



Investigatory Powers Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 25

PART 6

BULK WARRANTS

CHAPTER 3

BULK EQUIPMENT INTERFERENCE WARRANTS

Bulk equipment interference warrants

182 Decisions to issue warrants to be taken personally by Secretary of State

- (1) The decision to issue a bulk equipment interference warrant must be taken personally by the Secretary of State.
- (2) Before a bulk equipment interference warrant is issued, it must be signed by the Secretary of State.
- (3) If it is not reasonably practicable for a warrant to be signed by the Secretary of State, the warrant may be signed by a senior official designated by the Secretary of State for that purpose.
- (4) In such a case, the warrant must contain a statement that—
 - (a) it is not reasonably practicable for the warrant to be signed by the Secretary of State, and
 - (b) the Secretary of State has personally and expressly authorised the issue of the warrant.

Commencement Information

II [S. 182](#) in force at 31.5.2018 by [S.I. 2018/652](#), [reg. 5\(o\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

Investigatory Powers Act 2016, Section 182 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 16 August 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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