

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr Secretary Straw has made the following statement under section 19(1)(a) of the Human Rights Act 1998:

In my view the provisions of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill are compatible with the Convention rights.

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Make provision for and about the interception of communications, the acquisition and disclosure of data relating to communications, the carrying out of surveillance, the use of covert human intelligence sources and the acquisition of the means by which electronic data protected by encryption or passwords may be decrypted or accessed; to provide for the establishment of a tribunal with jurisdiction in relation to those matters, to entries on and interferences with property or with wireless telegraphy and to the carrying out of their functions by the Security Service, the Secret Intelligence Service and the Government Communications Headquarters; and for connected purposes. A.D. 2000.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

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INTERCEPTION

Unlawful and authorised interception

10 **1.**—(1) It shall be an offence for a person intentionally and without lawful authority to intercept, at any place in the United Kingdom, any communication in the course of its transmission by means of— Unlawful interception.

- (a) a public postal service; or
- (b) a public telecommunication system.

15 (2) It shall be an offence for a person—

- (a) intentionally and without lawful authority, and

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- (b) otherwise than in circumstances in which his conduct is excluded by subsection (6) from criminal liability under this subsection,

to intercept, at any place in the United Kingdom, any communication in the course of its transmission by means of a private telecommunication system.

(3) Any interception of a communication which is carried out at any place in the United Kingdom by, or with the express or implied consent of, a person having the right to control the operation or the use of a private telecommunication system shall be actionable at the suit or instance of the sender or recipient, or intended recipient, of the communication if it is without lawful authority and is either—

- (a) an interception of that communication in the course of its transmission by means of that private system; or
- (b) an interception of that communication in the course of its transmission, by means of a public telecommunication system, to or from apparatus comprised in that private telecommunication system.

(4) Where the United Kingdom is a party to an international agreement which—

- (a) relates to the provision of mutual assistance in connection with, or in the form of, the interception of communications,
- (b) requires the issue of a warrant, order or equivalent instrument in cases in which assistance is given, and
- (c) is designated for the purposes of this subsection by an order made by the Secretary of State,

it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to secure that no request for assistance in accordance with the agreement is made on behalf of a person in the United Kingdom to the competent authorities of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom except with lawful authority.

(5) Conduct has lawful authority for the purposes of this section if, and only if—

- (a) it is authorised by or under section 3 or 4;
- (b) it takes place in accordance with a warrant under section 5 (“an interception warrant”); or
- (c) it is in exercise, in relation to any stored communication, of any statutory power that is exercised (apart from this section) for the purpose of obtaining information or of taking possession of any document or other property;

and conduct (whether or not prohibited by this section) which has lawful authority for the purposes of this section by virtue of paragraph (a) or (b) shall also be taken to be lawful for all other purposes.

(6) The circumstances in which a person makes an interception of a communication in the course of its transmission by means of a private telecommunication system are such that his conduct is excluded from criminal liability under subsection (2) if—

- (a) he is a person with a right to control the operation or the use of the system; or
- (b) he has the express or implied consent of such a person to make the interception.

(7) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) or (2) shall be liable—

- (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine, or to both;
- 5 (b) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum.

(8) No proceedings for any offence which is an offence by virtue of this section shall be instituted—

- 10 (a) in England and Wales, except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions;
- (b) in Northern Ireland, except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland.

2.—(1) In this Act—

“postal service” means any service which—

- 15 (a) consists in the following, or in any one or more of them, namely, the collection, sorting, conveyance, distribution and delivery (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) of postal items; and
- 20 (b) is offered or provided as a service the main purpose of which, or one of the main purposes of which, is to make available, or to facilitate, a means of transmission from place to place of postal items containing communications;

“private telecommunication system” means any telecommunication system which, without itself being a public telecommunication system, is a system in relation to which the following conditions are satisfied—

- 25 (a) it is attached, directly or indirectly and whether or not for the purposes of the communication in question, to a public telecommunication system; and
- 30 (b) there is apparatus comprised in the system which is both located in the United Kingdom and used (with or without other apparatus) for making the attachment to the public telecommunication system;

