

# Serious Crime Act 2015

# **CHAPTER 9**

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# PART 1

# PROCEEDS OF CRIME

# CHAPTER 1

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# Confiscation: assets held by defendant and other

- 1 Determination of extent of defendant's interest in property
- 2 Provision of information
- 3 Appeals
- 4 Enforcement receivers

# Confiscation: other amendments

- 5 Time for payment
- 6 Confiscation and victim surcharge orders
- 7 Orders for securing compliance with confiscation order
- 8 Variation or discharge
- 9 Absconding defendants
- 10 Default sentences
- 11 Conditions for exercise of restraint order powers
- 12 Continuation of restraint order after quashed conviction
- 13 Conditions for exercise of search and seizure powers
- 14 Seized money etc

# CHAPTER 2

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- 16 Orders for securing compliance with confiscation order
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- 42 Obtaining articles for purposes relating to computer misuse
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#### PART 3

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45 Offence of participating in activities of organised crime group

#### Serious crime prevention orders

- 46 Extension of Part 1 of Serious Crime Act 2007 to Scotland
- 47 Serious crime prevention orders: meaning of "serious offence"
- 48 Powers of Crown Court to replace orders on breach
- 49 Extension of order where person charged
- 50 Serious crime prevention orders and financial reporting etc

#### Gang injunctions

51 Injunctions to prevent gang-related violence and drug-dealing activity

#### PART 4

#### SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE OF DRUG-CUTTING AGENTS

#### Warrants

- 52 Applications for search and seizure warrants
- 53 Further provisions about search and seizure warrants
- 54 Execution of search and seizure warrants

#### Seizure

- 55 Seizure of substances under search and seizure warrant
- 56 Seizure of substances without search and seizure warrant
- 57 Notice to be given where substances seized
- 58 Containers

#### Retention of seized substances

- 59 Initial retention of seized substances
- 60 Continued retention or return of seized substances

# *Forfeiture etc or return of seized substances*

- 61 Forfeiture and disposal, or return, of seized substances
- 62 Appeal against decision under section 61
- 63 Return of substance to person entitled to it, or disposal if return impracticable

#### Supplementary

64 Compensation

65 Interpretation etc

# PART 5

## PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND OTHERS

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- 66 Child cruelty offence
- 67 Sexual communication with a child
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#### Female genital mutilation

- 70 Offence of female genital mutilation: extra-territorial acts
- 71 Anonymity for victims of female genital mutilation
- 72 Offence of failing to protect girl from risk of genital mutilation
- 73 Female genital mutilation protection orders
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#### Domestic abuse

- 76 Controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship
- 77 Guidance about investigation of offences under section 76

#### PART 6

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

#### Miscellaneous

- 78 Knives and offensive weapons in prisons
- 79 Throwing articles into prisons
- 80 Prevention or restriction of use of communication devices by prisoners etc
- 81 Preparation or training abroad for terrorism
- 82 Approval of draft decisions under Article 352 of TFEU relating to serious crime
- 83 Codes of practice about investigatory powers: journalistic sources
- 84 Termination of pregnancy on grounds of sex of foetus

# General

- 85 Minor and consequential amendments
- 86 Transitional and saving provisions
- 87 Extent
- 88 Commencement
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# SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Amendments of Serious Crime Act 2007: Scotland

- 1 The Serious Crime Act 2007 is amended as set out...
- 2 (1) Section 1 (serious crime prevention orders) is amended as...
- 3 In section 2 (involvement in serious crime: England and Wales...
- 4 After section 2 insert— Involvement in serious crime: Scotland orders...
- 5 In section 3 (involvement in serious crime: Northern Ireland orders),...
- 6 In section 4 (involvement in serious crime: supplementary), after subsection...
- 7 In section 5 (type of provision that may be made...
- 8 In section 7 (other exceptions), after subsection (1) insert—
- 9 In section 8 (limited class of applicants for making of...
- 10 (1) Section 9 (right of third parties to make representations)...
- 11 In section 10 (notice requirements in relation to orders), in...
- 12 (1) Section 12 (restrictions for legal professional privilege) is amended...
- 13 In section 13 (restrictions on excluded material and banking information),...
- 14 (1) Section 17 (variation of orders) is amended as follows....
- 15 (1) Section 18 (discharge of orders) is amended as follows....
- 16 In section 22 (inter-relationship between different types of order), at...
- 17 After that section insert— Extension of jurisdiction: Scotland Orders by...
- 18 After section 24 insert— Additional right of appeal from Court...
- 19 (1) Section 27 (powers to wind up companies etc: England...
- 20 After section 27 insert— Powers to wind up companies etc:...
- 21 (1) Section 29 (powers to wind up: supplementary) is amended...
- 22 (1) Section 31 (other partnerships) is amended as follows.
- 23 In section 32 (unincorporated associations) omit sub-paragraph (ii) of subsection...
- 24 In section 34 (providers of information society services), in subsection...
- 25 After section 36 insert— Proceedings in the High Court of...
- 26 In section 39 (compliance with orders: authorised monitors), in the...
- 27 (1) Section 40 (costs in relation to authorised monitors) is...
- 28 In section 43 (index of defined expressions), at the appropriate...
- 29 In section 89 (orders)— (a) in subsection (1), for ",...
- 30 In section 93 (extent), in subsection (2) (provisions that extend...
- 31 In Schedule 1 (serious offences), after Part 1 insert— PART...

