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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 3 U.K.

#### EXCEPTIONS TO SECTION 56

##### *Proceedings for certain offences*

- 20 (1) Section 56(1) does not apply in relation to any proceedings for a relevant offence.
- (2) “Relevant offence” means—
- (a) an offence under any provision of this Act;
  - (b) an offence under section 1 of the Interception of Communications Act 1985;
  - (c) an offence under any provision of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000;
  - (d) an offence under section 47 or 48 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006;
  - (e) an offence under section 83 or 84 of the Postal Services Act 2000;
  - (f) an offence under section 4 of the Official Secrets Act 1989 relating to any such information, document or article as is mentioned in subsection (3)(a) or (c) of that section;
  - (g) an offence under section 1 or 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911 relating to any sketch, plan, model, article, note, document or information which—
    - (i) incorporates, or relates to, the content of any intercepted communication or any secondary data obtained from a communication, or
    - (ii) tends to suggest that any interception-related conduct has or may have occurred or may be going to occur;
  - (h) an offence of perjury committed in the course of any relevant proceedings;
  - [<sup>F1</sup>(ha) an offence under section 1 or 3 of the National Security Act 2023 relating to any information, document or other article which, or an offence under section 12 of that Act relating to any asset which—
    - (i) incorporates, or relates to, the content of any intercepted communication or any secondary data obtained from a communication, or
    - (ii) tends to suggest that any interception-related conduct has or may have occurred or may be going to occur;
  - (hb) an offence under section 18 of the National Security Act 2023 in relation to an offence falling within paragraph (ha);]
    - (i) an offence of attempting or conspiring to commit an offence falling within any of paragraphs (a) to [<sup>F2</sup>(ha)];
    - (j) an offence under Part 2 of the Serious Crime Act 2007 in relation to an offence falling within any of those paragraphs;
    - (k) an offence of aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of an offence falling within any of those paragraphs;

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- (l) contempt of court committed in the course of, or in relation to, any relevant proceedings.
- (3) In this paragraph—
- “intercepted communication” and “interception-related conduct” have the same meaning as in section 56;
  - “relevant proceedings” means any proceedings mentioned in paragraphs 4 to 19.

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 3 para. 20(2)(ha)(hb) inserted (20.12.2023) by National Security Act 2023 (c. 32), s. 100(1), **Sch. 18 para. 10(3)(a)** (with s. 97); S.I. 2023/1272, reg. 2(f)
- F2** Word in Sch. 3 para. 20(2)(i) substituted (20.12.2023) by National Security Act 2023 (c. 32), s. 100(1), **Sch. 18 para. 10(3)(b)** (with s. 97); S.I. 2023/1272, reg. 2(f)
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#### Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. 3 para. 20 in force at 27.6.2018 by S.I. 2018/652, **reg. 8(w)**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 7A inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 2](#)
- Pt. 7B inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 5](#)
- s. 2(1)(ja)(jb) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 6\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 11(3A)(3B) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 12\(3\)](#)
- s. 12(2B)-(2D) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 14\(4\)](#)
- s. 12(5A)(5B) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 14\(6\)](#)
- s. 26(2)(a) words renumbered as s. 26(2)(a) by [2024 c. 9 s. 22\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 26(2)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 22\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 26(2A)-(2F) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 22\(3\)](#)
- s. 62(5A)-(5C) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 15\(4\)](#)
- s. 87(4)(aa) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 16\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 87(4A) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 16\(3\)](#)
- s. 87(6A)(6B) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 20\(2\)](#)
- s. 90(4)-(4B) substituted for s. 90(4) by [2024 c. 9 s. 18\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 90(5A) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 18\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 90(9A)(9B) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 18\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 90(11A) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 18\(2\)\(f\)](#)
- s. 90(14)-(16) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 18\(2\)\(g\)](#)
- s. 94A inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 20\(4\)](#)
- s. 111(3)(a) words renumbered as s. 111(3)(a) by [2024 c. 9 s. 23\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 111(3)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 23\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 111(6)(a) words renumbered as s. 111(6)(a) by [2024 c. 9 s. 23\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 111(6)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 23\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 111(7A)-(7E) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 23\(4\)](#)
- s. 121(4) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 25](#)
- s. 195/195A substituted for s. 195 by [2024 c. 9 s. 27\(2\)](#)
- s. 200(1)(a) words renumbered as s. 200(1)(a) by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(4\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 200(1)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(4\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 200(2)(a) words renumbered as s. 200(2)(a) by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(4\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 200(2)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(4\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 202(5) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 4\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 206(8) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 4\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 219(9) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 4\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 220(6) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 220(7) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 4\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 225(4)(a) words renumbered as s. 225(4)(a) by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(8\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 225(4)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(8\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 225(13)(a) words renumbered as s. 225(13)(a) by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(8\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 225(13)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(8\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 225(15) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 4\(6\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 227(6A)(6B) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 7\(2\)](#)
- s. 227(8)-(8D) substituted for s. 227(8)(9) by [2024 c. 9 s. 8\(2\)](#)
- s. 227(10A) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 8\(4\)](#)
- s. 227(14) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 8\(6\)](#)
- s. 228(6) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 7\(3\)](#)
- s. 228A inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 9](#)
- s. 229(3E) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 10\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 229(8)(fb) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 27\(3\)](#)

- s. 230(1)(d) and word inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 10(3)(b)
- s. 231(10) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 10(4)(b)
- s. 235A inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 11(1)
- s. 255(5A)(5B) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 20(6)
- s. 256A inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 20(7)
- s. 257(3)-(3B) substituted for s. 257(3) by 2024 c. 9 s. 18(5)(a)
- s. 257(4A) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 18(5)(c)
- s. 257(8A)(8B) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 18(5)(d)
- s. 257(10A) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 18(5)(f)
- s. 257(13)-(15) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 18(5)(g)
- s. 258A258B inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 21(2)
- s. 261(5A)(5B) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 13(3)
- s. 261(10)(c) and word inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 19(2)(b)
- s. 267(3)(ja) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 21(3)(b)
- s. 267(5)(aa) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 14(8)
- Sch. 2A inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 14(9)
- Sch. 3 para. 12A and cross-heading inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 28(2)
- Sch. 3 para. 2526 inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 28(3)