

*These notes refer to the Electronic Communications Act  
2000 (c.7) which received Royal Assent on 25 May 2000*

# **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ACT 2000**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part I Cryptography Service Providers**

##### ***Section 4: Restrictions on disclosure of information***

36. This section protects certain information obtained under Part I, sets out the purposes for which it may be disclosed (e.g. in order to carry out the approvals functions, for a criminal investigation or for those civil proceedings specified in subsection (2)(e)) and makes improper disclosure a criminal offence. It safeguards individual privacy and commercially confidential information, except where disclosure is justifiable.
37. There is no restriction on who may make the disclosure or to whom it may be made, provided that the purpose is proper.