



# National Security Act 2023

## 2023 CHAPTER 32

### PART 1

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

##### *Entering and inspecting places used for defence etc*

### **8 Power to designate additional sites as prohibited places**

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations designate—
  - (a) land or a building situated in the United Kingdom or the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia, or
  - (b) a vehicle,as a prohibited place.
- (2) The power in [subsection \(1\)](#) may be exercised only if, having regard to the matters mentioned in [subsection \(3\)](#), the Secretary of State reasonably considers it necessary to do so in order to protect the safety or interests of the United Kingdom.
- (3) Those matters are—
  - (a) the purpose for which the land or building or vehicle is used;
  - (b) the nature of any information held, stored or processed on the land or in the building or vehicle;
  - (c) the nature of any technology, equipment or material located on the land or in the building or vehicle.
- (4) The power in [subsection \(1\)](#) may be exercised in relation to—
  - (a) a description of land or buildings, or
  - (b) a description of vehicle,as well as in relation to particular land or buildings or a particular vehicle.
- (5) In [this section](#) “building” includes any part of a building.