## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# The Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Human Intelligence Sources: Relevant Sources) Order 2013

## PART 1

### General

**Long Term Authorisation**

**3.**—(1)  In this Order a section 29 authorisation for the conduct or use of a relevant source is a long term authorisation if the periods mentioned in paragraph (2)(a) and (b), when taken together, exceed 12 months.

(2)  Those periods are—

(a) the period for which the relevant source will be authorised under the authorisation, having regard (where relevant) to paragraph (4), and

(b) any period or periods, other than a period or periods to which paragraph (3) or (5) applies, for which the relevant source has previously been authorised as a source in relation to the same investigation or operation.

(3)  This paragraph applies to a period or periods for which the relevant source has been authorised as a source under a section 29 authorisation where that authorisation was granted orally or by a person whose entitlement to act is confined to urgent cases.

(4)  For the purposes of paragraph (2)(a) where the period or periods in respect of which a relevant source has previously been authorised as a source is less than 12 months in total, any further authorisation will cease to have effect, unless renewed, at the end of a period of 12 months less the total period for which the source has previously been authorised and section 43(3) of the Act shall have effect as if the period specified in paragraph (b) of that subsection were modified accordingly.

(5)  For the purposes of paragraphs (2)(b) and (4) any period of authorisation which ceased to have effect more than 3 years prior to the intended commencement date of the authorisation referred to at paragraph (2)(a) shall be disregarded.

(6)  In respect of an authorisation to which article 8(1)(b) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Human Intelligence Sources: Matters Subject to Legal Privilege) Order 2010(**1**) applies references in paragraphs (1) and (4) of this article to 12 months should be read as references to 3 months.

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(**1**)  S.I. 2010/123.