“public postal service” means any postal service which is offered or provided to, or to a substantial section of, the public in any one or more parts of the United Kingdom;

“public telecommunications service” means any telecommunications service which is offered or provided to, or to a substantial section of, the public in any one or more parts of the United Kingdom;

40 “public telecommunication system” means any such parts of a telecommunication system by means of which any public telecommunications service is provided as are located in the United Kingdom;

45 “telecommunications service” means any service that consists in the provision of access to, and of facilities for making use of, any telecommunication system (whether or not one provided by the person providing the service); and

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“telecommunication system” means any system (including the apparatus comprised in it) which exists (whether wholly or partly in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) for the purpose of facilitating the transmission of communications by any means involving the use of electrical or electro-magnetic energy. 5

(2) For the purposes of this Act, but subject to the following provisions of this section, a person intercepts a communication in the course of its transmission by means of a telecommunication system if, and only if, he—

- (a) so modifies or interferes with the system, or its operation,
- (b) so monitors transmissions made by means of the system, or 10
- (c) so monitors transmissions made by wireless telegraphy to or from apparatus comprised in the system,

as to make some or all of the contents of the communication available, while being transmitted, to a person other than the sender or intended recipient of the communication. 15

(3) References in this Act to the interception of a communication do not include references to the interception of any communication broadcast for general reception.

(4) For the purposes of this Act the interception of a communication takes place in the United Kingdom if, and only if the modification, interference or 20 monitoring or, in the case of a postal item, the interception is effected by conduct within the United Kingdom and the communication is either—

- (a) intercepted in the course of its transmission by means of a public postal service or public telecommunication system; or
- (b) intercepted in the course of its transmission by means of a private 25 telecommunication system in a case in which the sender or intended recipient of the communication is in the United Kingdom.

(5) References in this Act to the interception of a communication in the course of its transmission by means of a postal service or telecommunication system do not include references to— 30

- (a) any conduct that takes place in relation only to so much of the communication as consists in any address or other data comprised in or attached to a communication (whether by the sender or otherwise) for the purposes of any postal service or telecommunication system by means of which it is being or may be 35 transmitted; or
- (b) any such conduct, in connection with conduct falling within paragraph (a), as gives a person who is neither the sender nor the intended recipient only so much access to a communication as is necessary for the purpose of identifying addresses and other data so 40 comprised or attached.

(6) For the purposes of this section references to the modification of a telecommunication system include references to the attachment of any apparatus to, or other modification of or interference with—

- (a) any part of the system; or 45
- (b) any wireless telegraphy apparatus used for making transmissions to or from apparatus comprised in the system.

(7) For the purposes of this section the times while a communication is being transmitted by means of a telecommunication system shall be taken to include any time when the system by means of which the communication is being, or has been, transmitted is used for storing it in a manner that enables the intended recipient to collect it or otherwise to have access to it.

(8) For the purposes of this section the cases in which any contents of a communication are to be taken to be made available to a person while being transmitted shall include any case in which any of the contents of the communication, while being transmitted, are diverted or recorded so as to be available to a person subsequently.

(9) References in this section to data being attached to a communication include references to the data and the communication being logically associated with each other.

(10) In this section “postal item” means any letter, postcard or other such thing in writing as may be used by the sender for imparting information to the recipient, or any packet or parcel.

3.—(1) Conduct by any person consisting in the interception of a communication is authorised by this section if the communication is one which, or which that person has reasonable grounds for believing, is both—

- (a) a communication sent by a person who has consented to the interception; and
- (b) a communication the intended recipient of which has so consented.

Lawful interception without an interception warrant.

(2) Conduct by any person consisting in the interception of a communication is authorised by this section if—

- (a) the communication is one sent by, or intended for, a person who has consented to the interception; and
- (b) surveillance by means of that interception has been authorised under Part II.

