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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 3

EXCEPTIONS TO SECTION 56

Disclosures of lawfully intercepted communications

- 2 (1) Section 56(1)(a) does not prohibit the disclosure of any content of a communication, or any secondary data obtained from a communication, if the interception of that communication was lawful by virtue of any of the following provisions—
- (a) sections 6(1)(c) and 44 to 52;
 - (b) sections 1(5)(c), 3 and 4 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000;
 - (c) section 1(2)(b) and (3) of the Interception of Communications Act 1985.
- (2) Where any disclosure is proposed to be, or has been, made on the grounds that it is authorised by sub-paragraph (1), section 56(1) does not prohibit the doing of anything in, or for the purposes of, so much of any proceedings as relates to the question whether that disclosure is or was so authorised.

Commencement Information

II Sch. 3 para. 2 in force at 27.6.2018 by [S.I. 2018/652](#), **reg. 8(w)**

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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):

- Sch. 3 para. 8A and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 32 Sch. 18 para. 10\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 20(2)(ha)(hb) inserted by [2023 c. 32 Sch. 18 para. 10\(3\)\(a\)](#)