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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1

#### THE DATA PROTECTION PRINCIPLES

#### PART II

##### INTERPRETATION OF THE PRINCIPLES IN PART I

##### *The first principle*

- 4 (1) Personal data which contain a general identifier falling within a description prescribed by the [<sup>F1</sup> Secretary of State] by order are not to be treated as processed fairly and lawfully unless they are processed in compliance with any conditions so prescribed in relation to general identifiers of that description.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1) “a general identifier” means any identifier (such as, for example, a number or code used for identification purposes) which—
- (a) relates to an individual, and
  - (b) forms part of a set of similar identifiers which is of general application.

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#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 4 substituted (19.8.2003) by [The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1887\)](#), art. 9, [Sch. 2 para. 9\(1\)\(b\)](#)

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#### **Commencement Information**

- II** Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 4 wholly in force at 1.3.2000; Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 4 in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent see s. 75(2)(i); Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 4 in force at 1.3.2000 insofar as not already in force by [S.I. 2000/183](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#)

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