



Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 29

PART 2

CONFISCATION: ENGLAND AND WALES

Financial investigators

68 Applications and appeals

- (1) Subsections (2) and (3) apply to—
 - (a) an application under section 41, 42, 48, 49 or 63;
 - (b) an appeal under section 43, 44, 65 or 66.
- (2) An accredited financial investigator must not make such an application or bring such an appeal unless he falls within subsection (3).
- (3) An accredited financial investigator falls within this subsection if he is one of the following or is authorised for the purposes of this section by one of the following—
 - (a) a police officer who is not below the rank of superintendent,
 - (b) a customs officer who is not below such grade as is designated by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise as equivalent to that rank,
 - (c) an accredited financial investigator who falls within a description specified in an order made for the purposes of this paragraph by the Secretary of State [^{F1}or the Welsh Ministers] under section 453.
- (4) If such an application is made or appeal brought by an accredited financial investigator any subsequent step in the application or appeal or any further application or appeal relating to the same matter may be taken, made or brought by a different accredited financial investigator who falls within subsection (3).
- (5) If—
 - (a) an application for a restraint order is made by an accredited financial investigator, and

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- (b) a court is required under section 58(6) to give the applicant for the order an opportunity to be heard,
 the court may give the opportunity to a different accredited financial investigator who falls within subsection (3).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 68(3)(c) inserted (1.4.2018) by The Tax Collection and Management (Wales) Act 2016 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/285), regs. 1(2), **5(c)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 2 applied by Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 11), Sch. 8 paras. 8(5A), **34(3A)** (as substituted (24.3.2003) by Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (c. 29), s. 458(1), **Sch. 11 para. 39(2)(5)**; S.S.I. 2003/210, art. 2(1)(b)(2), **sch.** (with art. 7); S.I. 2003/333, art. 2, **Sch.**)
- C2** Pt. 2 applied by Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (c. 60), **ss. 56(5B)**, 58(8B) (as substituted (24.3.2003) by Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (c. 29), s. 458(1), **Sch. 11 para. 14(2)(3)**; S.I. 2003/333, art. 2, **Sch.**)
- C3** S. 68(3)(c) modified (1.4.2018) by The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (References to Welsh Revenue Authority Financial Investigators) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/196), arts. 1(2), 4, **Sch. para. 10**

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 68 in force at 24.3.2003 by S.I. 2003/333, art. 2, **Sch.**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 13(5)(a)(iia) inserted by [2015 c. 30 Sch. 5 para. 15\(3\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 323(1)(hc) inserted by [2023 c. 20 Sch. para. 45\(2\)](#)
- s. 323(4)(ec) inserted by [2023 c. 20 Sch. para. 45\(3\)](#)
- s. 323(5)(ec) inserted by [2023 c. 20 Sch. para. 45\(4\)](#)