



# Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 19

### *Enforcement powers*

#### **17 Retention of documents**

Where a document comes into the possession of the Secretary of State or an immigration officer in the course of the exercise of an immigration function, the Secretary of State or an immigration officer may retain the document while he suspects that—

- (a) a person to whom the document relates may be liable to removal from the United Kingdom in accordance with a provision of the Immigration Acts, and
- (b) retention of the document may facilitate the removal.