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## SCHEDULE

(introduced by [section 18](#))

### ENFORCEMENT POWERS

#### Interpretation

- 1 In this schedule—
- “domestic premises”—
- (a) means premises, or a part of premises, used (or used for the time being) exclusively as a dwelling-house, and
  - (b) includes any land or structure—
    - (i) belonging to or usually enjoyed with the dwelling-house, or
    - (ii) adjacent to and for the time being enjoyed with the dwelling-house,
- “premises” includes—
- (a) land,
  - (b) any other place, including—
    - (i) a vehicle or vessel,
    - (ii) a tent or other moveable structure,
- “relevant offence” means—
- (a) an offence under [section 1\(1\)](#),
  - (b) an offence under [section 2\(1\)](#) or [\(2\)](#),
  - (c) an offence under [section 12\(1\)](#),
  - (d) an offence under [section 14\(1\)](#), [\(3\)](#) or [\(4\)](#),
  - (e) an offence under [section 22\(10\)](#),
  - (f) an offence under [section 25\(8\)](#),
- “relevant power” means a power conferred on a constable by—
- (a) a provision of this schedule, or
  - (b) a warrant granted under a provision of this schedule.

#### Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. para. 1 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)  
**I2** Sch. para. 1 in force at 3.10.2023 by [S.S.I. 2023/262](#), [reg. 2](#)

#### Entry and associated powers

- 2 A constable may enter any premises (other than domestic premises)—
- (a) if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that a relevant offence has been or is being committed at the premises, and
  - (b) for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not a relevant offence has been or is being committed at the premises.

#### Commencement Information

- I3** Sch. para. 2 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)  
**I4** Sch. para. 2 in force at 3.10.2023 by [S.S.I. 2023/262](#), [reg. 2](#)

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- 3 (1) A sheriff or justice of the peace may grant a warrant under this sub-paragraph if satisfied—
- (a) that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting—
    - (i) that a relevant offence has been or is being committed at any premises, or
    - (ii) that evidence of the commission of, or participation in, a relevant offence is to be found at any premises, and
  - (b) that [sub-paragraph \(2\) or \(3\)](#) applies.
- (2) This sub-paragraph applies if—
- (a) admission to the premises has been refused or such a refusal may reasonably be expected, and
  - (b) either—
    - (i) notice of the intention to seek a warrant has been given to the occupier of the premises, or
    - (ii) the giving of such notice would frustrate the purpose for which the warrant is sought.
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies if—
- (a) the premises are unoccupied, or
  - (b) the occupier is temporarily absent.

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- I5** Sch. para. 3 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)  
**I6** [Sch. para. 3](#) in force at 3.10.2023 by [S.S.I. 2023/262](#), [reg. 2](#)

- 4 A warrant under paragraph 3(1) authorises a constable—
- (a) to enter the premises,
  - (b) to search for, examine and seize any animal (including the carcass of an animal), vehicle, equipment, document or other thing tending to provide evidence of the commission of, or participation in, a relevant offence.

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- I7** Sch. para. 4 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)  
**I8** [Sch. para. 4](#) in force at 3.10.2023 by [S.S.I. 2023/262](#), [reg. 2](#)

- 5 (1) A constable may exercise the powers in [sub-paragraph \(2\)](#) without a warrant under [paragraph 3\(1\)](#) if—
- (a) it appears to the constable that any delay would frustrate the purpose for which the powers are to be exercised, and
  - (b) the premises are not domestic premises.
- (2) The powers are—
- (a) to enter premises,
  - (b) to search for, examine and seize any animal (including the carcass of an animal), vehicle, equipment, document or other thing tending to provide evidence of the commission of, or participation in, a relevant offence.

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- I9** Sch. para. 5 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)  
**I10** Sch. para. 5 in force at 3.10.2023 by [S.S.I. 2023/262](#), [reg. 2](#)

- 6 The power to seize an animal or vehicle under [paragraph 4\(b\)](#) or [5\(2\)\(b\)](#) may only be exercised—
- (a) where the animal or vehicle is in the possession or control of a person who the constable has reasonable grounds for suspecting has committed or is committing a relevant offence, and
  - (b) where the constable considers it appropriate to seize the animal or vehicle for the purposes of—
    - (i) enabling the animal or vehicle to be used in proceedings for a relevant offence, or
    - (ii) enabling the animal or vehicle to be forfeited in accordance with Part 2 of the Proceeds of Crime (Scotland) Act 1995.

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- I11** Sch. para. 6 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)  
**I12** Sch. para. 6 in force at 3.10.2023 by [S.S.I. 2023/262](#), [reg. 2](#)

- 7 (1) A thing seized in exercise of the power in [paragraph 4\(b\)](#) or [5\(2\)\(b\)](#) must be returned when retention of it is no longer justified for the purposes of—
- (a) enabling it to be used in proceedings for a relevant offence, or
  - (b) enabling it to be forfeited in accordance with Part 2 of the Proceeds of Crime (Scotland) Act 1995.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to perishable things which no longer have any commercial value.

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- I13** Sch. para. 7 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)  
**I14** Sch. para. 7 in force at 3.10.2023 by [S.S.I. 2023/262](#), [reg. 2](#)

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- I3** Sch. para. 2 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)  
**I4** Sch. para. 2 in force at 3.10.2023 by [S.S.I. 2023/262](#), [reg. 2](#)  
**I5** Sch. para. 3 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)  
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*Stopping and detaining vehicles or vessels*

- 8 (1) A constable in uniform may stop and detain a vehicle or vessel for the purpose of the exercise of a relevant power.
- (2) A vehicle or vessel may be detained under [sub-paragraph \(1\)](#) for so long as it is reasonably required for the purpose of the exercise of the power concerned.
- (3) The power concerned may be exercised either at the place where the vehicle or vessel was first detained or nearby.
- (4) In this paragraph, “vehicle” includes caravan (within the meaning of section 29(1) of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960).

