



Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 25

PART I

DISCLOSURE

Time limits

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- (1) This section has effect for the purpose of determining the relevant period for sections 3, 5, 6 and 7.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the relevant period is a period beginning and ending with such days as the Secretary of State prescribes by regulations for the purposes of the section concerned.
- (3) The regulations may do one or more of the following—
 - (a) provide that the relevant period for any section shall if the court so orders be extended (or further extended) by so many days as the court specifies;
 - (b) provide that the court may only make such an order if an application is made by a prescribed person and if any other prescribed conditions are fulfilled;
 - (c) provide that an application may only be made if prescribed conditions are fulfilled;
 - (d) provide that the number of days by which a period may be extended shall be entirely at the court's discretion;
 - (e) provide that the number of days by which a period may be extended shall not exceed a prescribed number;
 - (f) provide that there shall be no limit on the number of applications that may be made to extend a period;
 - (g) provide that no more than a prescribed number of applications may be made to extend a period;

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and references to the relevant period for a section shall be construed accordingly.

- (4) Conditions mentioned in subsection (3) may be framed by reference to such factors as the Secretary of State thinks fit.
- (5) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (4), so far as the relevant period for section 3 or 7 is concerned—
 - (a) conditions may be framed by reference to the nature or volume of the material concerned;
 - (b) the nature of material may be defined by reference to the prosecutor’s belief that the question of non-disclosure on grounds of public interest may arise.
- (6) In subsection (3) “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations under this section.