



Investigatory Powers Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 25

PART 1

GENERAL PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

Prohibitions against unlawful interception

9 Restriction on requesting interception by overseas authorities

- (1) This section applies to a request for any authorities of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom to carry out the interception of communications sent by, or intended for, an individual who the person making the request believes will be in the British Islands at the time of the interception.
- (2) A request to which this section applies may not be made by or on behalf of a person in the United Kingdom unless—
 - (a) a targeted interception warrant has been issued under Chapter 1 of Part 2 authorising the person to whom it is addressed to secure the interception of communications sent by, or intended for, that individual, or
 - (b) a targeted examination warrant has been issued under that Chapter authorising the person to whom it is addressed to carry out the selection of the content of such communications for examination.

Commencement Information

- 11** [S. 9](#) in force at 27.6.2018 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2018/652](#), [reg. 7\(e\)](#)
- 12** [S. 9](#) in force at 26.9.2018 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2018/940](#), [reg. 3\(a\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

Investigatory Powers Act 2016, Section 9 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 15 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\(3\)\(a\)](#)