

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

EXECUTION OF SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANTS

Return and retention of warrant

- 11 (1) A search and seizure warrant must be returned to the appropriate person (see subparagraph (2))—
- (a) when the warrant has been executed, or
 - (b) on or before the expiry of the period of 3 months from the date of its issue, if the warrant is—
 - (i) a specific-premises warrant that has not been executed,
 - (ii) an all-premises warrant, or
 - (iii) a warrant authorising multiple entries.
- (2) The appropriate person is—
- (a) in the case of a warrant issued in England and Wales, the designated officer for the local justice area in which the justice of the peace was acting when issuing the warrant;
 - (b) in the case of a warrant issued in Scotland, the sheriff clerk for the sheriff court in which the sheriff was sitting when the sheriff issued the warrant;
 - (c) in the case of a warrant issued in Northern Ireland, the clerk of petty sessions for the petty sessions district in which the lay magistrate was acting when he or she issued the warrant.
- (3) The appropriate person must retain a search and seizure warrant returned under subparagraph (1) for 12 months from the date of its return.
- (4) If during that period the occupier of premises to which the search and seizure warrant relates asks to inspect it, he or she must be allowed to do so.