedure.

(7) A reference in this section to a transaction or arrangement relating to money or other property includes a reference to use or possession.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C7 S. 21 applied (19.2.2001) by S.I. 2001/192, reg. 3
- C8 S. 21(3) modified (16.2.2009) by Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 (c. 28), ss. 77(4), 100(5) (with s. 101(2)); S.I. 2009/58, art. 2(e)

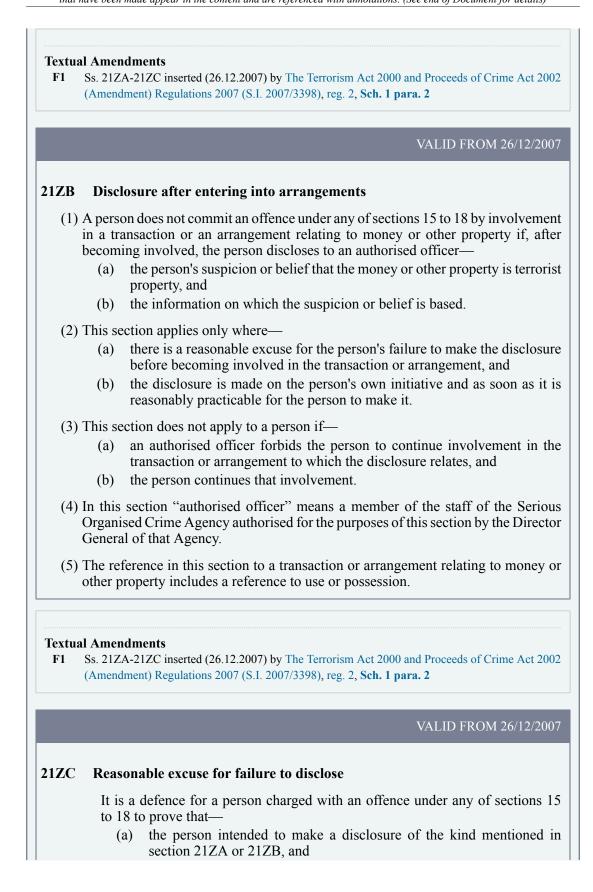
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[^{F1}21ZA Arrangements with prior consent

- (1) A person does not commit an offence under any of sections 15 to 18 by involvement in a transaction or an arrangement relating to money or other property if, before becoming involved, the person—
 - (a) discloses to an authorised officer the person's suspicion or belief that the money or other property is terrorist property and the information on which the suspicion or belief is based, and
 - (b) has the authorised officer's consent to becoming involved in the transaction or arrangement.
- (2) A person is treated as having an authorised officer's consent if before the end of the notice period the person does not receive notice from an authorised officer that consent is refused.
- (3) The notice period is the period of 7 working days starting with the first working day after the person makes the disclosure.
- (4) A working day is a day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day that is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 (c.80) in the part of the United Kingdom in which the person is when making the disclosure.
- (5) In this section "authorised officer" means a member of the staff of the Serious Organised Crime Agency authorised for the purposes of this section by the Director General of that Agency.
- (6) The reference in this section to a transaction or arrangement relating to money or other property includes a reference to use or possession.

