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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2002 No. 1693**

**INVESTIGATORY POWERS**

**The Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Interception  
of Communications: Code of Practice) Order 2002**

*Made* - - - - *28th June 2002*

*Coming into force* - - *1st July 2002*

Whereas—

(1) in pursuance of section 71 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000<sup>(1)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as “the 2000 Act”) the Secretary of State is under a duty to prepare codes of practice containing provisions relating to the exercise and performance of the powers and duties mentioned in subsection (2) of that section;

(2) in pursuance of section 71(3) of the 2000 Act the Secretary of State published the code prepared by him under section 71 of the 2000 Act relating to the interception of communications under Chapter I of Part I of the 2000 Act in the form of a draft and has considered representations made to him about the draft and modified the draft accordingly;

(3) in pursuance of section 71(4) of the 2000 Act the Secretary of State has laid that code before both Houses of Parliament;

(4) a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 71(5) of the 2000 Act, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. The Order may be cited as the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Interception of Communications: Code of Practice) Order 2002 and shall come into force on 1st July 2002.

**Interception of Communications Code of Practice**

2. The draft code of practice entitled “Interception of Communications”, laid before each House of Parliament on 8th May 2002, relating to the interception of communications under Chapter I of Part I of the 2000 Act, shall come into force on 1st July 2002.

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(1) 2000 c. 23.

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Home Office  
28th June 2002

*Bob Ainsworth*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force the code of practice prepared under section 71 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (“the 2000 Act”) relating to the interception of communications under Chapter I of Part I of the 2000 Act. A person exercising or performing a power or duty to which the code applies shall in doing so have regard to the provisions of the code in so far as they are applicable.

The code of practice will be published by the Stationery Office Limited and copies may be obtained from The Stationery Office Bookshops. It will also be published on the Home Office website at [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/ripa/ripact.htm](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/ripa/ripact.htm).