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# **Immigration Act 2016**

## **2016 CHAPTER 19**

## PART 1

LABOUR MARKET AND ILLEGAL WORKING

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### LABOUR MARKET

Director of Labour Market Enforcement

## 7 Information gateways: supplementary

- (1) A disclosure of information which is authorised by section 6 does not breach—
  - (a) an obligation of confidence owed by the person making the disclosure, or
  - (b) any other restriction on the disclosure of information (however imposed).
- (2) But nothing in section 6 authorises the making of a disclosure which-
  - (a) contravenes the Data Protection Act 1998, or
  - (b) is prohibited by Part 1 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.
- (3) Section 6 does not limit the circumstances in which information may be disclosed apart from that section.
- (4) Section 6(1) does not authorise a person serving in an intelligence service to disclose information to the Director or a relevant staff member.

But this does not affect the disclosures which such a person may make in accordance with intelligence service disclosure arrangements.

(5) Intelligence service information may not be disclosed by the Director or a relevant staff member without authorisation from the appropriate service chief.

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- (6) If the Director or a relevant staff member has disclosed intelligence service information to a person, that person may not further disclose that information without authorisation from the appropriate service chief.
- (7) HMRC information may not be disclosed by the Director or a relevant staff member without authorisation from HMRC Commissioners.
- (8) If the Director or a relevant staff member has disclosed HMRC information to a person, that person may not further disclose that information without authorisation from HMRC Commissioners.
- (9) Subsections (7) and (8) do not apply to national minimum wage information.
- (10) If a person contravenes subsection (7) or (8) by disclosing revenue and customs information relating to a person whose identity—
  - (a) is specified in the disclosure, or
  - (b) can be deduced from it,

section 19 of the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act 2005 (wrongful disclosure) applies in relation to that disclosure as it applies in relation to a disclosure of such information in contravention of section 20(9) of that Act.

(11) In this section—

"appropriate service chief" means-

- (a) the Director-General of the Security Service (in the case of information obtained by the Director or a relevant staff member from that Service or a person acting on its behalf);
- (b) the Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service (in the case of information so obtained from that Service or a person acting on its behalf);
- (c) the Director of GCHQ (in the case of information so obtained from GCHQ or a person acting on its behalf);
  - "GCHQ" has the same meaning as in the Intelligence Services Act 1994;

"HMRC information" means information disclosed to the Director or a relevant staff member under section 6 by HMRC Commissioners or a person acting on behalf of HMRC Commissioners;

"intelligence service" means-

- (a) the Security Service;
- (b) the Secret Intelligence Service;
- (c) GCHQ;

"intelligence service disclosure arrangements" means-

- (a) arrangements made by the Director-General of the Security Service under section 2(2)(a) of the Security Service Act 1989 about the disclosure of information by that Service,
- (b) arrangements made by the Chief of the Intelligence Service under section 2(2)(a) of the Intelligence Services Act 1994 about the disclosure of information by that Service, and
- (c) arrangements made by the Director of GCHQ under section 4(2)(a) of that Act about the disclosure of information by GCHQ;

"intelligence service information" means information obtained from an intelligence service or a person acting on behalf of an intelligence service;

"national minimum wage information" means information obtained by an officer in the course of acting—

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- (a) for the purposes of the National Minimum Wage Act 1998 (see section 13 of that Act), or
- (b) by virtue of section 26(2);

"relevant staff member" has the same meaning as in section 6;

"revenue and customs information relating to a person" has the meaning given in section 19(2) of the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act 2005.

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