



# Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

## 2005 CHAPTER 15

### PART 1

#### THE SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME AGENCY

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#### SOCA: ESTABLISHMENT AND ACTIVITIES

#### *Functions*

### **3 Functions of SOCA as to information relating to crime**

- (1) SOCA has the function of gathering, storing, analysing and disseminating information relevant to—
  - (a) the prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of offences, or
  - (b) the reduction of crime in other ways or the mitigation of its consequences.
- (2) SOCA may disseminate such information to—
  - (a) police forces within subsection (3),
  - (b) special police forces,
  - (c) law enforcement agencies, or
  - (d) such other persons as it considers appropriate in connection with any of the matters mentioned in subsection (1)(a) or (b).
- (3) The police forces within this subsection are—
  - (a) police forces in the United Kingdom, and
  - (b) the States of Jersey Police Force, the salaried police force of the Island of Guernsey and the Isle of Man Constabulary.

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- (4) In this section “law enforcement agency” means—
- (a) the Commissioners or any other government department,
  - (b) the Scottish Administration,
  - (c) any other person who is charged with the duty of investigating offences or charging offenders, or
  - (d) any other person who is engaged outside the United Kingdom in the carrying on of activities similar to any carried on by SOCA or a police force.
- (5) In this Chapter “special police force” means—
- (a) the Ministry of Defence Police,
  - (b) the British Transport Police Force,
  - (c) the Civil Nuclear Constabulary, or
  - (d) the Scottish Drug Enforcement Agency.

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**Commencement Information**

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