SCHEDULE 2 — Execution of search and seizure warrants

#### Persons who may execute warrant

1 (1) A search and seizure warrant may be executed by...

#### Warrant to be executed within 3 months

2 Entry and search under a search and seizure warrant must...

#### All-premises warrants

3 In the case of an all-premises warrant, premises that are...

# Search of premises more than once

4 Premises may be entered or searched for the second or...

# Time of search

5 Entry and search under a search and seizure warrant must...

## Evidence of authority etc

6 (1) Where the occupier of premises to be entered and...

#### Extent of search

7 A search under a search and seizure warrant may only...

#### Inspection of substances

8 Where a police or customs officer has power under section...

#### Securing premises after entry

9 A police or customs officer who enters premises under a...

## Endorsement of warrant

10 (1) A police or customs officer executing a search and...

#### Return and retention of warrant

11 (1) A search and seizure warrant must be returned to...

#### Interpretation etc

12 (1) In this Schedule— "all-premises warrant" and "specific-premises warrant" have...

SCHEDULE 3 — Paedophile manuals: providers of information society services

#### Interpretation of this Schedule

1 (1) "Prohibited item" means an item within section 69(1).

Domestic service providers: extension of liability

2 (1) Section 69(1) applies to a domestic service provider who,...

Non-UK service providers: restriction on institution of proceedings

3 (1) Proceedings for an offence under section 69(1) may not...

#### Exception for mere conduits

4 (1) A service provider does not commit an offence under...

#### Exception for caching

5 (1) A service provider does not commit an offence under...

# Exception for hosting

6 (1) A service provider does not commit an offence under...

SCHEDULE 4 — Minor and consequential amendments

Visiting Forces Act 1952 (c. 67)

1 In the Schedule to the Visiting Forces Act 1952 (offences...

Street Offences Act 1959 (c. 57)

2 (1) The Schedule to the Street Offences Act 1959 (orders...

Criminal Appeal Act 1968 (c. 19)

3 In section 50 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 (meaning...

Criminal Appeal (Northern Ireland) Act 1980 (c. 47)

4 In section 30(3) of the Criminal Appeal (Northern Ireland) Act...

Senior Courts Act 1981 (c. 54)

5 In paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to the Senior Courts...

Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 (c. 27)

6 (1) In section 18 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments...

#### Computer Misuse Act 1990 (c. 18)

- 7 In each of the following provisions of the Computer Misuse...
- 8 In section 3A of that Act (making, supplying or obtaining...
- 9 In section 4 of that Act (territorial scope of offences),...
- 10 (1) Section 6 of that Act (territorial scope of inchoate...
- 11 (1) Section 9 of that Act (British citizenship immaterial) is...
- 12 In section 10 of that Act, for the heading substitute...

Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41)

13 In section 58A of the Courts and Legal Services Act...

## Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 46)

- 14 In section 108 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995...
- 15 (1) Section 175 of that Act (right of appeal from...
- 16 In section 222 of that Act (transfer of fine orders),...

# Family Law Act 1996 (c. 27)

17 In section 63 of the Family Law Act 1996 (interpretation...

# Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (c. 23)

18 In section 71 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act...

# Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (c. 29)

- 19 In section 6 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002...
- 20 In section 12 of that Act (interest on unpaid sums),...
- 21 In section 14 of that Act (postponement), after paragraph (c)...
- 22 (1) Section 15 of that Act (effect of postponement) is...
- 23 (1) Section 19 of that Act (no order made: reconsideration...
- 24 (1) Section 20 of that Act (no order made: reconsideration...

