



# Investigatory Powers Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 25

### PART 5

#### EQUIPMENT INTERFERENCE

##### *Supplementary provision*

#### 135 Part 5: interpretation

(1) In this Part—

“communication” includes—

- (a) anything comprising speech, music, sounds, visual images or data of any description, and
- (b) signals serving either for the impartation of anything between persons, between a person and a thing or between things or for the actuation or control of any apparatus;

“equipment” means equipment producing electromagnetic, acoustic or other emissions or any device capable of being used in connection with such equipment;

“equipment data” has the meaning given by section 100;

“private information” includes information relating to a person’s private or family life;

“protected material”, in relation to a targeted examination warrant, has the meaning given by section 99(9);

“senior official” means—

- (a) in the case of a targeted equipment interference warrant which is or may be issued by the Secretary of State or a law enforcement chief, or in the case of a targeted examination warrant which is or may be issued by the Secretary of State, a member of the Senior Civil Service or a member of the Senior Management Structure of Her Majesty’s Diplomatic Service;
- (b) in the case of a targeted equipment interference warrant or a targeted examination warrant which is or may be issued by the Scottish Ministers,

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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a member of the staff of the Scottish Administration who is a member of the Senior Civil Service;

“targeted examination warrant” has the meaning given by section 99(9).

(2) See also—

section 261 (telecommunications definitions),

section 263 (general definitions),

section 264 (general definitions: “journalistic material” etc.),

section 265 (index of defined expressions).