



# Immigration Act 1971

## 1971 CHAPTER 77

### PART III

#### CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

#### [<sup>F1</sup>28CA Business premises: entry to arrest

- (1) A constable or immigration officer may enter and search any business premises for the purpose of arresting a person—
  - (a) for an offence under section 24,
  - (b) for an offence under section 24A, or
  - (c) under paragraph 17 of Schedule 2.
- (2) The power under subsection (1) may be exercised only—
  - (a) to the extent that it is reasonably required for a purpose specified in subsection (1),
  - (b) if the constable or immigration officer has reasonable grounds for believing that the person whom he is seeking is on the premises,
  - (c) with the authority of the Secretary of State (in the case of an immigration officer) or a Chief Superintendent (in the case of a constable), and
  - (d) if the constable or immigration officer produces identification showing his status.
- (3) Authority for the purposes of subsection (2)(c)—
  - (a) may be given on behalf of the Secretary of State only by a civil servant of the rank of at least Assistant Director, and
  - (b) shall expire at the end of the period of seven days beginning with the day on which it is given.
- (4) Subsection (2)(d) applies—
  - (a) whether or not a constable or immigration officer is asked to produce identification, but
  - (b) only where premises are occupied.

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- (5) Subsection (6) applies where a constable or immigration officer—
- (a) enters premises in reliance on this section, and
  - (b) detains a person on the premises.
- (6) A detainee custody officer may enter the premises for the purpose of carrying out a search.
- (7) In subsection (6)—
- “detainee custody officer” means a person in respect of whom a certificate of authorisation is in force under section 154 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33) (detained persons: escort and custody), and
  - “search” means a search under paragraph 2(1)(a) of Schedule 13 to that Act (escort arrangements: power to search detained person).]

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