(3) Conduct consisting in the interception of a communication is authorised by this section if—

- (a) it is conduct by or on behalf of a person who provides a postal service or a telecommunications service; and
- (b) it takes place for purposes connected with the provision or operation of that service or with the enforcement, in relation to that service, of any enactment relating to the use of postal services or telecommunications services.

(4) Conduct by any person consisting in the interception of a communication in the course of its transmission by means of wireless telegraphy is authorised by this section if it takes place—

- (a) with the authority of a designated person under section 5 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 (misleading messages and interception and disclosure of wireless telegraphy messages); and
- (b) for purposes connected with anything falling within subsection (5).

1949 c. 54.

(5) Each of the following falls within this subsection—

- (a) the issue of licences under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949;

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- (b) the prevention or detection of anything which constitutes interference with wireless telegraphy; and
- (c) the enforcement of any enactment contained in that Act or of any enactment not so contained that relates to such interference.

Power to provide for lawful interception.

4.—(1) Conduct by any person (“the interceptor”) consisting in the interception of a communication in the course of its transmission by means of a telecommunication system is authorised by this section if—

- (a) the interception is carried out for the purpose of obtaining information about the communications of a person who, or who the interceptor has reasonable grounds for believing, is in a country or territory outside the United Kingdom;
- (b) the interception relates to the use of a telecommunications service provided to persons in that country or territory which is either—
 - (i) a public telecommunications service; or
 - (ii) a telecommunications service that would be a public telecommunications service if the persons to whom it is offered or provided were members of the public in a part of the United Kingdom;
- (c) the person who provides that service (whether the interceptor or another person) is required by the law of that country or territory to carry out, secure or facilitate the interception in question; and
- (d) the situation is one satisfying such conditions as may be prescribed for the purposes of this subsection by regulations made by the Secretary of State.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the Secretary of State may by regulations authorise any such conduct described in the regulations as appears to him to constitute a legitimate practice reasonably required for the purpose, in connection with the carrying on of any business, of monitoring or keeping a record of—

- (a) communications by means of which transactions are entered into in the course of that business; or
- (b) other communications relating to that business or taking place in the course of its being carried on.

(3) Nothing in any regulations under subsection (2) shall authorise the interception of any communication except in the course of its transmission using apparatus or services provided by or to the person carrying on the business for use wholly or partly in connection with that business.

(4) Conduct taking place in a prison is authorised by this section if it is conduct in exercise of any power conferred by or under any rules made under section 47 of the Prison Act 1952, section 39 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 or section 13 of the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953 (prison rules).

(5) Conduct taking place in any hospital premises where high security psychiatric services are provided is authorised by this section if it is conduct in pursuance of, and in accordance with, any direction given under section 17 of the National Health Service Act 1977 (directions as to the carrying out of their functions by health bodies) to the body providing those services at those premises.

1952 c. 52.
1989 c. 45.

1953 c. 18 (N.I.).

1977 c. 49.

(6) In this section references to a business include references to any activities of a government department, of any public authority or of any person or office holder on whom functions are conferred by or under any enactment.

5 (7) In this section—

“government department” includes any part of the Scottish Administration, a Northern Ireland department and the National Assembly for Wales;

10 “high security psychiatric services” has the same meaning as in the National Health Service Act 1977;

1977 c. 49.

“hospital premises” has the same meaning as in section 4(3) of that Act; and

“prison” has the meaning given by subsection (8) of this section.

(8) In this section “prison” means—

15 (a) any prison, young offender institution or remand centre which is under the general superintendence of, or is provided by, the Secretary of State under the Prison Act 1952 or the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953, or

1952 c. 52.

1953 c. 18 (N.I.).

20 (b) any prison, young offenders institution or remand centre which is under the general superintendence of the Scottish Ministers under the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989,

1989 c. 45.

and includes any contracted out prison, within the meaning of Part IV of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 or section 106(4) of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, and any legalised police cells within the meaning of section 14 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989.

1991 c. 53.

1994 c. 33.

5.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Chapter, the Secretary of State may issue a warrant authorising or requiring the person to whom it is addressed, by any such conduct as may be described in the warrant, to secure any one or more of the following—

Interception with a warrant.

