Serious Crime Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 9

PART 4

SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE OF DRUG-CUTTING AGENTS

Seizure

55 Seizure of substances under search and seizure warrant

A police or customs officer searching premises under a search and seizure warrant may seize any substance on the premises that the officer has reasonable grounds to suspect is intended for use as a drug-cutting agent.

Commencement Information

I1 S. 55 in force at 3.5.2015 by S.I. 2015/820, **reg. 2(j)**

56 Seizure of substances without search and seizure warrant

If a police or customs officer—

(a) is lawfully on premises that are not subject to a search and seizure warrant, and

(b) finds a substance there that the officer has reasonable grounds to suspect is intended for use as a drug-cutting agent,

the officer may seize the substance.

Commencement Information

I2 S. 56 in force at 3.5.2015 by S.I. 2015/820, **reg. 2(j)**

57 Notice to be given where substances seized

(1) An officer who has seized a substance under section 55 or 56 must make reasonable efforts to give written notice—

(a) to the person from whom the substance was seized, and

(b) if the officer thinks that the substance may belong to a different person, to that person.

(2) A notice under subsection (1) must explain the effect of sections 59, 60, 61 and 63.

Commencement Information

I3 S. 57 in force at 3.5.2015 by S.I. 2015/820, **reg. 2(j)**

58 Containers

(1) An officer who seizes a substance under section 55 or 56 may also seize any container holding the substance.

(2) If a container is seized under this section, reasonable efforts must be made to return it to—

(a) the person from whom it was seized, or

(b) (if different) a person to whom it belongs.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply—

(a) if the container appears to be of negligible value,

(b) if it is not practicable for the container to be returned, or

(c) while the container is or may be needed for use as evidence at a trial for an offence.

Commencement Information

I4 S. 58 in force at 3.5.2015 by S.I. 2015/820, **reg. 2(j)**

Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Serious Crime Act 2015, Cross Heading: Seizure.