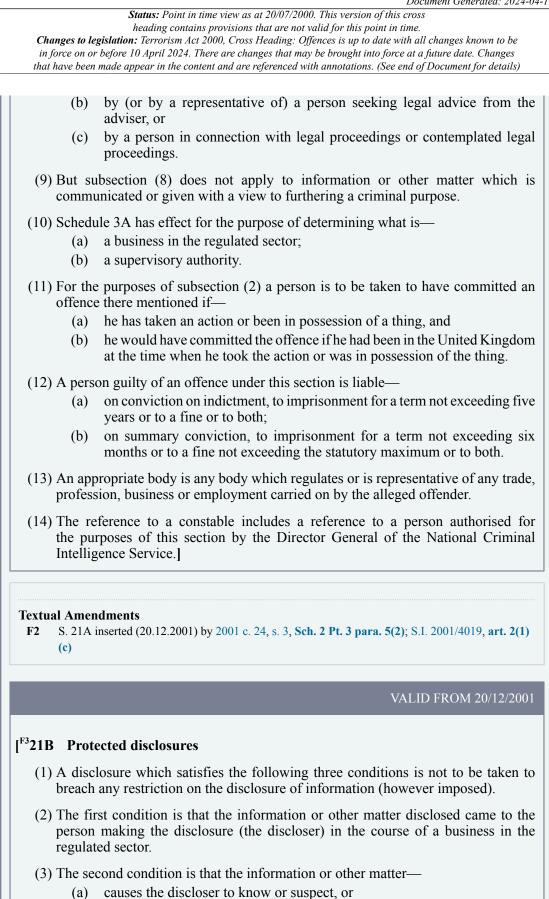
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(b) there is a reasonable excuse for the person's failure to do so.]	
Textual Amendments F1 Ss. 21ZA-21ZC inserted (26.12.2007) by The Terrorism Act 2000 and Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3398), reg. 2, Sch. 1 para. 2		
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[^{F2} 21A Failu	are to disclose: regulated sector	
(1) A pers	on commits an offence if each of the following three conditions is satisfied.	
(2) The fin (a)	st condition is that he— knows or suspects, or	
(b) that an	has reasonable grounds for knowing or suspecting, other person has committed an offence under any of sections 15 to 18.	
(a) (b)	cond condition is that the information or other matter— on which his knowledge or suspicion is based, or which gives reasonable grounds for such knowledge or suspicion, o him in the course of a business in the regulated sector.	
	ird condition is that he does not disclose the information or other matter to table or a nominated officer as soon as is practicable after it comes to him.	
(5) But a p (a)	berson does not commit an offence under this section if— he has a reasonable excuse for not disclosing the information or other matter;	
(b)	he is a professional legal adviser and the information or other matter came to him in privileged circumstances.	
	iding whether a person committed an offence under this section the court onsider whether he followed any relevant guidance which was at the time ned—	
(a)	issued by a supervisory authority or any other appropriate body,	
(b) (c)	approved by the Treasury, and published in a manner it approved as appropriate in its opinion to bring the guidance to the attention of persons likely to be affected by it.	
(7) A disc	losure to a nominated officer is a disclosure which—	
(a)	is made to a person nominated by the alleged offender's employer to receive disclosures under this section, and	
(b)	is made in the course of the alleged offender's employment and in accordance with the procedure established by the employer for the purpose.	
	nation or other matter comes to a professional legal adviser in privileged stances if it is communicated or given to him—	
(a)	by (or by a representative of) a client of his in connection with the giving by the adviser of legal advice to the client.	



(b) gives him reasonable grounds for knowing or suspecting,

that another person has committed an offence under any of sections 15 to 18.

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- (4) The third condition is that the disclosure is made to a constable or a nominated officer as soon as is practicable after the information or other matter comes to the discloser.
- (5) A disclosure to a nominated officer is a disclosure which—
 - (a) is made to a person nominated by the discloser's employer to receive disclosures under this section, and
 - (b) is made in the course of the discloser's employment and in accordance with the procedure established by the employer for the purpose.
- (6) The reference to a business in the regulated sector must be construed in accordance with Schedule 3A.
- (7) The reference to a constable includes a reference to a person authorised for the purposes of this section by the Director General of the National Criminal Intelligence Service.]

Textual Amendments

F3 S. 21B inserted (20.12.2001) by 2001 c. 24, s. 3, Sch. 2 Pt. 3 para. 5(2); S.I. 2001/4019, art. 2(1) (c)

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[^{F4}21C Disclosures to SOCA

- (1) Where a disclosure is made under a provision of this Part to a constable, the constable must disclose it in full as soon as practicable after it has been made to a member of staff of the Serious Organised Crime Agency authorised for the purposes of that provision by the Director General of that Agency.
- (2) Where a disclosure is made under section 21 (cooperation with police) to a constable, the constable must disclose it in full as soon as practicable after it has been made to a member of staff of the Serious Organised Crime Agency authorised for the purposes of this subsection by the Director General of that Agency.

