



# Protection of Freedoms Act 2012

## 2012 CHAPTER 9

### PART 1

#### REGULATION OF BIOMETRIC DATA

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#### DESTRUCTION, RETENTION AND USE OF FINGERPRINTS ETC.

#### *Supplementary provision for material subject to PACE*

#### **16 Use of retained material**

After section 63S of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 15) insert—

#### **“63T Use of retained material**

- (1) Any material to which section 63D, 63R or 63S applies must not be used other than—
  - (a) in the interests of national security,
  - (b) for the purposes of a terrorist investigation,
  - (c) for purposes related to the prevention or detection of crime, the investigation of an offence or the conduct of a prosecution, or
  - (d) for purposes related to the identification of a deceased person or of the person to whom the material relates.
- (2) Material which is required by section 63D, 63R or 63S to be destroyed must not at any time after it is required to be destroyed be used—
  - (a) in evidence against the person to whom the material relates, or
  - (b) for the purposes of the investigation of any offence.

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- (3) In this section—
- (a) the reference to using material includes a reference to allowing any check to be made against it and to disclosing it to any person,
  - (b) the reference to crime includes a reference to any conduct which—
    - (i) constitutes one or more criminal offences (whether under the law of England and Wales or of any country or territory outside England and Wales), or
    - (ii) is, or corresponds to, any conduct which, if it all took place in England and Wales, would constitute one or more criminal offences, and
  - (c) the references to an investigation and to a prosecution include references, respectively, to any investigation outside England and Wales of any crime or suspected crime and to a prosecution brought in respect of any crime in a country or territory outside England and Wales.”

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**Commencement Information**

- II** S. 16 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2012/2234 art. 13 by [S.I. 2014/831 art. 2\(2\)](#)
- specified provision(s) transitional provisions and savings for commencing S.I. 2013/1814 by [S.I. 2013/1813 art. 2-9](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 1 para. 7A inserted by [2019 c. 3 Sch. 2 para. 20](#)