



National Security Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 32

PART 1

ESPIONAGE, SABOTAGE AND PERSONS ACTING FOR FOREIGN POWERS

Supplementary provision

34 Interpretation

(1) In [this Part](#)—

“conduct” includes omissions and statements;

“enactment” includes—

- (a) an enactment comprised in subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978);
- (b) an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, a Measure or Act of Senedd Cymru;
- (c) an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
- (d) an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, Northern Ireland legislation;
- (e) retained direct EU legislation;

“foreign power” has the meaning given by [section 32](#);

“the foreign power condition” has the meaning given by [section 31](#);

“foreign power threat activity” and “involvement”, in relation to such activity, have the meaning given by [section 33](#);

“information” includes information about tactics, techniques and procedures;

“the maximum term for summary offences” means—

- (a) in relation to an offence committed before the time when [section 281\(5\)](#) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 comes into force, 6 months;
- (b) in relation to an offence committed after that time, 51 weeks.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the National Security Act 2023, Section 34. (See end of Document for details)

- (2) In [this Part](#) references to a part of the United Kingdom are references to—
- (a) England and Wales,
 - (b) Scotland, or
 - (c) Northern Ireland.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 34 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 100\(1\)](#)
I2 [S. 34](#) in force at 20.12.2023 by [S.I. 2023/1272](#), [reg. 2\(a\)](#)

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