30 (a) the interception in the course of their transmission by means of a postal service or telecommunication system of the communications described in the warrant;

35 (b) the making, in accordance with an international mutual assistance agreement, of a request for the provision of such assistance in connection with, or in the form of, an interception of communications as may be so described;

40 (c) the provision, in accordance with an international mutual assistance agreement, to the competent authorities of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom of any such assistance in connection with, or in the form of, an interception of communications as may be so described;

(d) the disclosure, in such manner as may be so described, of intercepted material obtained by any interception authorised or required by the warrant, and of related communications data.

45 (2) The Secretary of State shall not issue an interception warrant unless he believes—

(a) that the warrant is necessary on grounds falling within subsection (3); and

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(b) that the conduct authorised by the warrant is proportionate to what is sought to be achieved by that conduct.

(3) Subject to the following provisions of this section, a warrant is necessary on grounds falling within this subsection if it is necessary—

- (a) in the interests of national security; 5
- (b) for the purpose of preventing or detecting serious crime;
- (c) for the purpose of safeguarding the economic well-being of the United Kingdom; or
- (d) for the purpose, in circumstances appearing to the Secretary of State to be equivalent to those in which he would issue a warrant by virtue of paragraph (b), of giving effect to the provisions of any international mutual assistance agreement. 10

(4) The matters to be taken into account in considering whether the requirements of subsection (2) are satisfied in the case of any warrant shall include whether the information which it is thought necessary to obtain under the warrant could reasonably be obtained by other means. 15

(5) A warrant shall not be considered necessary on the ground falling within subsection (3)(c) unless the information which it is thought necessary to obtain is information relating to the acts or intentions of persons outside the British Islands. 20

(6) The conduct authorised by an interception warrant shall be taken to include—

- (a) all such conduct (including the interception of communications not identified by the warrant) as it is necessary to undertake in order to do what is expressly authorised or required by the warrant; 25
- (b) conduct for obtaining related communications data; and
- (c) conduct by any person which is conduct in pursuance of a requirement imposed by or on behalf of the person to whom the warrant is addressed to be provided with assistance with giving effect to the warrant. 30

Interception warrants

Application for
issue of an
interception
warrant.

6.—(1) An interception warrant shall not be issued except on an application made by or on behalf of a person specified in subsection (2).

(2) Those persons are—

- (a) the Director-General of the Security Service; 35
- (b) the Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service;
- (c) the Director of GCHQ;
- (d) the Director General of the National Criminal Intelligence Service;
- (e) the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis;
- (f) the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary; 40
- (g) the chief constable of any police force maintained under or by virtue of section 1 of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967;
- (h) the Commissioners of Customs and Excise;
- (i) a Permanent Under-Secretary of State in the Ministry of Defence;

1967 c. 77.

(j) a person who, for the purposes of any international mutual assistance agreement, is the competent authority of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom;

5 (k) any such other person as the Secretary of State may by order designate for the purposes of this subsection.

(3) An application for the issue of an interception warrant shall not be made on behalf of a person specified in subsection (2) except by a person holding office under the Crown.

10 (4) The Secretary of State may by order remove any person from the list of persons for the time being specified in subsection (2).

7.—(1) An interception warrant shall not be issued except—

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(a) under the hand of the Secretary of State; or

(b) in a case falling within subsection (2), under the hand of a senior official.

15 (2) Those cases are—

(a) an urgent case in which the Secretary of State has himself expressly authorised the issue of the warrant in that case; and

20 (b) a case in which the warrant is for the purposes of a request for assistance made under an international mutual assistance agreement by the competent authorities of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom and either—

(i) it appears that the interception subject is outside the United Kingdom; or

25 (ii) the interception to which the warrant relates is to take place in relation only to premises outside the United Kingdom.

(3) An interception warrant—

(a) must be addressed to the person falling within section 6(2) by whom, or on whose behalf, the application for the warrant was made; and

30 (b) in the case of a warrant issued under the hand of a senior official, must contain, according to whatever is applicable—

(i) one of the statements set out in subsection (4); and

(ii) if it contains the statement set out in subsection (4)(b), one of the statements set out in subsection (5).

