



# Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

## CHAPTER 23

### REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000

#### PART I

#### COMMUNICATIONS

#### CHAPTER I

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### *Interception capability and costs*

- 12 Maintenance of interception capability.
- 13 Technical Advisory Board.
- 14 Grants for interception costs.

### *Restrictions on use of intercepted material etc.*

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- 16 Extra safeguards in the case of certificated warrants.
- 17 Exclusion of matters from legal proceedings.
- 18 Exceptions to section 17.
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- 20 Interpretation of Chapter I.

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- 28 Authorisation of directed surveillance.
- 29 Authorisation of covert human intelligence sources.
- 30 Persons entitled to grant authorisations under ss. 28 and 29.
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- 33 Rules for grant of authorisations.
- 34 Grant of authorisations in the senior officer's absence.
- 35 Notification of authorisations for intrusive surveillance.
- 36 Approval required for authorisations to take effect.
- 37 Quashing of police and customs authorisations etc.
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#### *Other authorisations*

- 41 Secretary of State authorisations.
- 42 Intelligence services authorisations.

#### *Grant, renewal and duration of authorisations*

- 43 General rules about grant, renewal and duration.
- 44 Special rules for intelligence services authorisations.
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- 49 Notices requiring disclosure.
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- 51 Cases in which key required.

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- 52 Arrangements for payments for disclosure.

#### *Offences*

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- 55 General duties of specified authorities.

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- 56 Interpretation of Part III.

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#### *Commissioners*

- 57 Interception of Communications Commissioner.
- 58 Co-operation with and reports by s. 57 Commissioner.
- 59 Intelligence Services Commissioner.
- 60 Co-operation with and reports by s. 59 Commissioner.
- 61 Investigatory Powers Commissioner for Northern Ireland.
- 62 Additional functions of Chief Surveillance Commissioner.

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- 63 Assistant Surveillance Commissioners.
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- 71 Issue and revision of codes of practice.
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- 73 Conduct in relation to wireless telegraphy.
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- 75 Authorisations under Part III of the Police Act 1997.
- 76 Surveillance etc. operations beginning in Scotland.
- 76A Foreign surveillance operations

#### *Supplemental*

- 77 Ministerial expenditure etc.
- 78 Orders, regulations and rules.
- 79 Criminal liability of directors etc.
- 80 General saving for lawful conduct.
- 81 General interpretation.
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### SCHEDULES

#### SCHEDULE A1 — MONETARY PENALTY NOTICES IN RELATION TO CERTAIN UNLAWFUL INTERCEPTIONS

##### PART 1 — MONETARY PENALTY NOTICES

#### *General*

- 1 (1) A monetary penalty notice is a notice requiring the...

#### *Enforcement obligations*

- 2 (1) The Commissioner may include one or more than one...

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*Consultation requirements before service of notices*

- 3 (1) The Commissioner must proceed in accordance with sub-paragraphs  
(2)...

*Variation or cancellation of notices*

- 4 (1) The Commissioner may, subject as follows, vary or cancel...

*Appeals against notices*

- 5 (1) A person on whom a monetary penalty notice is...

*Enforcement of notices*

- 6 (1) Sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) apply in relation to any...

*Guidance*

- 7 (1) The Commissioner must prepare and issue guidance on how...

*Interpretation: Part 1*

- 8 In this Part— “ address ” means— in the case...  
PART 2 — INFORMATION PROVISIONS

*Information notices*

- 9 (1) The Commissioner may by notice (“an information notice”) request...

*Appeals against notices*

- 10 (1) A person on whom an information notice is served...

*Enforcement of notices*

- 11 (1) The Commissioner may serve a Part 2 monetary penalty...

*Technical assistance for the Commissioner*

- 12 (1) OFCOM must comply with any reasonable request made by...

*Interpretation: Part 2*

- 13 In this Part— “ the Commissioner ” has the meaning...

SCHEDULE 1 — Relevant Public Authorities

Part I — RELEVANT AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF SS. 28 AND 29

*Police forces etc.*

- 1 Any police force.  
1A The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Constabulary.  
2 The National Criminal Intelligence Service.  
2A The Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency  
3 The National Crime Squad.  
4 The Serious Fraud Office.

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- 4A The force comprising the special constables appointed under section 79...
- 4B The force comprising the constables appointed under article 3 of...

*The intelligence services*

- 5 Any of the intelligence services.

*The armed forces*

- 6 Any of Her Majesty's forces.

*The revenue departments*

- 7 The Commissioners of Customs and Excise.
- 8 The Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

*Government departments*

- 9 The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.
- 10 The Ministry of Defence.
- 11 The Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions.
- 12 The Department of Health.
- 13 The Home Office.
- 14 The Department of Social Security.
- 15 The Department of Trade and Industry.

*The National Assembly for Wales*

- 16 The National Assembly for Wales.

*Local authorities*

- 17 Any local authority (within the meaning of section 1 of...
- 17A Any fire authority within the meaning of the Fire Services...

