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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 7

PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATION MEASURES

PART 1

MEASURES

Electronic communication device measure

- 8 (1) The Secretary of State may impose either or both of the following—
- (a) restrictions on the individual's possession or use of electronic communication devices;
 - (b) requirements on the individual in relation to the possession or use of electronic communication devices by other persons in the individual's residence.
- (2) The Secretary of State may, in particular, impose—
- (a) a requirement not to possess or use any devices without the permission of the Secretary of State (subject to [sub-paragraph \(3\)](#));
 - (b) a requirement that a device may only be possessed or used subject to specified conditions.
- (3) The Secretary of State must allow the individual to possess and use (at least) one of each of the following descriptions of device (subject to any conditions on such use as may be specified under [sub-paragraph \(2\)\(b\)](#))—
- (a) a telephone operated by connection to a fixed line;
 - (b) a computer that provides access to the internet by connection to a fixed line (including any apparatus necessary for that purpose);
 - (c) a mobile telephone that does not provide access to the internet.
- (4) The conditions specified under [sub-paragraph \(2\)\(b\)](#) may, in particular, include conditions in relation to—
- (a) the type or make of a device (which may require the individual to use a device that is supplied or modified by the Secretary of State);
 - (b) the manner in which, or the times at which, a device is used;
 - (c) the monitoring of such use;
 - (d) the granting to a specified description of person of access to the individual's premises for the purpose of the inspection or modification of a device;
 - (e) the surrendering to a specified description of person of a device on a temporary basis for the purpose of its inspection or modification at another place;

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- (f) the disclosure to the Secretary of State of such details as may be specified of any electronic communication device possessed or used by the individual or any other person in the individual’s residence.
- (5) An “electronic communication device” means any of the following—
- (a) a device that is capable of storing, transmitting or receiving images, sounds or information by electronic means;
 - (b) a component part of such a device;
 - (c) an article designed or adapted for use with such a device (including any disc, memory stick, film or other separate article on which images, sound or information may be recorded).
- (6) The devices within [sub-paragraph \(5\)\(a\)](#) include (but are not limited to)—
- (a) computers,
 - (b) telephones (whether mobile telephones or telephones operated by connection to a fixed line),
 - (c) equipment (not within [paragraph \(a\)](#) or [\(b\)](#)) designed or adapted, or capable of being adapted, for the purpose of connecting to the internet, and
 - (d) equipment designed or adapted, or capable of being adapted, for the purposes of sending or receiving facsimile transmissions.

Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. 7 para. 8 not in force at Royal Assent, see 100(1)
- I2** [Sch. 7 para. 8](#) in force at 20.12.2023 by [S.I. 2023/1272](#), [reg. 2\(b\)](#)

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