



Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 15

PART 5

MISCELLANEOUS

Protection of activities of certain organisations

145 Interference with contractual relationships so as to harm animal research organisation

- (1) A person (A) commits an offence if, with the intention of harming an animal research organisation, he—
- (a) does a relevant act, or
 - (b) threatens that he or somebody else will do a relevant act,
- in circumstances in which that act or threat is intended or likely to cause a second person (B) to take any of the steps in subsection (2).
- (2) The steps are—
- (a) not to perform any contractual obligation owed by B to a third person (C) (whether or not such non-performance amounts to a breach of contract);
 - (b) to terminate any contract B has with C;
 - (c) not to enter into a contract with C.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, a “relevant act” is—
- (a) an act amounting to a criminal offence, or
 - (b) a tortious act causing B to suffer loss or damage of any description;
- but paragraph (b) does not include an act which is actionable on the ground only that it induces another person to break a contract with B.

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- (4) For the purposes of this section, “contract” includes any other arrangement (and “contractual” is to be read accordingly).
- (5) For the purposes of this section, to “harm” an animal research organisation means—
 - (a) to cause the organisation to suffer loss or damage of any description, or
 - (b) to prevent or hinder the carrying out by the organisation of any of its activities.
- (6) This section does not apply to any act done wholly or mainly in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute.
- (7) In subsection (6) “trade dispute” has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (c. 52), except that section 218 of that Act shall be read as if—
 - (a) it made provision corresponding to section 244(4) of that Act, and
 - (b) in subsection (5), the definition of “worker” included any person falling within paragraph (b) of the definition of “worker” in section 244(5).

Commencement Information

II [S. 145](#) in force at 1.7.2005 by [S.I. 2005/1521](#), [art. 3\(1\)\(t\)](#)

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Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2006/2182 art. 3](#) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2006/1871