



Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

CHAPTER 23

REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000

PART I

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CHAPTER I

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- 13 Technical Advisory Board.
- 14 Grants for interception costs.

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- 36 Approval required for authorisations to take effect.
- 37 Quashing of police and Revenue and Customs authorisations etc.
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- 42 Intelligence services authorisations.

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- 43 General rules about grant, renewal and duration.
- 44 Special rules for intelligence services authorisations.
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- 56 Interpretation of Part III.

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- 58 Co-operation with and reports by s. 57 Commissioner.
- 59 Intelligence Services Commissioner.
- 60 Co-operation with and reports by s. 59 Commissioner.
- 61 Investigatory Powers Commissioner for Northern Ireland.
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PART 1 — MONETARY PENALTY NOTICES

General

- 1 (1) A monetary penalty notice is a notice requiring the...

Enforcement obligations

- 2 (1) The Commissioner may include one or more than one...

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Consultation requirements before service of notices

- 3 (1) The Commissioner must proceed in accordance with sub-paragraphs
(2)...

Variation or cancellation of notices

- 4 (1) The Commissioner may, subject as follows, vary or cancel...

Appeals against notices

- 5 (1) A person on whom a monetary penalty notice is...

Enforcement of notices

- 6 (1) Sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) apply in relation to any...

Guidance

- 7 (1) The Commissioner must prepare and issue guidance on how...

Interpretation: Part 1

- 8 In this Part— “ address ” means— in the case...
PART 2 — INFORMATION PROVISIONS

Information notices

- 9 (1) The Commissioner may by notice (“an information notice”) request...

Appeals against notices

- 10 (1) A person on whom an information notice is served...

Enforcement of notices

- 11 (1) The Commissioner may serve a Part 2 monetary penalty...

Technical assistance for the Commissioner

- 12 (1) OFCOM must comply with any reasonable request made by...

Interpretation: Part 2

- 13 In this Part— “ the Commissioner ” has the meaning...

SCHEDULE 1 — Relevant Public Authorities

Part I — RELEVANT AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF SS. 28 AND 29

Police forces etc.

- 1 Any police force.
1A The Civil Nuclear Constabulary.
2 The Serious Organised Crime Agency.
2A The Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency
3 The National Crime Squad.
4 The Serious Fraud Office.

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- 4A The force comprising the special constables appointed under section 79...
- 4B The force comprising the constables appointed under article 3 of...

The intelligence services

- 5 Any of the intelligence services.

The armed forces

- 6 Any of Her Majesty's forces.

Revenue and Customs

- 7 Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.
- 8 The Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

Government departments

- 9 The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.
- 9ZA The Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.
- 9A The Department for Communities and Local Government
- 10 The Ministry of Defence.
The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.
The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.
- 11 The Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions.
- 12 The Department of Health.
- 13 The Home Office.
- 13ZA The Ministry of Justice
- 13A The Northern Ireland Office.
- 14 The Department of Social Security.
- 15 The Department of Trade and Industry.
The Department for Transport.
The Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions.
The Department for Work and Pensions.

The Welsh Assembly Government

- 16 The Welsh Assembly Government.

Local authorities

- 17 Any county council or district council in England, a London...
- 17A Any fire authority within the meaning of the Fire Services...

Other bodies

- 17B The Charity Commission.
- 18 The Environment Agency.
- 19 The Financial Services Authority.
- 20 The Food Standards Agency.
- 20A Gambling Commission
- 20B The Office of Fair Trading.
- 20C The Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland.
- 20D The Postal Services Commission.
- 20E The Gangmasters Licensing Authority.

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- 20F The Commission for Healthcare Audit and Inspection.
- 20G The Health and Safety Executive.
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- 23 A universal service provider (within the meaning of the Postal...
- 23A The Office of Communications.

Northern Ireland authorities

- 23A The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- 23B The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment.
- 23C The Department of the Environment.
- 23D Any district council (within the meaning of section 44 of...
- 23E The Department of Justice.

