



# 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—
- the prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of offences, <sup>F1</sup>...
  - the reduction of crime in other ways or the mitigation of its consequences [<sup>F2</sup>or exploitation proceeds investigations (within the meaning of section 341(5) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002) or exploitation proceeds orders within the meaning of Part 7 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (or applications for such orders).]
- (2) SOCA may disseminate such information to—
- police forces within subsection (3),
  - special police forces,
  - law enforcement agencies, or
  - such other persons as it considers appropriate in connection with any of the matters mentioned in subsection [<sup>F3</sup>(1)(a), (b) or (c)].
- (3) The police forces within this subsection are—

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- (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.

(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
- <sup>F4</sup>(d) .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Word in s. 3(1) repealed (6.4.2010) by Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (c. 25), s. 182(5), **Sch. 23 Pt. 7** (with s. 180); S.I. 2010/816, art. 2, **Sch. para. 22(c)**
- F2** S. 3(1)(c) and word added (6.4.2010) by Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (c. 25), **ss. 170(2)(a)**, 182(5) (with s. 180); S.I. 2010/816, art. 2, **Sch. para. 11**
- F3** Words in s. 3(2)(d) substituted (6.4.2010) by Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (c. 25), **ss. 170(2)(b)**, 182(5) (with s. 180); S.I. 2010/816, art. 2, **Sch. para. 11**
- F4** S. 3(5)(d) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/602), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 48(2)**

**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 3 in force at 1.4.2006 by S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), **Sch. para. 2** (with art. 4(2)-(7))

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