

# 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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  - 79 Criminal liability of directors etc.
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# SCHEDULES SCHEDULE A1 — MONETARY PENALTY NOTICES IN RELATION TO CERTAIN UNLAWFUL INTERCEPTIONS 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...

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...

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	Interpretation: Part 2
13	In this Part—" the Commissioner" has the meaning
SC	CHEDULE 1 — Relevant Public Authorities Part I — RELEVANT AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF SS. 28 AND 29
	Police forces etc.
1 1A 2 2A	Any police force. The Civil Nuclear Constabulary. The National Crime Agency.
3 4 4A	The National Crime Squad. The Serious Fraud Office.
4A 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 8	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. The Commissioners of Inland Revenue.
	Government departments
9 9ZA 9ZB 9ZC 9A	The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. The Department for Communities and Local Government
10	The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.
4.4	The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.
11 12 13 13ZA 13A	The Department of Health. The Home Office. The Ministry of Justice The Northern Ireland Office.

The Welsh Assembly Government

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The Department for Transport.

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### Local authorities

- 17 Any county council or district council in England, a London...

17A	Any fire and rescue authority under the Fire and Rescue	
Other bodies		
17B 18 19 19A 20 20A 20B 20C 20D 20E 20F 20G 21 22 23 23A	The Charity Commission. The Environment Agency. The Financial Conduct Authority. The Prudential Regulation Authority. The Food Standards Agency. Gambling Commission The Competition and Markets Authority. The Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland	
2311		
23A 23B 23C 23D 23E	Northern Ireland authorities  The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment. The Department of the Environment. Any district council (within the meaning of section 44 of The Department of Justice.  Part II — RELEVANT AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURPOSES ONLY OF S. 28	
	The Health and Safety Executive	
24	Relevant authorities for the purposes only of s. 28  NHS bodies in England and Wales	
25 26 27 27A	Relevant authorities for the purposes only of s. 28 A Special Health Authority established under section 28 of the Relevant authorities for the purposes only of s. 28 Relevant authorities for the purposes only of s. 28  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.

27D Relevant authorities for the purposes only of s. 28

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### The General Pharmaceutical Council.

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...

28A Relevant authorities for the purposes only of s. 28

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.

. . .

28D Relevant authorities for the purposes only of s. 28

Universal service providers

28E A universal service provider (within the meaning of Part 3...

The Natural Resources Body for Wales

28F The Natural Resources Body for Wales.

### 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...

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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

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

# SCHEDULE 3 — The Tribunal

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)

1 ......

The Post Office Act 1969 (c. 48)

The Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12)

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

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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...

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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