



# Investigatory Powers Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 25

### PART 2

#### LAWFUL INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

### CHAPTER 1

#### INTERCEPTION AND EXAMINATION WITH A WARRANT

##### *Warrants under this Chapter*

#### **17 Subject-matter of warrants**

- (1) A warrant under this Chapter may relate to—
  - (a) a particular person or organisation, or
  - (b) a single set of premises.
- (2) In addition, a targeted interception warrant or targeted examination warrant may relate to—
  - (a) a group of persons who share a common purpose or who carry on, or may carry on, a particular activity;
  - (b) more than one person or organisation, or more than one set of premises, where the conduct authorised or required by the warrant is for the purposes of a single investigation or operation;
  - (c) testing or training activities.
- (3) In subsection (2)(c) “testing or training activities” means—
  - (a) in relation to a targeted interception warrant—
    - (i) the testing, maintenance or development of apparatus, systems or other capabilities relating to the interception of communications in the course of their transmission by means of a telecommunication

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- system or to the obtaining of secondary data from communications transmitted by means of such a system, or
- (ii) the training of persons who carry out, or are likely to carry out, such interception or the obtaining of such data;
- (b) in relation to a targeted examination warrant—
  - (i) the testing, maintenance or development of apparatus, systems or other capabilities relating to the selection of relevant content for examination, or
  - (ii) the training of persons who carry out, or are likely to carry out, the selection of relevant content for examination.

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#### Commencement Information

**II** S. 17 in force at 31.5.2018 by [S.I. 2018/652](#), reg. 3(c)

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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\(3\)\(a\)](#)