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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 12

TAKING CONTROL OF GOODS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 12 applied (prosp.) by Finance Act 2008 (c. 9), ss. 127(2), 129(4)
- C1** Sch. 12 applied by S.I. 2013/2605, art. 21K(1) (as inserted (12.11.2018) by The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (External Investigations and External Orders and Requests) (Amendment) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/1078), arts. 1(2), 8)
- C1** Sch. 12 applied by S.I. 2014/1893, art. 34K(1) (as inserted (12.11.2018) by The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (External Investigations and External Orders and Requests) (Amendment) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/1078), arts. 1(2), 20)
- C1** Sch. 12 applied (6.4.2014) by Finance Act 2008 (c. 9), ss. 127(2), 129(4); S.I. 2014/906, arts. 2, 3

PART 2

THE PROCEDURE

General powers to use reasonable force

- 17 Where paragraph 18 [^{F1}, 18A, 19 or 19A] applies, an enforcement agent may if necessary use reasonable force to enter premises or to do anything for which the entry is authorised.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Sch. 12 para. 17 substituted (6.4.2014) by Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22), ss. 25(2), 61(3); S.I. 2014/830, art. 2

Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. 12 para. 17 in force at 6.4.2014 by S.I. 2014/768, art. 2(1)(b)

- 18 This paragraph applies if these conditions are met—
- (a) the enforcement agent has power to enter the premises under paragraph 14 or 16 or under a warrant under paragraph 15;
 - (b) he is acting under an enforcement power conferred by a warrant of control under section 76(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43) for the recovery of a sum adjudged to be paid by a conviction;
 - (c) he is entitled to execute the warrant by virtue of section 125A (civilian enforcement officers) or 125B (approved enforcement agencies) of that Act.

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I2 Sch. 12 para. 18 in force at 6.4.2014 by [S.I. 2014/768](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#)

[^{F2}18A(1) This paragraph applies if these conditions are met—

- (a) the enforcement agent has power to enter the premises under paragraph 14;
- (b) the enforcement agent reasonably believes that the debtor carries on a trade or business on the premises;
- (c) the enforcement agent is acting under a writ or warrant of control issued for the purpose of recovering a sum payable under a High Court or county court judgment;
- (d) the sum so payable is not a traffic contravention debt.

(2) “Traffic contravention debt” has the meaning given by section 82(2) of the Traffic Management Act 2004.]

Textual Amendments

F2 Sch. 12 para. 18A inserted (6.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 25\(3\)](#), [61\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2014/830](#), [art. 2](#)

19 (1) This paragraph applies if these conditions are met—

- (a) the enforcement agent has power to enter the premises under paragraph 16;
- (b) he reasonably believes that the debtor carries on a trade or business on the premises;
- (c) he is acting under an enforcement power within sub-paragraph (2).

(2) The enforcement powers are those under any of the following—

- (a) a writ or warrant of control issued for the purpose of recovering a sum payable under a High Court or county court judgment;

[^{F3}(b) section 127 of the Finance Act 2008.]

Textual Amendments

F3 Sch. 12 para. 19(2)(b) substituted for Sch. 12, para. 19(2)(b)-(e) (6.4.2014) by [Finance Act 2008 \(c. 9\)](#), [s. 129\(4\)](#), [Sch. 43 para. 10\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2014/906](#), [art. 2](#)

Commencement Information

I3 Sch. 12 para. 19 in force at 6.4.2014 by [S.I. 2014/768](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#)

[^{F4}19A(1) This paragraph applies if these conditions are met—

- (a) the enforcement agent has power to enter the premises under paragraph 16;
- (b) the enforcement agent has taken control of the goods by entering into a controlled goods agreement with the debtor;
- (c) the debtor has failed to comply with any provision of the controlled goods agreement relating to the payment by the debtor of the debt;
- (d) the debtor has been given notice of the intention of the enforcement agent to enter the premises to inspect the goods or to remove them for storage or sale;
- (e) neither paragraph 18 nor paragraph 19 applies.

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- (2) For the purposes of a notice under sub-paragraph (1)(d), regulations must state—
- (a) the minimum period of notice;
 - (b) the form of the notice;
 - (c) what it must contain;
 - (d) how it must be given;
 - (e) who must give it.
- (3) The enforcement agent must keep a record of the time when a notice under sub-paragraph (1)(d) is given.
- (4) If regulations authorise it, the court may order in prescribed circumstances that the notice given may be less than the minimum period.
- (5) The order may be subject to conditions.]

Textual Amendments

F4 Sch. 12 para. 19A inserted (15.7.2013 for specified purposes, 6.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 25\(4\), 61\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2013/1725](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); [S.I. 2014/830](#), [art. 2](#)

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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(8)(bza) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 23\(2\)](#)
- s. 13(8)(bzb) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 24\(9\)](#)
- s. 16(3)(a) word inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 16(3)(b) and word inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 16(3A)(3B) inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 85\(4\)](#)
- s. 22(6) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 4\(2\)](#)
- s. 23(8) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 4\(3\)](#)
- s. 25A inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 80\(1\)](#)
- s. 29(3A) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 81\(6\)](#)
- Sch. 5 para. 11A and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 80\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(e) words substituted by [2013 c. 22 Sch. 14 para. 13\(2\)](#) (Sch. 7 was already repealed when this amendment came into force)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(4)(b) words substituted by [2013 c. 22 Sch. 14 para. 13\(2\)](#) (Sch. 7 was already repealed when this amendment came into force)