



National Security Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 32

PART 1

ESPIONAGE, SABOTAGE AND PERSONS ACTING FOR FOREIGN POWERS

Entering and inspecting places used for defence etc

9 Power to designate a cordoned area to secure defence aircraft

- (1) A constable may designate an area as a cordoned area.
- (2) A constable may designate an area under [subsection \(1\)](#) only if the constable considers it expedient to do so for the purposes of securing—
 - (a) an aircraft, or a part of an aircraft, used for military purposes, or
 - (b) equipment relating to such an aircraft.
- (3) If a designation is made orally, the constable making the designation must confirm it in writing as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- (4) A constable making a designation must, as soon as is reasonably practicable—
 - (a) make a written record of the time at which the designation was made, and
 - (b) ensure that a police officer of at least the rank of superintendent is informed.
- (5) An officer who is informed of a designation in accordance with [subsection \(4\)\(b\)](#) must—
 - (a) confirm the designation or cancel it with effect from such time as the officer may direct, and
 - (b) if the officer cancels the designation, make a written record of the cancellation and the reason for it.
- (6) A constable making a designation must arrange for the demarcation of the cordoned area, so far as is reasonably practicable—
 - (a) by means of tape marked with the word “police”, or
 - (b) in such other manner as the constable considers appropriate.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the National Security Act 2023, Section 9. (See end of Document for details)

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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 9 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 100\(1\)](#)
- I2** [S. 9](#) in force at 20.12.2023 by [S.I. 2023/1272](#), [reg. 2\(a\)](#)

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