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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 5

INVESTIGATORY POWERS ETC.

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PART 4

FURTHER POWERS EXERCISABLE BY DOMESTIC ENFORCERS AND EU ENFORCERS

Power to break open container etc

- 31 (1) The officer may, for the purpose of exercising any of the powers in paragraphs 28 to 30, require a person with authority to do so to—
- (a) break open any container,
 - (b) open any vending machine, or
 - (c) access any electronic device in which information may be stored or from which it may be accessed.
- (2) Where a requirement under sub-paragraph (1) has not been complied with, the officer may, for the purpose of exercising any of the powers in paragraphs 28 to 30—
- (a) break open the container,
 - (b) open the vending machine, or
 - (c) access the electronic device.
- (3) Sub-paragraph (1) or (2) applies if and to the extent that the exercise of the power in that sub-paragraph is reasonably necessary for the purposes for which that power may be exercised.
- (4) In this paragraph “container” means anything in which goods may be stored.

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