

SCHEDULES

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OFCOM’S POWERS OF ENTRY, INSPECTION AND AUDIT

Return of warrants

- 16 (1) Where a warrant is executed—
- (a) it must be returned to the appropriate person (see sub-paragraph (3)) after being executed, and
 - (b) the person by whom it is executed must write on the warrant a statement of the powers that have been exercised under the warrant.
- (2) Where a warrant is not executed, it must be returned to the appropriate person within the time authorised for its execution.
- (3) The appropriate person is—
- (a) in the case of a warrant issued in England and Wales, the designated officer for the local justice area in which the justice of the peace was acting when issuing the warrant;
 - (b) in the case of a warrant issued in Scotland, the clerk of the justice of the peace court;
 - (c) in the case of a warrant issued in Northern Ireland, the clerk of petty sessions.
- (4) The appropriate person must retain a search warrant returned under sub-paragraph (1) or (2) until the end of the period of 12 months starting with the date of its return.
- (5) If during that period the occupier of premises to which the warrant relates asks to inspect it, the occupier must be allowed to do so.