



Investigatory Powers Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 25

PART 4

RETENTION OF COMMUNICATIONS DATA

Safeguards

92 Data integrity and security

- (1) A telecommunications operator who retains relevant communications data by virtue of this Part must—
 - (a) secure that the data is of the same integrity, and subject to at least the same security and protection, as the data on any system from which it is derived,
 - (b) secure, by appropriate technical and organisational measures, that the data can be accessed only by specially authorised personnel, and
 - (c) protect, by appropriate technical and organisational measures, the data against accidental or unlawful destruction, accidental loss or alteration, or unauthorised or unlawful retention, processing, access or disclosure.
- (2) A telecommunications operator who retains relevant communications data by virtue of this Part must destroy the data if the retention of the data ceases to be authorised by virtue of this Part and is not otherwise authorised by law.
- (3) The destruction of the data may take place at such monthly or shorter intervals as appear to the operator to be practicable.

Commencement Information

II [S. 92](#) in force at 30.12.2016 by [S.I. 2016/1233](#), [reg. 2\(f\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

Investigatory Powers Act 2016, Section 92 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 08 March 2024. 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):

- s. 58(4)(e) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 9](#)