



National Security Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 32

PART 1

ESPIONAGE, SABOTAGE AND PERSONS ACTING FOR FOREIGN POWERS

Supplementary provision

37 Consents to prosecutions

- (1) This section applies to offences under this Part, except offences under—
- (a) section 5 (unauthorised entry to a prohibited place);
 - (b) section 6 (prohibited place: failure to comply with order of constable);
 - (c) section 11 (cordoned area: failure to comply with order of constable);
 - (d) Schedule 2 (powers of entry, search and seizure);
 - (e) Schedule 3 (disclosure orders);
 - (f) Schedule 4 (customer information orders).
- (2) Proceedings for an offence to which this section applies may be instituted—
- (a) in England and Wales, only with the consent of the Attorney General;
 - (b) in Northern Ireland, only with the consent of the Advocate General for Northern Ireland.

Commencement Information

- 11** S. 37 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 100\(1\)](#)
12 S. 37 in force at 20.12.2023 by [S.I. 2023/1272](#), [reg. 2\(a\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the National Security Act 2023, Section 37.