

National Security Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 32

PART 4

FOREIGN ACTIVITIES AND FOREIGN INFLUENCE REGISTRATION SCHEME

Political influence activities of foreign powers

Requirement to register foreign influence arrangements

- (1) A "foreign influence arrangement" is an agreement or arrangement between a person ("P") and a foreign power pursuant to which the foreign power directs P—
 - (a) to carry out political influence activities in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) to arrange for such activities to be carried out in the United Kingdom.
- (2) Where the foreign power is a specified person, the arrangement is not a foreign influence arrangement to the extent that it relates to political influence activities that are relevant activities for the purposes of section 65.
- (3) Where P makes a foreign influence arrangement, P must register the arrangement with the Secretary of State before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which P makes the arrangement.
- (4) Subsection (3) applies in relation to a foreign influence arrangement which is made before, and which continues to have effect on, the day on which this section comes into force as if, for the words from "28" to the end, there were substituted "3 months beginning with the day on which this section comes into force."
- (5) P commits an offence if P—
 - (a) fails to comply with subsection (3), and
 - (b) knows that the arrangement in question is a foreign influence arrangement.