(4) The statements referred to in subsection (3)(b)(i) are—

35 (a) a statement that the case is an urgent case in which the Secretary of State has himself expressly authorised the issue of the warrant;

40 (b) a statement that the warrant is issued for the purposes of a request for assistance made under an international mutual assistance agreement by the competent authorities of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom.

(5) The statements referred to in subsection (3)(b)(ii) are—

(a) a statement that the interception subject appears to be outside the United Kingdom;

45 (b) a statement that the interception to which the warrant relates is to take place in relation only to premises outside the United Kingdom.

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warrants.

- 8.**—(1) An interception warrant must name or describe either—
- (a) one person as the interception subject; or
 - (b) a single set of premises as the premises in relation to which the interception to which the warrant relates is to take place.
- (2) The provisions of an interception warrant describing communications the interception of which is authorised or required by the warrant must comprise one or more schedules setting out the addresses, numbers, apparatus or other factors, or combination of factors, that are to be used for identifying communications which are likely to be or to include—
- (a) communications from, or intended for, the person named or described in the warrant in accordance with subsection (1); or
 - (b) communications originating on, or intended for transmission to, the premises so named or described.
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) shall not apply to an interception warrant if—
- (a) the description of communications to which the warrant relates confines the conduct authorised or required by the warrant to conduct falling within subsection (4); and
 - (b) at the time of the issue of the warrant, a certificate applicable to the warrant has been issued by the Secretary of State certifying—
 - (i) the descriptions of intercepted material the examination of which he considers necessary; and
 - (ii) that he considers the examination of material of those descriptions necessary as mentioned in section 5(3)(a), (b) or (c).
- (4) Conduct falls within this subsection if it consists in—
- (a) the interception of external communications in the course of their transmission by means of a telecommunication system; and
 - (b) any conduct authorised in relation to any such interception by section 5(6).
- (5) A certificate for the purposes of subsection (3) shall not be issued except under the hand of the Secretary of State.

Duration,
cancellation and
renewal of
warrants.

- 9.**—(1) An interception warrant—
- (a) shall cease to have effect at the end of the relevant period; but
 - (b) may be renewed, at any time before the end of that period, by an instrument under the hand of the Secretary of State or, in a case falling within section 7(2)(b), under the hand of a senior official.
- (2) An interception warrant shall not be renewed under subsection (1) unless the Secretary of State believes that the warrant continues to be necessary on grounds falling within section 5(3).
- (3) The Secretary of State shall cancel an interception warrant if he is satisfied that the warrant is no longer necessary on grounds falling within section 5(3).
- (4) The Secretary of State shall cancel an interception warrant if, at any time before the end of the relevant period, he is satisfied in a case in which—
- (a) the warrant is one which was issued containing the statement set out in section 7(5)(a) or has been renewed containing the statement set out in subsection (5)(b)(i) of this section, and

(b) the latest renewal (if any) of the warrant is not a renewal by an instrument under the hand of the Secretary of State, that the person named or described in the warrant as the interception subject is in the United Kingdom.

5 (5) An instrument under the hand of a senior official that renews an interception warrant must contain—

(a) a statement that the renewal is for the purposes of a request for assistance made under an international mutual assistance agreement by the competent authorities of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom; and

10 (b) whichever of the following statements is applicable—

(i) a statement that the interception subject appears to be outside the United Kingdom;

15 (ii) a statement that the interception to which the warrant relates is to take place in relation only to premises outside the United Kingdom.

(6) In this section “the relevant period”—

(a) in relation to an unrenewed warrant issued in a case falling within section 7(2)(a) under the hand of a senior official, means the period ending with the fifth working day following the day of the warrant’s issue;

(b) in relation to a renewed warrant the latest renewal of which was by an instrument endorsed under the hand of the Secretary of State with a statement that the renewal is believed to be necessary on grounds falling within section 5(3)(a) or (c), means the period of six months beginning with the day of the warrant’s renewal; and

(c) in all other cases, means the period of three months beginning with the day of the warrant’s issue or, in the case of a warrant that has been renewed, of its latest renewal.

