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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Privacy and Electronic Communications  
(EC Directive) Regulations 2003**

**Legal requirements, law enforcement etc.**

**29.**—(1) Nothing in these Regulations shall require a communications provider to do, or refrain from doing, anything (including the processing of data)—

- (a) if compliance with the requirement in question—
  - (i) would be inconsistent with any requirement imposed by or under an enactment or by a court order; or
  - (ii) would be likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime or the apprehension or prosecution of offenders; or
- (b) if exemption from the requirement in question—
  - (i) is required for the purposes of, or in connection with, any legal proceedings (including prospective legal proceedings);
  - (ii) is necessary for the purposes of obtaining legal advice; or
  - (iii) is otherwise necessary for the purposes of establishing, exercising or defending legal rights.