

*These notes refer to the Hunting Act 2004 (c.37)
which received Royal Assent on 18th November 2004*

HUNTING ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Enforcement

Section 8: Search and seizure

12. *Section 8* confers powers of search and seizure without a warrant where a constable reasonably suspects that a person is committing or has committed an offence under the Act. *Subsections (2) and (3)* authorise the constable to stop and search that person and any vehicle, animal or other thing in his possession or control, while *subsection (4)* authorises the constable to seize and detain any vehicle, animal or other thing if he reasonably believes that it may be used as evidence in criminal proceedings for an offence under the Act or may be subject to a forfeiture order under *section 9*.
13. *Subsection (5)* provides that for the purpose of exercising these powers of search and seizure a constable may enter land, premises other than a dwelling or a vehicle.