



# Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

## 2005 CHAPTER 15

### PART 1

#### THE SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME AGENCY

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#### SOCA: ESTABLISHMENT AND ACTIVITIES

##### *Central supervision and direction*

#### **10 Codes of practice**

- (1) The Secretary of State may issue codes of practice relating to the exercise by SOCA of any of its functions.
- (2) The Secretary of State may from time to time revise the whole or any part of a code of practice issued under this section.
- (3) Before issuing or revising a code of practice issued under this section the Secretary of State must consult—
  - (a) SOCA,
  - (b) the Scottish Ministers, and
  - (c) such other persons as he considers appropriate.
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament—
  - (a) any code of practice issued under this section, and
  - (b) any revisions of such a code.
- (5) The Secretary of State—

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (a) is not required by subsection (4) to lay before Parliament, or
  - (b) may exclude from what he does lay before Parliament,  
anything to which subsection (6) applies.
- (6) This subsection applies to anything the publication of which, in the opinion of the Secretary of State—
- (a) would be against the interests of national security, or
  - (b) could prejudice the prevention or detection of crime or the apprehension or prosecution of offenders, or
  - (c) could jeopardise the safety of any person.
- (7) The Secretary of State must provide the Scottish Ministers with a copy of—
- (a) any code of practice issued under this section, or
  - (b) any revisions of such a code.