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- I15** Sch. para. 8 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)  
**I16** Sch. para. 8 in force at 3.10.2023 by S.S.I. 2023/262, reg. 2

*Entry and associated powers: supplementary*

- 9 A warrant granted under [paragraph 3\(1\)](#) expires when it is no longer required for the purpose for which it is granted.

**Commencement Information**

- I17** Sch. para. 9 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)  
**I18** Sch. para. 9 in force at 3.10.2023 by S.S.I. 2023/262, reg. 2

- 10 A constable exercising a relevant power must do so at a reasonable time unless it appears to the constable that the purpose of exercising the power would be frustrated by exercising it at such a time.

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- I19** Sch. para. 10 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)  
**I20** Sch. para. 10 in force at 3.10.2023 by S.S.I. 2023/262, reg. 2

- 11 A constable may, if necessary, use reasonable force when exercising a relevant power.

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- I21** Sch. para. 11 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)  
**I22** Sch. para. 11 in force at 3.10.2023 by S.S.I. 2023/262, reg. 2

- 12 A constable exercising a relevant power must produce evidence of the constable’s authority if asked to do so.

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**I23** Sch. para. 12 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)

**I24** [Sch. para. 12](#) in force at 3.10.2023 by [S.S.I. 2023/262, reg. 2](#)

- 13 (1) A relevant power includes power to take onto premises—
- (a) such persons for assistance as are required for the purpose of exercising the power, and
  - (b) such equipment as is required for that purpose.
- (2) A relevant power includes power to do or secure the doing of any of the following—
- (a) the carrying out of tests on, and taking of samples from—
    - (i) an animal (including the carcase of an animal),
    - (ii) any equipment, substance or thing,
  - (b) the identifying of an animal by use of a mark, microchip or any other method of identification.

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**I25** Sch. para. 13 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)

**I26** [Sch. para. 13](#) in force at 3.10.2023 by [S.S.I. 2023/262, reg. 2](#)

- 14 (1) A person mentioned in [sub-paragraph \(2\)](#) must—
- (a) comply with any reasonable direction made by a constable exercising a relevant power, and
  - (b) in particular, give the constable such information and assistance as the constable may reasonably require.
- (2) The persons are—
- (a) the occupier of premises in relation to which a relevant power is being exercised,
  - (b) a person who, in relation to an animal at the premises, appears—
    - (i) to be the owner of the animal,
    - (ii) to be responsible for the animal on a temporary or permanent basis,
    - (iii) to be in charge of the animal,
    - (iv) to have actual care and control of a person under the age of 16 years who is responsible for the animal,
  - (c) a person who appears to be under the direction or control of a person mentioned in [paragraph \(a\)](#) or [\(b\)](#).

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**I27** Sch. para. 14 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)

**I28** [Sch. para. 14](#) in force at 3.10.2023 by [S.S.I. 2023/262, reg. 2](#)

- 15 A constable exercising a relevant power in relation to unoccupied premises must leave the premises as effectively secured against entry as the constable found them.

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- I29** Sch. para. 15 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 31(2)**  
**I30** Sch. para. 15 in force at 3.10.2023 by S.S.I. 2023/262, **reg. 2**

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- I17** Sch. para. 9 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 31(2)**  
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**I19** Sch. para. 10 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 31(2)**  
**I20** Sch. para. 10 in force at 3.10.2023 by S.S.I. 2023/262, **reg. 2**  
**I21** Sch. para. 11 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 31(2)**  
**I22** Sch. para. 11 in force at 3.10.2023 by S.S.I. 2023/262, **reg. 2**  
**I23** Sch. para. 12 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 31(2)**  
**I24** Sch. para. 12 in force at 3.10.2023 by S.S.I. 2023/262, **reg. 2**  
**I25** Sch. para. 13 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 31(2)**  
**I26** Sch. para. 13 in force at 3.10.2023 by S.S.I. 2023/262, **reg. 2**  
**I27** Sch. para. 14 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 31(2)**  
**I28** Sch. para. 14 in force at 3.10.2023 by S.S.I. 2023/262, **reg. 2**  
**I29** Sch. para. 15 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 31(2)**  
**I30** Sch. para. 15 in force at 3.10.2023 by S.S.I. 2023/262, **reg. 2**

#### Offences

- 16 (1) A person commits an offence if the person contravenes **paragraph 14(1)** without reasonable excuse.
- (2) A person commits an offence if the person intentionally obstructs a constable in the exercise of a relevant power.
- (3) A person who commits an offence under **sub-paragraph (1)** or **(2)** is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

#### Commencement Information

- I31** Sch. para. 16 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 31(2)**  
**I32** Sch. para. 16 in force at 3.10.2023 by S.S.I. 2023/262, **reg. 2**

#### Powers of constables under this schedule

- 17 The powers conferred on constables by this schedule do not affect any powers conferred on constables apart from this schedule.

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- I33** Sch. para. 17 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 31(2)**  
**I34** Sch. para. 17 in force at 3.10.2023 by S.S.I. 2023/262, **reg. 2**

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