*These notes refer to the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c.15) which received Royal Assent on 7th April 2005* 

## SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME

## **AND POLICE ACT 2005**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **TERRITORIAL EXTENT**

66. SOCA will operate throughout the United Kingdom and accordingly the majority of Part 1 of the Act extends to the whole of the United Kingdom. The majority of Part 2 also so extends (except that Chapter 1 does not extend to Northern Ireland and chapter 2 does not extend to Scotland). With a few exceptions, Parts 3 and 4 (police powers, public order and conduct in public places) extend to England and Wales only. In Part 5, sections 145 to 149, 157, 161 and 162 extend to England and Wales only.