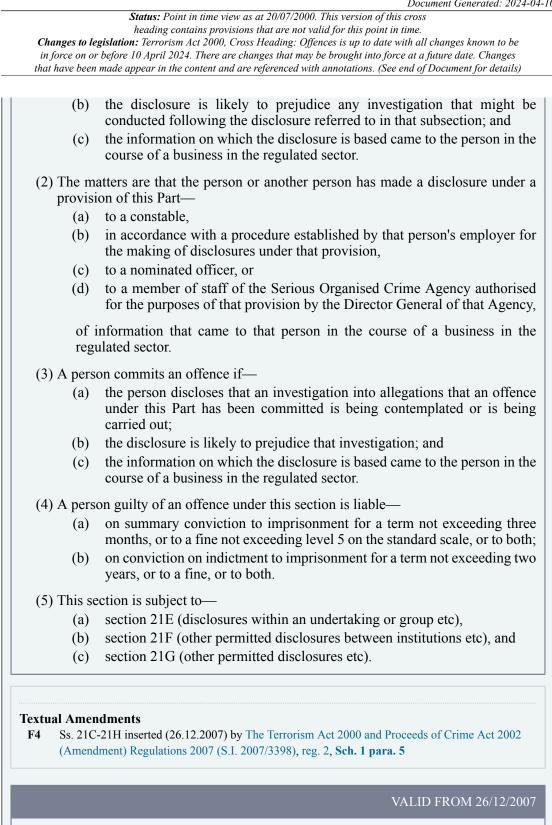
Textual Amendments

F4 Ss. 21C-21H inserted (26.12.2007) by The Terrorism Act 2000 and Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3398), reg. 2, Sch. 1 para. 5

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21D Tipping off: regulated sector

- (1) A person commits an offence if—
 - (a) the person discloses any matter within subsection (2);



21E Disclosures within an undertaking or group etc

(1) An employee, officer or partner of an undertaking does not commit an offence under section 21D if the disclosure is to an employee, officer or partner of the same undertaking.

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- (2) A person does not commit an offence under section 21D in respect of a disclosure by a credit institution or a financial institution if—
 - (a) the disclosure is to a credit institution or a financial institution,
 - (b) the institution to whom the disclosure is made is situated in an EEA State or in a country or territory imposing equivalent money laundering requirements, and
 - (c) both the institution making the disclosure and the institution to whom it is made belong to the same group.
- (3) In subsection (2) "group" has the same meaning as in Directive 2002/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16th December 2002 ^{F5} on the supplementary supervision of credit institutions, insurance undertakings and investment firms in a financial conglomerate.
- (4) A professional legal adviser or a relevant professional adviser does not commit an offence under section 21D if—
 - (a) the disclosure is to a professional legal adviser or a relevant professional adviser,
 - (b) both the person making the disclosure and the person to whom it is made carry on business in an EEA state or in a country or territory imposing equivalent money laundering requirements, and
 - (c) those persons perform their professional activities within different undertakings that share common ownership, management or control.

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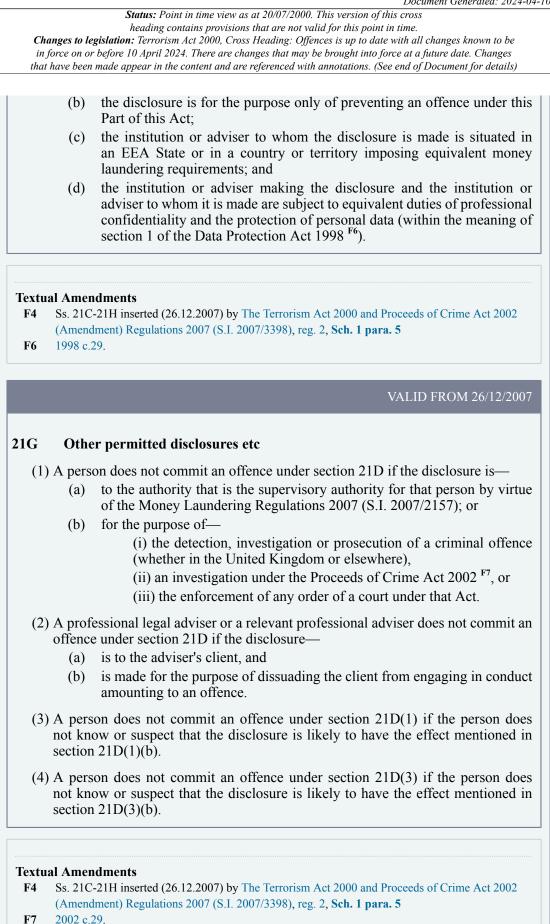
- F4 Ss. 21C-21H inserted (26.12.2007) by The Terrorism Act 2000 and Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3398), reg. 2, Sch. 1 para. 5
- **F5** OJ L 35, 11.2.2003, p.1.

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21F Other permitted disclosures between institutions etc

(1) This section applies to a disclosure—

- (a) by a credit institution to another credit institution,
- (b) by a financial institution to another financial institution,
- (c) by a professional legal adviser to another professional legal adviser, or
- (d) by a relevant professional adviser of a particular kind to another relevant professional adviser of the same kind.
- (2) A person does not commit an offence under section 21D in respect of a disclosure to which this section applies if—
 - (a) the disclosure relates to—
 - (i) a client or former client of the institution or adviser making the disclosure and the institution or adviser to whom it is made,
 - (ii) a transaction involving them both, or
 - (iii) the provision of a service involving them both;



