



# Sexual Offences Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 42

### PART 2

#### NOTIFICATION AND ORDERS

##### *Information for verification*

#### **94 Part 2: supply of information to Secretary of State etc. for verification**

- (1) This section applies to information notified to the police under—
  - (a) section 83, 84 or 85, or
  - (b) section 2(1) to (3) of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 (c. 51).
- (2) A person within subsection (3) may, for the purposes of the prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of offences under this Part, supply information to which this section applies to—
  - (a) the Secretary of State,
  - (b) a Northern Ireland Department, or
  - (c) a person providing services to the Secretary of State or a Northern Ireland Department in connection with a relevant function,for use for the purpose of verifying the information.
- (3) The persons are—
  - (a) a chief officer of police (in Scotland, a chief constable),
  - [<sup>F1</sup>(b) the National Policing Improvement Agency,]
  - [<sup>F2</sup>(c) the Serious Organised Crime Agency.]
- (4) In relation to information supplied under subsection (2) to any person, the reference to verifying the information is a reference to—
  - (a) checking its accuracy by comparing it with information held—
    - (i) where the person is the Secretary of State or a Northern Ireland Department, by him or it in connection with the exercise of a relevant function, or

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- (ii) where the person is within subsection (2)(c), by that person in connection with the provision of services referred to there, and
  - (b) compiling a report of that comparison.
- (5) Subject to subsection (6), the supply of information under this section is to be taken not to breach any restriction on the disclosure of information (however arising or imposed).
- (6) This section does not authorise the doing of anything that contravenes the Data Protection Act 1998 (c. 29).
- (7) This section does not affect any power existing apart from this section to supply information.
- (8) In this section—
- “Northern Ireland Department” means the Department for Employment and Learning, the Department of the Environment or the Department for Social Development;
  - “relevant function” means—
    - (a) a function relating to social security, child support, employment or training,
    - (b) a function relating to passports,
    - (c) a function under Part 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (c. 52) or Part 2 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)).

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 94(3)(b) substituted (1.4.2007) by [Police and Justice Act 2006 \(c. 48\)](#), ss. 1(3), 53, [Sch. 1 para. 90](#); [S.I. 2007/709](#), [art. 3\(a\)](#) (subject to [arts. 6, 7](#))
- F2** S. 94(3)(c) substituted for s. 94(3)(c)(d) (1.4.2006) by [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\)](#), ss. 59, 178, [Sch. 4 para. 194](#); [S.I. 2006/378](#), [art. 4\(1\)](#), [Sch. para. 10](#) (subject to [art. 4\(2\)-\(7\)](#))

## 95 Part 2: supply of information by Secretary of State etc.

- (1) A report compiled under section 94 may be supplied by—
- (a) the Secretary of State,
  - (b) a Northern Ireland Department, or
  - (c) a person within section 94(2)(c),
- to a person within subsection (2).
- (2) The persons are—
- (a) a chief officer of police (in Scotland, a chief constable),
  - [<sup>F3</sup>(b) the Serious Organised Crime Agency.]
- (3) Such a report may contain any information held—
- (a) by the Secretary of State or a Northern Ireland Department in connection with the exercise of a relevant function, or
  - (b) by a person within section 94(2)(c) in connection with the provision of services referred to there.
- (4) Where such a report contains information within subsection (3), the person within subsection (2) to whom it is supplied—

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- (a) may retain the information, whether or not used for the purposes of the prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of an offence under this Part, and
  - (b) may use the information for any purpose related to the prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of offences (whether or not under this Part), but for no other purpose.
- (5) Subsections (5) to (8) of section 94 apply in relation to this section as they apply in relation to section 94.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F3** S. 95(2)(b) substituted for s. 95(b)(c) (1.4.2006) by [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005](#) (c. 15), ss. 59, 178, [Sch. 4 para. 195](#); S.I. 2006/378, [art. 4\(1\)](#), Sch. para. 10 (subject to [art. 4\(2\)-\(7\)](#))

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