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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

PERSONS HAVING THE APPROPRIATE PERMISSION

General requirements relating to the appropriate permission

- 6 (1) A person does not have the appropriate permission in relation to any protected information unless he is either—
- (a) a person who has the protected information in his possession or is likely to obtain possession of it; or
 - (b) a person who is authorised (apart from this Act) to act on behalf of such a person.
- (2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), a constable does not by virtue of paragraph 1, 4 or 5 have the appropriate permission in relation to any protected information unless—
- (a) he is of or above the rank of superintendent; or
 - (b) permission to give a section 49 notice in relation to that information has been granted by a person holding the rank of superintendent, or any higher rank.
- (3) In the case of protected information that has come into the police’s possession by means of the exercise of powers conferred by—
- (a) [F¹section 47A] of the M¹Terrorism Act 2000 (power to stop and search) [F²(including that section as it had effect by virtue of the Terrorism Act 2000 (Remedial) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/631)], or
 - (b) [F³section 44 of the Terrorism Act 2000 or] section 13A or 13B of the M²Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (which [F⁴previously had effect for similar purposes],
- the permission required by sub-paragraph (2) shall not be granted by any person below the rank mentioned in [F⁵paragraph 14(1) and (2) of Schedule 6B to that Act of 2000 (see the definition of “senior police officer”),] section 44(4) of that Act of 2000 or, as the case may be, section 13A(1) of that Act of 1989.
- [F⁶(3A) A [F⁷National Crime Agency officer] does not by virtue of paragraph 1, 4 or 5 have the appropriate permission in relation to any protected information unless permission to give a section 49 notice in relation to that information has been granted—
- (a) by the Director General; or
 - (b) by a member of the staff of the Agency of or above such level as the Director General may designate for the purposes of this sub-paragraph.]
- [F⁸(3B)
- (4) [F⁹An officer of Revenue and Customs] does not by virtue of paragraph 1, 4 or 5 have the appropriate permission in relation to any protected information unless permission to give a section 49 notice in relation to that information has been granted—

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- (a) by [^{F10}the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs]; or
 - (b) by an officer of [^{F11}Revenue and Customs] of or above such level as [^{F12}the Commissioners] may designate for the purposes of this sub-paragraph.
- (5) A member of Her Majesty's forces does not by virtue of paragraph 1, 4 or 5 have the appropriate permission in relation to any protected information unless—
- (a) he is of or above the rank of lieutenant colonel or its equivalent; or
 - (b) permission to give a section 49 notice in relation to that information has been granted by a person holding the rank of lieutenant colonel or its equivalent, or by a person holding a rank higher than lieutenant colonel or its equivalent.
- [^{F13}(6) In sub-paragraph (2) “constable” does not include a constable who is a [^{F14}National Crime Agency officer]^{F15}]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(3)(a) substituted (10.7.2012) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\), s. 120, Sch. 9 para. 27\(a\)\(i\)](#) (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)
- F2** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(3)(a) inserted (10.7.2012) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\), s. 120, Sch. 9 para. 27\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)
- F3** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(3)(b) inserted (10.7.2012) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\), s. 120, Sch. 9 para. 27\(b\)\(i\)](#) (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)
- F4** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(3)(b) substituted (10.7.2012) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\), s. 120, Sch. 9 para. 27\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)
- F5** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(3) inserted (10.7.2012) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\), s. 120, Sch. 9 para. 27\(c\)](#) (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)
- F6** Sch. 2 para. 6(3A) inserted (1.4.2006) by [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\), ss. 59, 178, Sch. 4 para. 156\(5\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), Sch. para. 10 (subject to art. 4(2)-(7))
- F7** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(3A) substituted (7.10.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\), s. 61\(2\), Sch. 8 para. 100\(5\)](#); S.I. 2013/1682, art. 3(v)
- F8** Sch. 2 para. 6(3B) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Provisions and Modifications\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/602\), art. 1\(2\), Sch. 2 para. 33\(26\)\(d\)\(i\)](#)
- F9** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(4) substituted (15.2.2008) by [Serious Crime Act 2007 \(c. 27\), ss. 88, 94, Sch. 12 para. 29\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2008/219, art. 2(a)
- F10** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(4) substituted (15.2.2008) by [Serious Crime Act 2007 \(c. 27\), ss. 88, 94, Sch. 12 para. 29\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2008/219, art. 2(b)
- F11** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(4) substituted (15.2.2008) by [Serious Crime Act 2007 \(c. 27\), ss. 88, 94, Sch. 12 para. 29\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2008/219, art. 2(c)
- F12** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(4) substituted (15.2.2008) by [Serious Crime Act 2007 \(c. 27\), ss. 88, 94, Sch. 12 para. 29\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2008/219, art. 2(d)
- F13** Sch. 2 para. 6(6) added (1.4.2006) by [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\), ss. 59, 178, Sch. 4 para. 156\(5\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), Sch. para. 10 (subject to art. 4(2)-(7))
- F14** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(6) substituted (7.10.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\), s. 61\(2\), Sch. 8 para. 100\(5\)](#); S.I. 2013/1682, art. 3(v)
- F15** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(6) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Provisions and Modifications\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/602\), art. 1\(2\), Sch. 2 para. 33\(26\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 2 para. 6(3) modified (18.3.2011) by [The Terrorism Act 2000 \(Remedial\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/631\), arts. 1, 5, Sch. 2 para. 4](#)

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Marginal Citations

M1 2000 c. 11.

M2 1989 c. 4.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 30(6A)-(6D) inserted by [2016 anaw 6 s. 187\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 65(2)(ba) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 11\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 65(4AA)(4AB) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 11\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 65(5)(czha)(czhb) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 6\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 65(8)(bba) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 6\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 67(5)(a) words renumbered as s. 67(5)(a) by [2024 c. 9 s. 11\(3\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 67(5)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 11\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 16A and cross-heading inserted by [2016 anaw 6 s. 187\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 20H inserted by [2013 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 74](#)