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1H	Interpretation of sections 21D to 21G
(1)) The references in sections 21D to 21G—
	(a) to a business in the regulated sector, and
	(b) to a supervisory authority,
	are to be construed in accordance with Schedule 3A.
(2)) In those sections—
	"credit institution" has the same meaning as in Schedule 3A;
	"financial institution" means an undertaking that carries on a busines in the regulated sector by virtue of any of paragraphs (b) to (i) of paragrap 1(1) of that Schedule.
(3)	References in those sections to a disclosure by or to a credit institution or financial institution include disclosure by or to an employee, officer or partner of the institution acting on its behalf.
(4)) For the purposes of those sections a country or territory imposes "equivalent mono laundering requirements" if it imposes requirements equivalent to those laid dow in Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2005 ^{F8} on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpos of money laundering and terrorist financing.
(5)) In those sections "relevant professional adviser" means an accountant, auditor or tax adviser who is a member of a professional body which is established for accountants, auditors or tax advisers (as the case may be) and which make provision for—
	(a) testing the competence of those seeking admission to membership of suc a body as a condition for such admission; and
	(b) imposing and maintaining professional and ethical standards for i members, as well as imposing sanctions for non-compliance with thos standards.]
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F4	Ss. 21C-21H inserted (26.12.2007) by The Terrorism Act 2000 and Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
EO	(Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3398), reg. 2, Sch. 1 para. 5
F8	OJ L 309, 25.11.2005, p.15.

22 Penalties.

A person guilty of an offence under any of sections 15 to 18 shall be liable-

- (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 14 years, to a fine or to both, or
- (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both.

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Modifications etc. (not altering text) S. 22 applied (19.2.2001) by S.I. 2001/192, reg. 3 **C9** VALID FROM 16/02/2009 [^{F9}22A Meaning of "employment" In sections 19 to 21B-"employment" means any employment (whether paid or unpaid) and (a) includes-(i) work under a contract for services or as an office-holder, (ii) work experience provided pursuant to a training course or programme or in the course of training for employment, and (iii) voluntary work; "employer" has a corresponding meaning.] (b) **Textual Amendments** S. 22A inserted (16.2.2009) by Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 (c. 28), ss. 77(3)(4), 100(5) (with s. F9 101(2)); S.I. 2009/58, art. 2(e) X1F1023 Forfeiture. (1) The court by or before which a person is convicted of an offence under any of sections 15 to 18 may make a forfeiture order in accordance with the provisions of this section. (2) Where a person is convicted of an offence under section 15(1) or (2) or 16 the court may order the forfeiture of any money or other property-(a) which, at the time of the offence, he had in his possession or under his control, and which, at that time, he intended should be used, or had reasonable cause to (b) suspect might be used, for the purposes of terrorism. (3) Where a person is convicted of an offence under section 15(3) the court may order the forfeiture of any money or other propertywhich, at the time of the offence, he had in his possession or under his (a) control, and which, at that time, he knew or had reasonable cause to suspect would or (b) might be used for the purposes of terrorism. (4) Where a person is convicted of an offence under section 17 the court may order the forfeiture of the money or other propertyto which the arrangement in question related, and (a) which, at the time of the offence, he knew or had reasonable cause to suspect (b) would or might be used for the purposes of terrorism.

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- (5) Where a person is convicted of an offence under section 18 the court may order the forfeiture of the money or other property to which the arrangement in question related.
- (6) Where a person is convicted of an offence under any of sections 15 to 18, the court may order the forfeiture of any money or other property which wholly or partly, and directly or indirectly, is received by any person as a payment or other reward in connection with the commission of the offence.
- (7) Where a person other than the convicted person claims to be the owner of or otherwise interested in anything which can be forfeited by an order under this section, the court shall give him an opportunity to be heard before making an order.
- (8) A court in Scotland shall not make an order under this section except on the application of the prosecutor—
 - (a) in proceedings on indictment, when he moves for sentence, and
 - (b) in summary proceedings, before the court convicts the accused,

and for the purposes of any appeal or review, an order under this section made by a court in Scotland is a sentence.

(9) Schedule 4 (which makes further provision in relation to forfeiture orders under this section) shall have effect.

Editorial Information

X1 The insertion of the new heading "Forfeiture" in Pt. III on 18.6.2009 gives rise to a change in the structure of this legislation on SLD which breaks the continuity of historical versions of the existing provisions which are now brought under that new heading.

Textual Amendments

F10 S. 23 and cross-heading substituted (18.6.2009) for s. 23 by Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 (c. 28), ss. 34, 100(5) (with s. 101(2)); S.I. 2009/1256, art. 2(c)

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