

*These notes refer to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers  
Act 2000 (c.23) which received Royal Assent on 28 July 2000*

# **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **OTHER AUTHORISATIONS**

#### **Part V: Miscellaneous and Supplemental**

##### ***Section 80: General saving for lawful conduct***

355. **Section 80** ensures that nothing in this Act makes any actions unlawful unless that is explicitly stated. The availability of an authorisation or a warrant does not mean that it is unlawful not to seek or obtain one. In this respect, the Act must be read with section 6 of the Human Rights Act, which makes it unlawful to act in a way which is incompatible with a Convention right.