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

Operational matters

24   Mutual assistance between SOCA and law enforcement agencies: directed arrangements

(1) This section applies where it appears to the Secretary of State—

    (a)   that a body within subsection (2) has a special need for assistance from SOCA or SOCA has a special need for assistance from a body within that subsection,

    (b)   that it is expedient for such assistance to be provided by SOCA or (as the case may be) the body, and

    (c)   that satisfactory arrangements cannot be made, or cannot be made in time, under section 23.

(2) The bodies within this subsection are—

    (a)   any police force in England and Wales [F1]... ,

    (b)   any special police force [F2]... , and

    (c)   any law enforcement agency operating in the United Kingdom other than the Scottish Administration [F3or a Northern Ireland department].

(3) In a case where this section applies the Secretary of State may (as appropriate)—

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    (a)   direct the chief officer of the police force to provide such constables or other assistance for the purpose of meeting the need in question as may be specified in the direction;

    (b)   direct the chief officer of the special police force to provide such constables or other persons, or such other assistance, for the purpose of meeting the need in question as may be so specified;

    (c)   direct the head of the law enforcement agency to provide such members of the staff of that agency or other assistance for the purpose of meeting the need in question as may be so specified;

    (d)   direct the Director General of SOCA to provide such members of the staff of SOCA or other assistance for the purpose of meeting the need in question as may be so specified.

(4) A direction under subsection (3) requires the consent of the Treasury if it is to be given to the Commissioners.

(5) Subsections (6) to (9) of section 23 apply in relation to assistance provided under this section—

    (a)   by SOCA to a police force, a special police force or a law enforcement agency, or

    (b)   to SOCA by a police force, a special police force or a law enforcement agency,

as they apply in relation to assistance so provided under that section.

(6) In this section "law enforcement agency" has the meaning given by section 3(4) (subject to the territorial restriction contained in subsection (2) above).

Textual Amendments

F1   Words in s. 24(2)(a) omitted (12.4.2010) by virtue of The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), art. 1(2), **Sch. 15 para. 13(2)** (with arts. 28-31)

F2   Words in s. 24(2)(b) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/602), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 48(7)**

F3   Words in s. 24(2)(c) inserted (12.4.2010) by The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), art. 1(2), **Sch. 15 para. 13(3)** (with arts. 28-31)

Commencement Information

I1   S. 24 in force at 1.4.2006 by S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), **Sch. para. 4** (with art. 4(2)-(7))

Status:
Point in time view as at 01/04/2013. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:
Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005, Section 24 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 11 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.