



# Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 23

### PART II

#### SURVEILLANCE AND COVERT HUMAN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES

##### *Authorisation of surveillance and human intelligence sources*

#### **27 Lawful surveillance etc**

- (1) Conduct to which this Part applies shall be lawful for all purposes if—
  - (a) an authorisation under this Part confers an entitlement to engage in that conduct on the person whose conduct it is; and
  - (b) his conduct is in accordance with the authorisation.
- (2) A person shall not be subject to any civil liability in respect of any conduct of his which—
  - (a) is incidental to any conduct that is lawful by virtue of subsection (1); and
  - (b) is not itself conduct an authorisation or warrant for which is capable of being granted under a relevant enactment and might reasonably have been expected to have been sought in the case in question.
- (3) The conduct that may be authorised under this Part includes conduct outside the United Kingdom.
- (4) In this section “relevant enactment” means—
  - (a) an enactment contained in this Act;
  - (b) section 5 of the Intelligence Services Act 1994 (warrants for the intelligence services); or
  - (c) an enactment contained in Part III of the Police Act 1997 (powers of the police and of customs officers).