## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2018 No. 1123

## **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

## The Data Retention and Acquisition Regulations 2018

Made - - - - 31st October 2018

Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1

The Secretary of State, being a Minister designated(1) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(2) in respect of matters relating to electronic communications, in exercise of the powers conferred by that section and by paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 7 to the Investigatory Powers Act 2016(3) makes the following Regulations.

In accordance with paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 7 to the Investigatory Powers Act 2016, the Secretary of State has prepared and published a draft of the code of practice brought into force by these Regulations, considered representations made about the draft and modified it.

In accordance with paragraph 4(2) of that Schedule, the Secretary of State has consulted the Investigatory Powers Commissioner and the Information Commissioner.

In accordance with paragraph 4(4) of that Schedule and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972, a draft of these Regulations was laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

In accordance with paragraph 4(5) of Schedule 7 to the Investigatory Powers Act 2016, when a draft of these Regulations was laid before Parliament, the code of practice brought into force by these Regulations was also laid.

<sup>(1)</sup> S.I. 2001/3495.

<sup>(2) 1972</sup> c. 68. Section 2(2) was amended by the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c. 51) section 27(1)(a), and the European Communities (Amendment) Act 2008 (c.7) Schedule, Part 1.

<sup>(3) 2016</sup> c. 25.