

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend to England and Wales only, revoke the Police (Disposal of Property) Regulations 1975. They substantially re-enact the provisions in those regulations relating to sale and disposal of property in the possession of the police to which the Police (Property) Act 1897 (“the 1897 Act”) applies with drafting amendments. The regulations also make provision for the retention of property by the police in certain circumstances following amendment to the 1897 Act by the Police (Property) Act [1997 \(c. 30\)](#).