- 25 (1) Section 21 of that Act (order made: reconsideration of...
- 26 (1) Section 22 of that Act (order made: reconsideration of...
- 27 (1) Section 31 of that Act (appeal to Court of...
- 28 In section 32 of that Act (Court of Appeal's powers...
- 29 In section 33 of that Act (appeal to Supreme Court),...
- 30 In section 35 of that Act (enforcement as fines), in...
- 31 In section 41 of that Act (restraint orders), after subsection...
- 32 (1) Section 42 of that Act (application, discharge and variation...
- 33 In section 55 of that Act (sums received by designated...
- 34 In section 89 of that Act (procedure on appeal to...
- 35 In section 92 of that Act (making of order), at...
- 36 In section 99 of that Act (postponement), after paragraph (c)...
- 37 (1) Section 100 of that Act (effect of postponement) is...
- 38 (1) Section 104 of that Act (no order made: reconsideration...
- 39 (1) Section 105 of that Act (no order made: reconsideration...
- 40 (1) Section 106 of that Act (order made: reconsideration of...
- 41 (1) Section 107 of that Act (order made: reconsideration of...
- 42 In section 118 of that Act (application of provisions about...
- 43 (1) Section 121 of that Act (application, recall and variation)...
- 44 In section 131 of that Act (sums received by clerk...
- 45 In section 153 of that Act (satisfaction of confiscation orders),...
- 46 In section 156 of that Act (making of order), at...
- 47 In section 162 of that Act (interest on unpaid sums),...
- 48 (1) Section 181 of that Act (appeal to Court of...
- 49 In section 185 of that Act (enforcement as fines)—
- 50 In section 190 of that Act (restraint orders), after subsection...
- 51 (1) Section 191 of that Act (application, discharge and variation...
- 52 In section 273 of that Act (payments in respect of...
- 53 In section 277 of that Act (consent orders: pensions), in...
- 54 In section 316 of that Act (Part 5: general interpretation),...
- 55 In section 341 of that Act (investigations), in subsection (1)...
- 56 In section 416 of that Act (other interpretative provisions), after...
- 57 (1) Section 459 of that Act (orders and regulations) is...
- 58 (1) In Schedule 2 to that Act (lifestyle offences: England...
- 59 In Schedule 10 to that Act, in paragraph 1 (disapplication...

#### Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 (c. 31)

60 In section 8 of the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003...

#### Courts Act 2003 (c. 39)

61 In Schedule 8 to the Courts Act 2003 omit paragraph...

#### Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42)

- 62 In section 54 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (sections...
- 63 In section 78 of that Act (meaning of "sexual"), for...
- 64 (1) In section 136A of that Act (meaning of specified...
- 65 (1) Subsection (3) of that section is amended as follows....
- 66 (1) Schedule 3 to that Act (sexual offences for purposes...

#### Criminal Justice Act 2003 (c. 44)

67 In Schedule 3 to the Criminal Justice Act 2003 omit...

- 68 (1) Schedule 15 to that Act (specified offences for purposes...
- 69 (1) Schedule 15B to that Act (offences listed for the...
- 70 (1) Schedule 34A to that Act (child sex offences for...

#### Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15)

- 71 In the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 omit...
- 72 In section 175 of that Act (penalties for offences: transitional...
- 73 (1) Section 179 of that Act (extent etc) is amended...

#### Terrorism Act 2006 (c. 11)

74 In section 17 of the Terrorism Act 2006 (commission of...

#### Armed Forces Act 2006 (c. 52)

75 In Schedule 2 to the Armed Forces Act 2006 (which...

#### Serious Crime Act 2007 (c. 27)

- 76 In section 9 of the Serious Crime Act 2007 (right...
- 77 In section 16 of that Act (duration of orders), at...
- 78 (1) Section 19 of that Act (orders by Crown Court...
- 79 In section 21 of that Act (powers of Crown Court...
- 80 In section 36 of that Act (proceedings in the Crown...
- 81 (1) Schedule 1 to that Act (serious offences) is amended...
- 82 In Part 2 of Schedule 3 to that Act (offences...

# Policing and Crime Act 2009 (c. 26)

- 83 In the Policing and Crime Act 2009, in the heading...
- 84 In section 35 (contents of injunctions), in subsection (2)(e), after...
- 85 In section 49 (interpretation), at the appropriate place in subsection...

# Crime and Security Act 2010 (c. 17)

86 In the Crime and Security Act 2010 omit section 34...

# Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (c. 10)

- 87 (1) Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Legal Aid,...
- 88 (1) Part 3 of that Schedule (advocacy: exclusion and exceptions)...

# Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act 2013 (c. 3)

89 In the Schedule to the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud...

# Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (c. 12)

90 In section 116 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing...

# Status:

Point in time view as at 29/12/2015.

# Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Serious Crime Act 2015.