STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 84

The Ministry of Defence Police (Conduct, Performance and Appeals Tribunals) (Amendment) Regulations 2017

PART 2

Amendment of the Ministry of Defence Police (Conduct etc.) Regulations 2015

Insertion of regulation 24A

8. After regulation 24 (withdrawal of case), insert—

"National security: power to give directions in relation to misconduct hearings

- **24A.**—(1) If the Secretary of State considers it expedient in the interests of national security, the Secretary of State may give a direction ("the direction"), in writing, in relation to a misconduct hearing, relating to one or more of the following matters—
 - (a) that all or part of the hearing must be conducted in private;
 - (b) that a specified person must be excluded from all or part of the hearing;
 - (c) that steps must be taken to conceal the identity of a witness;
 - (d) that specified information must be excluded from any notice published under regulation 30A (notification of misconduct hearings) or 40A (publication of information in relation to outcome).
- (2) The Secretary of State must provide the direction (or a copy of it) to the relevant authority as soon as possible.
- (3) Following receipt of the direction, the relevant authority must supply a copy of it to the person conducting or chairing the hearing as soon as possible.
 - (4) The person conducting or chairing the hearing must comply with the direction.".