



# Chemical Weapons Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 6

### *Chemical weapons*

#### **4 Suspicious objects.**

(1) If—

- (a) the Secretary of State has grounds to suspect that an object is a chemical weapon, and
- (b) at least one person falls within subsection (2),

the Secretary of State may serve on any person falling within that subsection a copy of a notice falling within subsection (3).

(2) The persons falling within this subsection are—

- (a) any person who appears to the Secretary of State to have the object in his possession, and
- (b) any person not falling within paragraph (a) and who appears to the Secretary of State to have an interest which the Secretary of State believes is materially affected by the notice.

(3) A notice falling within this subsection is a notice which—

- (a) describes the object and states its location;
- (b) states that the Secretary of State suspects that the object is a chemical weapon and gives the reasons for his suspicion;
- (c) states that he is considering whether to secure its destruction under sections 5 to 7;
- (d) states that any person may make representations that the object is not a chemical weapon;
- (e) states that a person on whom the notice is served and who has the object in his possession must not relinquish possession before a date specified in the notice.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

C1 S. 4 extended (with modifications) (Jersey) (21.12.1998) by S.I. 1998/2565, art. 4, Sch.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Chemical Weapons Act 1996, Section 4.