



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

11 [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

12 [S. 56](#) 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. (See end of Document for details)

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

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