

*These notes refer to the Terrorism Act 2006 (c.11)
which received Royal Assent on 30 March 2006*

TERRORISM ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Definitions

Section 2 – Dissemination of terrorist publications

Subsection (13)

38. **Subsection (13)** defines publication for the purposes of section 2 as an article or record of any description which contains matter to be read, matter to be listened to, or matter to be looked at or watched. This means that as well as covering books the section will also cover, amongst other things, films and videos (with or without sound), cassette tapes, electronic books, material contained on CD-ROMs and photographs. This definition of publication is different from that provided for in section 20 of the Act. Article and record are defined in section 20(2) and (8). Article includes anything for storing data such as a CD-ROM. Record means anything that is not an article, including a temporary electronic record that only exists for the purpose of, and during the transmission of, its contents. Under section 20(8) if there is a reference to what is contained in an article or record this includes anything embodied or stored on or in it and anything that may be reproduced from it.