



Interception of Communications Act 1985

1985 CHAPTER 56

11 Amendments, saving and repeal

- (1) For section 45 of the 1984 Act (interception and disclosure of messages etc.) there shall be substituted the section set out in Schedule 2 to this Act.
- (2) In section 58 of the Post Office Act 1953 (opening or delaying of postal packets by officers of Post Office)—
 - (a) for the words " an express warrant in writing under the hand of a Secretary of State " in subsection (1); and
 - (b) for the words " a warrant in writing under the hand of a Secretary of State " in subsection (2),there shall be substituted the words " a warrant issued by the Secretary of State under section 2 of the Interception of Communications Act 1985".
- (3) In paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 5 to the Post Office Act 1969 (repair of minor deficiencies in certain Acts) for the words " in obedience to a warrant under the hand of a Secretary of State " there shall be substituted the words " in obedience to a warrant issued by the Secretary of State under section 2 of the Interception of Communications Act 1985 or in pursuance of a requirement imposed by the Commissioner under section 8(3) of that Act".
- (4) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that nothing in this Act (except subsections (2) and (3) above) affects any power conferred on the Post Office by or under any enactment to open, detain or delay any postal packet or to deliver any such packet to a person other than the person to whom it is addressed.
- (5) Section 4 of the Official Secrets Act 1920 (power to require the production of telegrams) is hereby repealed.