



# National Security Act 2023

## 2023 CHAPTER 32

### PART 1

#### ESPIONAGE, SABOTAGE AND PERSONS ACTING FOR FOREIGN POWERS

##### *Supplementary provision*

### 34 Interpretation

(1) In [this Part](#)—

“conduct” includes omissions and statements;

“enactment” includes—

- (a) an enactment comprised in subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978);
- (b) an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, a Measure or Act of Senedd Cymru;
- (c) an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
- (d) an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, Northern Ireland legislation;
- (e) retained direct EU legislation;

“foreign power” has the meaning given by [section 32](#);

“the foreign power condition” has the meaning given by [section 31](#);

“foreign power threat activity” and “involvement”, in relation to such activity, have the meaning given by [section 33](#);

“information” includes information about tactics, techniques and procedures;

“the maximum term for summary offences” means—

- (a) in relation to an offence committed before the time when [section 281\(5\)](#) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 comes into force, 6 months;
- (b) in relation to an offence committed after that time, 51 weeks.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (2) In [this Part](#) references to a part of the United Kingdom are references to—
- (a) England and Wales,
  - (b) Scotland, or
  - (c) Northern Ireland.