
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No. 1542

**The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984
(Application to immigration officers and designated
customs officials in England and Wales) Order 2013**

PART 3

**INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED, AND PERSONS
DETAINED, BY DESIGNATED CUSTOMS OFFICIALS**

Search of persons found on premises

17.—(1) This article applies where a designated customs official searches premises in reliance on a warrant under section 8 of, or paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to, the Act, as applied by article 12.

(2) The designated customs official may search any person found on the premises where the designated customs official has reasonable cause to believe that person to be in possession of material which is likely to be of substantial value (whether by itself or together with other material) to the investigation of the offence for which the warrant was issued.

(3) The power to search conferred by paragraph (2) above is only a power to search to the extent that is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering any such material.

(4) The power to search conferred by paragraph (2) is not to be construed as authorising a designated customs official to require a person to remove any of his clothing, other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves but they do authorise a search of a person's mouth.

(5) No person may be searched except by a person of the same sex.