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Examination by immigration officers, and medical examination

2 (1) An immigration officer may examine any persons who have...

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- 2A (1) This paragraph applies to a person who has arrived...
 - 3 (1) An immigration officer may examine any person who is...

Information and documents

- 4 (1) It shall be the duty of any person examined...
- 5 The Secretary of State may by order made by statutory...

Notice of leave to enter or of refusal of leave

6 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, where a person examined...

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7 (1) This paragraph applies if an immigration officer examining a...

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- 12 (1) If, on a person's examination by an immigration officer...
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- 14 (1) Where it appears to the Secretary of State that...
- 15 A person in respect of whom directions are given under...

Detention of persons liable to examination or removal

- 16 (1) A person who may be required to submit to...
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- 18 (1) Persons may be detained under paragraph 16 above in...
- 19 (1) Where a person is refused leave to enter the...
- 20 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, in either...

Temporary admission or release of persons liable to detention

- 21 (1) A person liable to detention or detained under paragraph...
- 22 (1) The following, namely—(a) a person detained under paragraph...
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- 24 (1) An immigration officer or constable may arrest without warrant...
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25A (1) This paragraph applies if— (a) a person is arrested...

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- 31 (1) Where under paragraph 29 above (as it applies in...
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- 4 Where the release of a person recommended for deportation is...
- 5 (1) On an application made—(a) by or on behalf...
- 6 (1) In this Schedule "the appropriate court" means, except in...
- 7 (1) A constable or immigration officer may arrest without warrant...
- 8 (1) A person arrested in England or Wales in pursuance...
- 9 (1) A person arrested in Scotland in pursuance of paragraph...
- 10 Any justice of the peace or court before whom a...

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- 1 (1) Where under the immigration laws of any of the...
- 2 Notwithstanding section 3(4) of this Act, leave given to a...

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- 2 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraphAn adjudicator...
- 3 [(1)] The Lord Chancellor shall pay— (a) to the adjudicators,...
- 5 The adjudicators shall sit at such times and in such...

Part II — THE TRIBUNAL

Members

- 6 The Tribunal shall consist of such number of members as...
- 7 The president and such number of the other members of...
- 8 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraphA member...
- 9 [(1)]The Lord Chancellor shall pay— (a) to the members of...
- 10

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- 11 For the purpose of hearing and determining appeals under Part...
- 12 Subject to rules of procedure, the Tribunal shall be deemed...
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