



Counter-Terrorism Act 2008

2008 CHAPTER 28

PART 1

POWERS TO GATHER AND SHARE INFORMATION

Disclosure of information and the intelligence services

20 Disclosure and the intelligence services: supplementary provisions

- (1) The provisions of section 19 (disclosure and use of information) do not affect the duties with respect to the obtaining or disclosure of information imposed—
 - (a) on the Director-General of the Security Service, by section 2(2) of the Security Service Act 1989;
 - (b) on the Chief of the Intelligence Service, by section 2(2) of the Intelligence Services Act 1994;
 - (c) on the Director of GCHQ, by section 4(2) of that Act.
- (2) Nothing in that section authorises a disclosure that—
 - (a) contravenes [^{F1}the data protection legislation], or
 - (b) is prohibited by [^{F2}any of Parts 1 to 7 or Chapter 1 of Part 9 of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016].
- (3) The provisions of that section are without prejudice to any rule of law authorising the obtaining, use or disclosure of information by any of the intelligence services.
- (4) Schedule 1 contains amendments consequential on that section.
- [^{F3}(5) In this section, “the data protection legislation” has the same meaning as in the Data Protection Act 2018 (see section 3 of that Act).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 20(2)(a) substituted (25.5.2018) by [Data Protection Act 2018 \(c. 12\), s. 212\(1\), Sch. 19 para. 154\(2\)](#) (with ss. 117, 209, 210); S.I. 2018/625, reg. 2(1)(g)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008, Section 20. (See end of Document for details)

- F2** Words in s. 20(2)(b) substituted (27.6.2018) by Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (c. 25), s. 272(1), **Sch. 10 para. 22** (with Sch. 9 paras. 7, 8, 10); S.I. 2018/652, reg. 12(g)(iii)
- F3** S. 20(5) inserted (25.5.2018) by Data Protection Act 2018 (c. 12), s. 212(1), **Sch. 19 para. 154(3)** (with ss. 117, 209, 210); S.I. 2018/625, reg. 2(1)(g)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 20 in force at 24.12.2008 by S.I. 2008/3296, **art. 2**

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