



# Investigatory Powers Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 25

### PART 6

#### BULK WARRANTS

#### CHAPTER 3

##### BULK EQUIPMENT INTERFERENCE WARRANTS

##### *Duration, modification and cancellation of warrants*

#### **184 Duration of warrants**

- (1) A bulk equipment interference warrant ceases to have effect at the end of the relevant period (see subsection (2)), unless—
  - (a) it is renewed before the end of that period (see section 185), or
  - (b) it is cancelled or otherwise ceases to have effect before the end of that period (see sections 180 and 189).
- (2) In this section, “the relevant period”—
  - (a) in the case of an urgent warrant (see subsection (3)), means the period ending with the [<sup>F1</sup> fifth][<sup>F1</sup> 12th] working day after the day on which the warrant was issued;
  - (b) in any other case, means the period of 6 months beginning with—
    - (i) the day on which the warrant was issued, or
    - (ii) in the case of a warrant which has been renewed, the day after the day at the end of which the warrant would have ceased to have effect if it had not been renewed.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(a), a warrant is an “urgent warrant” if—
  - (a) the warrant was issued without the approval of a Judicial Commissioner, and

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- (b) the person who decided to issue the warrant considered that there was an urgent need to issue it.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Word in [s. 184\(2\)\(a\)](#) substituted (temp.) (27.3.2020) by virtue of [The Investigatory Powers \(Temporary Judicial Commissioners and Modification of Time Limits\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/360\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\), 4\(b\)](#) (with [reg. 5](#))

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 184 in force at 27.6.2018 by [S.I. 2018/652](#), [reg. 10\(b\)](#)

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