



# 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),
  - (b) the Police Information Technology Organisation,
  - (c) the Director General of the National Criminal Intelligence Service,
  - (d) the Director General of the National Crime Squad.
- (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—

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- (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
    - (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)).