Part II — RELEVANT AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURPOSES ONLY OF S. 28

The Health and Safety Executive

- 24 The Health and Safety Executive.

NHS bodies in England and Wales

- 25 A Health Authority established under section 8 of the National...
- 26 A Special Health Authority established under section 28 of the...
- 27 A National Health Service trust established under section 5 of...
- 27A Local Health Boards in Wales established under section 6 of...

HM Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills

- 27B Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills....

The Information Commissioner

- 27C The Information Commissioner.

The Royal Parks Constabulary

- 27D

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

- 28 The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

The Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission

- 28A The Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission.

Special constables nominated by the Dover Harbour Board

- 28B The force comprising the special constables appointed under section 79...

The Department for Work and Pensions

- 28C The Department for Work and Pensions.

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The Postal Services Commission

28D The Postal Services Commission

Universal service providers

28E A universal service provider (within the meaning of the Postal...

Northern Ireland authorities

- 29 The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.
- 30 The Department for Regional Development.
- 31 The Department for Social Development.
- 32 The Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure.
- 33 The Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission.
- 34 The Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland.
- 35 A Health and Social Services trust established under Article 10...
- 36 A Health and Social Services Board established under Article 16...
- 37 The Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland.
- 38 The Northern Ireland Central Services Agency for the Health and...
- 39 The Fire Authority for Northern Ireland.
- 40 The Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

SCHEDULE 2 — Persons having the appropriate permission

Requirement that appropriate permission is granted by a judge

- 1 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, a...

Data obtained under warrant etc.

- 2 (1) This paragraph applies in the case of protected information...

Data obtained by the intelligence services under statute but without a warrant

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies in the case of protected information...

Data obtained under statute by other persons but without a warrant

- 4 (1) This paragraph applies— (a) in the case of protected...

Data obtained without the exercise of statutory powers

- 5 (1) This paragraph applies in the case of protected information...

General requirements relating to the appropriate permission

- 6 (1) A person does not have the appropriate permission in...

Duration of permission

- 7 (1) A permission granted by any person under any provision...

Formalities for permissions granted by the Secretary of State

- 8 A permission for the purposes of any provision of this...

SCHEDULE 3 — The Tribunal

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Membership of the Tribunal

1 (1) A person shall not be appointed as a member...

President and Vice-President

2 (1) Her Majesty may by Letters Patent appoint as President...

Members of the Tribunal with special responsibilities

3 (1) The President of the Tribunal shall designate one or...

Salaries and expenses

4 (1) The Secretary of State shall pay to the members...

Officers

5 (1) The Secretary of State may, after consultation with the...

Parliamentary disqualification

6 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...

SCHEDULE 4 — Consequential amendments

The Post Office Act 1953 (c. 36)

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The Post Office Act 1969 (c. 48)

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The Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12)

3 In section 45 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 (offence of...

The Security Service Act 1989 (c. 5)

4 (1) In section 1 of the Security Service Act 1989...

The Official Secrets Act 1989 (c. 6)

5 In section 4(3)(a) of the Official Secrets Act 1989 (offence...

The Intelligence Services Act 1994 (c. 13)

6 In section 11 of the Intelligence Services Act 1994 (interpretation),...

The Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (c. 25)

7 (1) In each of sections 3(7), 7(6), 8(6) and 9(9)...

The Police Act 1997 (c. 50)

8 (1) In section 91(9) of the Police Act 1997 (staff...

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The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c. 47)

- 9 In paragraph 17(b) of Schedule 2 to the Northern Ireland...

The Electronic Communications Act 2000 (c. 7)

- 10 In section 4(2) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000 (exception...

The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (c. 8)

- 11 In section 394(7) of the Financial Services and Markets Act...

The Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 11)

- 12 (1) In section 9(2)(d) of the Terrorism Act 2000 (proceedings...

SCHEDULE 5 — Repeals

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