



Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 23

PART I

COMMUNICATIONS

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INTERCEPTION

Interception warrants

6 Application for issue of an interception warrant.

- (1) An interception warrant shall not be issued except on an application made by or on behalf of a person specified in subsection (2).
- (2) Those persons are—
 - (a) the Director-General of the Security Service;
 - (b) the Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service;
 - (c) the Director of GCHQ;
 - (d) the Director General of the [^{F1}Serious Organised Crime Agency] ;
 - [^{F2}(da) the Director General of the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency;]
 - (e) the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis;
 - (f) the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary;
 - (g) the chief constable of any police force maintained under or by virtue of section 1 of the ^{M1}Police (Scotland) Act 1967;
 - (h) [^{F3}the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs];
 - (i) the Chief of Defence Intelligence;

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- (j) a person who, for the purposes of any international mutual assistance agreement, is the competent authority of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom.
- (3) An application for the issue of an interception warrant shall not be made on behalf of a person specified in [F⁴paragraph (a), (b), (c), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) or (j)] subsection (2) except by a person holding office under the Crown.

Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)

- F1** Words in s. 6(2)(d) substituted (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), ss. 59, 178, **Sch. 4 para. 132(2)**; S.I. 2006/378, **art. 4(1)**, Sch. para. 10 (subject to art. 4(2)-(7))
- F2** S. 6(2)(da) inserted (1.4.2007) by The Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1098), arts. 1(3), 6, **Sch. para. 4(2)**
- F3** Words in s. 6(2)(h) substituted (15.2.2008) by Serious Crime Act 2007 (c. 27), ss. 88, 94, **Sch. 12 para. 6**; S.I. 2008/219, **art. 2(b)**
- F4** Words in s. 6(3) inserted (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), ss. 59, 178, **Sch. 4 para. 132(3)**; S.I. 2006/378, **art. 4(1)**, Sch. para. 10 (subject to art. 4(2)-(7))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 6(2)(h) restricted (18.4.2005) by Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act 2005 (c. 11), ss. 16, 17, 53(1), **Sch. 2 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(a)**; S. I. 2005/1126, **art. 2(2)(d)**

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- Sch. A1 inserted by [S.I. 2011/1340 reg. 2\(4\) Sch.](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000:

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2007/2196 art. 2](#) commences (2000 c. 23)

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2007/935 art. 2-7](#) commences (2006 c. 40)
- [S.I. 2007/1442 art. 2](#) commences (2006 c. 52)
- [S.I. 2007/2045 art. 2](#) commences (2007 c. 6)
- [S.I. 2009/1059](#) Order transitional provisions for effects of commencing [SI 2009/812](#)
- [S.I. 2010/1621 art. 1 2](#) commences ([S.I. 2010/231](#))
- [S.I. 2010/2703 art. 2](#) commences (2010 c. 25)
- [S.I. 2011/2329 art. 2 3](#) commences (2011 c. 5)
- [S.S.I. 2007/84 art. 3](#) commences (2006 asp 10)