



Psychoactive Substances Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 2

Powers of entry, search and seizure

36 Power to stop and search persons

- (1) This section applies where a police or customs officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that a person has committed, or is likely to commit, an offence under any of sections 4 to 9 or section 26.
- (2) The officer may—
 - (a) search the person for relevant evidence, and
 - (b) stop and detain the person for the purposes of the search.
- (3) The powers conferred by this section may be exercised in any place to which the officer lawfully has access (whether or not it is a place to which the public has access).
- (4) In this Act—

“police or customs officer” means—

 - (a) a constable,
 - (b) a general customs official, or
 - (c) a designated NCA officer authorised by the Director General of the National Crime Agency (whether generally or specifically) to exercise the powers of a police or customs officer under this Act;

“relevant evidence” means evidence that an offence has been committed under any of sections 4 to 9 or section 26.

Commencement Information

II S. 36 in force at 26.5.2016 by [S.I. 2016/553](#), [reg. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016, Section 36.