



National Security Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 32

PART 1

ESPIONAGE, SABOTAGE AND PERSONS ACTING FOR FOREIGN POWERS

Supplementary provision

38 Power to exclude the public from proceedings

If it is necessary in the interests of national security, a court may exclude the public from—

- (a) any part of proceedings for an offence under this Part, or
- (b) any part of proceedings relating to section 69A of the Sentencing Act 2020 (as inserted by section 19) or to section 20 or 21,

except for the passing of sentence.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 38 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 100\(1\)](#)
- I2** S. 38 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 38.