
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into operation on 1st April 2008 the revised code of practice made pursuant to section 377 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (“the Act”) as to the exercise of functions under Chapter 2 of Part 8 of that Act. The revised code of practice must be complied with by the Director General of the Serious Organised Crime Agency, other members of the staff of the Serious Organised Crime Agency, accredited financial investigators, constables and officers of Revenue and Customs in the exercise of any of their functions under Chapter 2.

Chapter 2 of Part 8 of the Act provides for various orders and warrants to be issued for the purpose of confiscation investigations, money laundering investigations, civil recovery investigations and detained cash investigations.

Article 3 of the Order makes provision in relation to persons who begin exercising functions under Chapter 2 of Part 8 of the Act before the revised code of practice comes into operation and continue to do so after it has come into operation.