



# Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015

## 2015 CHAPTER 6

### PART 3

#### DATA RETENTION

#### **21 Retention of relevant internet data**

- (1) Section 2(1) of the Data Retention and Investigatory Powers Act 2014 (temporary provision about the retention of relevant communications data subject to safeguards: definitions) is amended as follows.
- (2) In the definition of “relevant communications data”—
  - (a) for “means communications data” substitute “means—
    - (a) communications data”;
    - (b) after “Regulations” insert “, or
      - (b) relevant internet data not falling within paragraph (a),”;
  - (c) the words from “so far as” to the end of the definition become full-out words beneath the new paragraphs (a) and (b).
- (3) After the definition of “relevant communications data” insert—

““relevant internet data” means communications data which—

  - (a) relates to an internet access service or an internet communications service,
  - (b) may be used to identify, or assist in identifying, which internet protocol address, or other identifier, belongs to the sender or recipient of a communication (whether or not a person), and
  - (c) is not data which—
    - (i) may be used to identify an internet communications service to which a communication is transmitted through an internet access service for the purpose of obtaining access to, or running, a computer file or computer program, and

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(ii) is generated or processed by a public telecommunications operator in the process of supplying the internet access service to the sender of the communication (whether or not a person);”.

(4) In addition—

(a) before the definition of “communications data” insert—

““communication” has the meaning given by section 81(1) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 so far as that meaning applies in relation to telecommunications services and telecommunication systems;”;

(b) after the definition of “functions” insert—

““identifier” means an identifier used to facilitate the transmission of a communication;”;

(c) after the definition of “notice” insert—

““person” includes an organisation and any association or combination of persons;”.

(5) Subsections (1) to (4) are repealed on 31 December 2016.