
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2002 No. 2812

**The Freedom of Information Act 2000
(Commencement No. 2) Order 2002**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2002**(1)**.

(2) In this Order—

“the Act” means the Freedom of Information Act 2000; and

“the publication scheme provisions” means section 19(1) to (4) of the Act, insofar as it is not already in force**(2)**.

Commencement on 30th November 2002

2. The following provisions of the Act shall come into force on 30th November 2002:

- (a) sections 19(5) to (7) and 20, insofar as they are not already in force;
- (b) sections 45 and 46, insofar as they are not already in force;
- (c) section 47(1);
- (d) sections 48(1) and (2), 51 and 54 and Schedule 3, so far as they relate to—
 - (i) the issue of practice recommendations, and
 - (ii) the issue and enforcement of information notices,
relating to the conformity with the code of practice under section 45 of the practice of public authorities in relation to the exercise of their functions under the publication scheme provisions;
- (e) sections 51, 52 and 54 and Schedule 3, so far as they relate to the enforcement of the requirements on public authorities under the publication scheme provisions;
- (f) section 55, so far as relating to the provisions of Schedule 3 referred to in paragraphs (d) and (e) above;
- (g) sections 56, 57(2), 58, 59 and 61(2);
- (h) paragraph 10(b) of Schedule 2 (and section 18(4) insofar as it is not already in force);
- (i) paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 (and section 61(1) so far as relating to that provision);
- (j) paragraph 1 of Schedule 5 (and section 67 so far as relating to that provision);
- (k) section 72; and
- (l) section 88.

3. The publication scheme provisions shall come into force on 30th November 2002 for the public authorities listed in—

(1) Certain provisions of the Act came into force on Royal Assent (30th November 2000) by section 87(1), on 30th January 2001 by section 87(2), and on 14th May 2001 by S.I.2001/1637 (c. 56).
(2) By section 87(1)(b) of the Act, section 19 so far as relating to the approval of publication schemes is already in force.

- (a) paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (government departments), except for the Crown Prosecution Service and the Serious Fraud Office;
- (b) paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 of Schedule 1 to the Act; and
- (c) Schedule 1 to this Order⁽³⁾.

Commencement on 28th February 2003

4. The publication scheme provisions shall come into force on 28th February 2003 for the following public authorities—

- (a) the Common Council of the City of London, in respect of information held in its capacity as a local authority or port health authority⁽⁴⁾; and
- (b) the public authorities listed in—
 - (i) paragraphs 7, 8, 10 to 16 and 18 to 36 of Schedule 1 to the Act; and
 - (ii) Schedule 2 to this Order.

Commencement on 30th June 2003

5. The publication scheme provisions shall come into force on 30th June 2003 for the following public authorities—

- (a) the Crown Prosecution Service and the Serious Fraud Office;
- (b) the Common Council of the City of London, in respect of information held in its capacity as a police authority; and
- (c) the public authorities listed in—
 - (i) paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Act;
 - (ii) paragraphs 57 to 64⁽⁵⁾ of Schedule 1 to the Act; and
 - (iii) Schedule 3 to this Order.

Signed by the authority of the Lord Chancellor

12th November 2002

Yvette Cooper
Parliamentary Secretary,
Lord Chancellor's Department

(3) The public authorities listed in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 to this Order are among those listed in Parts VI and VII of Schedule 1 to the Act.

(4) The Common Council of the City of London, in respect of information held in its capacity as a local authority, police authority or port health authority, is listed in paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to the Act.

(5) Paragraphs 60 and 61 of Schedule 1 to the Act were amended by paragraph 25 of Schedule 6 to the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (c. 32).