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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2013 No. 2605**

The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002  
(External Investigations) Order 2013

PART 1

**[<sup>F1</sup>Compensation**

**21P.**—(1) Where an interim freezing order in respect of any property is discharged, the person to whom the property belongs may make an application to the High Court for the payment of compensation.

(2) The application must be made within the period of three months beginning with the discharge of the interim freezing order.

(3) The court may award compensation to be paid to the applicant only if satisfied that—

- (a) the applicant has suffered loss as a result of the making of the interim freezing order,
- (b) there has been a serious default on the part of the enforcement authority that applied for the order, and
- (c) the order would not have been made had the default not occurred.

(4) Where the court orders the payment of compensation—

- (a) the compensation is payable by the enforcement authority that applied for the interim freezing order, and
- (b) the amount of the compensation to be paid is the amount that the court thinks reasonable, having regard to the loss suffered and any other relevant circumstance.]

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Arts. 21H-21P inserted (12.11.2018) by [The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 \(External Investigations and External Orders and Requests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1078\)](#), arts. 1(2), **8**

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (External Investigations) Order 2013, Section 21P.