



Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 15

PART 5

MISCELLANEOUS

Protection of activities of certain organisations

146 Intimidation of persons connected with animal research organisation

- (1) A person (A) commits an offence if, with the intention of causing a second person (B) to abstain from doing something which B is entitled to do (or to do something which B is entitled to abstain from doing)—
 - (a) A threatens B that A or somebody else will do a relevant act, and
 - (b) A does so wholly or mainly because B is a person falling within subsection (2).
- (2) A person falls within this subsection if he is—
 - (a) an employee or officer of an animal research organisation;
 - (b) a student at an educational establishment that is an animal research organisation;
 - (c) a lessor or licensor of any premises occupied by an animal research organisation;
 - (d) a person with a financial interest in, or who provides financial assistance to, an animal research organisation;
 - (e) a customer or supplier of an animal research organisation;
 - (f) a person who is contemplating becoming someone within paragraph (c), (d) or (e);
 - (g) a person who is, or is contemplating becoming, a customer or supplier of someone within paragraph (c), (d), (e) or (f);
 - (h) an employee or officer of someone within paragraph (c), (d), (e), (f) or (g);

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- (i) a person with a financial interest in, or who provides financial assistance to, someone within paragraph (c), (d), (e), (f) or (g);
 - (j) a spouse, civil partner, friend or relative of, or a person who is known personally to, someone within any of paragraphs (a) to (i);
 - (k) a person who is, or is contemplating becoming, a customer or supplier of someone within paragraph (a), (b), (h), (i) or (j); or
 - (l) an employer of someone within paragraph (j).
- (3) For the purposes of this section, an “officer” of an animal research organisation or a person includes—
- (a) where the organisation or person is a body corporate, a director, manager or secretary;
 - (b) where the organisation or person is a charity, a ^{F1}charity trustee (within the meaning of the Charities Act 2011)];
 - (c) where the organisation or person is a partnership, a partner.
- (4) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) a person is a customer or supplier of another person if he purchases goods, services or facilities from, or (as the case may be) supplies goods, services or facilities to, that other; and
 - (b) “supplier” includes a person who supplies services in pursuance of any enactment that requires or authorises such services to be provided.
- (5) 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 or another person to suffer loss or damage of any description.
- (6) The Secretary of State may by order amend this section so as to include within subsection (2) any description of persons framed by reference to their connection with—
- (a) an animal research organisation, or
 - (b) any description of persons for the time being mentioned in that subsection.
- (7) This section does not apply to any act done wholly or mainly in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute.
- (8) In subsection (7) “trade dispute” has the meaning given by section 145(7).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 146(3)(b) substituted (14.3.2012) by [Charities Act 2011 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 355, [Sch. 7 para. 103](#) (with s. 20(2), [Sch. 8](#))

Commencement Information

- II** S. 146 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