*Other bodies*

- 17B The Charity Commission.
- 18 The Environment Agency.
- 19 The Financial Services Authority.
- 20 The Food Standards Agency.
- 20A The Gaming Board for Great Britain.
- 20B The Office of Fair Trading.
- 20C The Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland.
- 20D The Postal Services Commission.
- 20E The Gangmasters Licensing Authority.
- 20F The Commission for Healthcare Audit and Inspection.
- 20G The Health and Safety Executive.
- 21 The Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce.
- 22 The Personal Investment Authority.
- 23 The Post Office.

*Northern Ireland authorities*

- 23A The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- 23B The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment.

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- 23C The Department of the Environment.
  - 23D Any district council (within the meaning of section 44 of...
  - 23E The Department of Justice.
- Part II — RELEVANT AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURPOSES ONLY OF S. 28

*The Health and Safety Executive*

- 24 The Health and Safety Executive.

*NHS bodies in England and Wales*

- 25 A Health Authority established under section 8 of the National...
- 26 A Special Health Authority established under section 11 of the...
- 27 A National Health Service trust established under section 5 of...
- 27A Local Health Boards in Wales established under section 6 of...

*Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England*

- 27B Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England.

*The Information Commissioner*

- 27C The Information Commissioner.

*The Royal Parks Constabulary*

- 27D The Royal Parks Constabulary.

*The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain*

- 28 The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

*The Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission*

- 28A The Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission.

*Special constables nominated by the Dover Harbour Board*

- 28B The force comprising the special constables appointed under section 79...

*The Department for Work and Pensions*

- 28C The Department for Work and Pensions.

*The Postal Services Commission*

- 28D The Postal Services Commission

*Universal service providers*

- 28E A universal service provider (within the meaning of the Postal...

*Northern Ireland authorities*

- 29 The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.
- 30 The Department for Regional Development.
- 31 The Department for Social Development.
- 32 The Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure.

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- 33 The Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission.
- 34 The Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland.
- 35 A Health and Social Services trust established under Article 10...
- 36 A Health and Social Services Board established under Article 16...
- 37 The Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland.
- 38 The Northern Ireland Central Services Agency for the Health and...
- 39 The Fire Authority for Northern Ireland.
- 40 The Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

## SCHEDULE 2 — Persons having the appropriate permission

### *Requirement that appropriate permission is granted by a judge*

- 1 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, a...

#### *Data obtained under warrant etc.*

- 2 (1) This paragraph applies in the case of protected information...

#### *Data obtained by the intelligence services under statute but without a warrant*

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies in the case of protected information...

#### *Data obtained under statute by other persons but without a warrant*

- 4 (1) This paragraph applies— (a) in the case of protected...

#### *Data obtained without the exercise of statutory powers*

- 5 (1) This paragraph applies in the case of protected information...

### *General requirements relating to the appropriate permission*

- 6 (1) A person does not have the appropriate permission in...

#### *Duration of permission*

- 7 (1) A permission granted by any person under any provision...

#### *Formalities for permissions granted by the Secretary of State*

- 8 A permission for the purposes of any provision of this...

## SCHEDULE 3 — The Tribunal

### *Membership of the Tribunal*

- 1 (1) A person shall not be appointed as a member...

#### *President and Vice-President*

- 2 (1) Her Majesty may by Letters Patent appoint as President...

#### *Members of the Tribunal with special responsibilities*

- 3 (1) The President of the Tribunal shall designate one or...



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*Salaries and expenses*

- 4 (1) The Secretary of State shall pay to the members...

*Officers*

- 5 (1) The Secretary of State may, after consultation with the...

*Parliamentary disqualification*

- 6 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...

SCHEDULE 4 — Consequential amendments

*The Post Office Act 1953 (c. 36)*

- 1 In section 58(1) of the Post Office Act 1953 (opening...

*The Post Office Act 1969 (c. 48)*

- 2 In paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 5 to the Post Office...

*The Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12)*

- 3 In section 45 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 (offence of...

*The Security Service Act 1989 (c. 5)*

- 4 (1) In section 1 of the Security Service Act 1989...

*The Official Secrets Act 1989 (c. 6)*

- 5 In section 4(3)(a) of the Official Secrets Act 1989 (offence...

*The Intelligence Services Act 1994 (c. 13)*

- 6 In section 11 of the Intelligence Services Act 1994 (interpretation),...

*The Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (c. 25)*

- 7 (1) In each of sections 3(7), 7(6), 8(6) and 9(9)...

*The Police Act 1997 (c. 50)*

- 8 (1) In section 91(9) of the Police Act 1997 (staff...

*The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c. 47)*

- 9 In paragraph 17(b) of Schedule 2 to the Northern Ireland...

*The Electronic Communications Act 2000 (c. 7)*

- 10 In section 4(2) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000 (exception...

*The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (c. 8)*

- 11 In section 394(7) of the Financial Services and Markets Act...

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*The Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 11)*

12 (1) In section 9(2)(d) of the Terrorism Act 2000 (proceedings...

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