

*These notes refer to the Serious Crime Act 2015 (c.9)  
which received Royal Assent on 3rd March 2015*

# SERIOUS CRIME ACT 2015

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### TERRITORIAL EXTENT

#### **Part 4: Seizure and Forfeiture of Drug-Cutting Agents**

##### **Commentary on Sections**

##### *Schedule 2: Execution of search and seizure warrants*

230. This Schedule makes further provision for the execution of warrants and is based on analogous provisions in section 16 of PACE.
231. *Paragraph 1* enables persons to accompany a police or customs officer when executing a warrant. Such a person, for example, a Police Community Support Officer, has the same powers as those the warrant confers on a police or customs officer.
232. Where premises are entered and searched in pursuance of a warrant and such premises are not specified in the warrant, entry must be authorised by a senior officer (*paragraph 3*). Where a warrant authorises multiple entries into a set of premises, any second or subsequent entry must be similarly authorised (*paragraph 4*). A senior officer is defined in *paragraph 12(1)*.
233. *Paragraph 8* confers a power to inspect and test substances found on the premises. The ability to test such a substance, for example to determine whether it is benzocaine, lidocaine or phenacetin, will help avoid unnecessary seizures.
234. *Paragraph 9* requires premises to be made secure on completion of the search. This obligation will be particularly relevant where a police or customs officer has had to force entry onto the premises.