30 **10.**—(1) The Secretary of State may at any time—

(a) modify the provisions of an interception warrant; or

(b) modify a section 8(3) certificate so as to include in the certified material any material the examination of which he considers to be necessary as mentioned in section 5(3)(a), (b) or (c).

Modification of warrants and certificates.

35 (2) If at any time the Secretary of State considers that any factor set out in a schedule to an interception warrant is no longer relevant for identifying communications which, in the case of that warrant, are likely to be or to include communications falling within section 8(2)(a) or (b), it shall be his duty to modify the warrant by the deletion of that factor.

40 (3) If at any time the Secretary of State considers that the material certified by a section 8(3) certificate includes any material the examination of which is no longer necessary as mentioned in any of paragraphs (a) to (c) of section 5(3), he shall modify the certificate so as to exclude that material from the certified material.

45 (4) Subject to subsections (5) to (8), a warrant or certificate shall not be modified under this section except by an instrument under the hand of the Secretary of State or of a senior official.

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(5) Unscheduled parts of an interception warrant shall not be modified under the hand of a senior official except in an urgent case in which—

- (a) the Secretary of State has himself expressly authorised the modification; and
- (b) a statement of that fact is endorsed on the modifying instrument. 5

(6) Subsection (4) shall not authorise the making under the hand of either—

- (a) the person to whom the warrant is addressed, or
 - (b) any person holding a position subordinate to that person,
- of any modification of any scheduled parts of an interception warrant. 10

(7) A section 8(3) certificate shall not be modified under the hand of a senior official except in an urgent case in which—

- (a) the official in question holds a position in respect of which he is expressly authorised by provisions contained in the certificate to modify the certificate on the Secretary of State's behalf; or 15
- (b) the Secretary of State has himself expressly authorised the modification and a statement of that fact is endorsed on the modifying instrument.

(8) Where modifications in accordance with this subsection are expressly authorised by provision contained in the warrant, the scheduled parts of an interception warrant may, in an urgent case, be modified by an instrument under the hand of— 20

- (a) the person to whom the warrant is addressed; or
- (b) a person holding any such position subordinate to that person as may be identified in the provisions of the warrant. 25

(9) Where—

- (a) a warrant or certificate is modified by an instrument under the hand of a person other than the Secretary of State, and
- (b) a statement for the purposes of subsection (5)(b) or (7)(b) is endorsed on the instrument, or the modification is made under subsection (8), 30

that modification shall cease to have effect at the end of the fifth working day following the day of the instrument's issue.

(10) In this section references to scheduled parts of an interception warrant are references to provisions of the warrant which are contained in any schedule of identifying factors that is comprised in the warrant for the purposes of section 8(2), and references to unscheduled parts of an interception warrant shall be construed accordingly. 35

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warrants.

11.—(1) Effect may be given to an interception warrant either—

- (a) by the person to whom it is addressed; or 40
- (b) by that person acting through, or together with, such other persons as he may require (whether under subsection (2) or otherwise) to provide him with assistance with giving effect to the warrant.

(2) For the purpose of requiring any person to provide assistance in relation to an interception warrant the person to whom it is addressed may— 45

- (a) serve a copy of the warrant on such persons as he considers may be able to provide such assistance; or

(b) may make arrangements under which a copy of it is to be or may be so served.

(3) The copy of an interception warrant that is served on any person under subsection (2) may, to the extent authorised—

- 5 (a) by the person to whom the warrant is addressed, or
(b) by the arrangements made by him for the purposes of that subsection,

omit any one or more of the schedules to the warrant.

10 (4) Where a copy of an interception warrant has been served by or on behalf of the person to whom it is addressed on—

- (a) a person who provides a postal service,
(b) a person who provides a public telecommunications service, or
15 (c) a person not falling within paragraph (b) who has control of the whole or any part of a telecommunication system located wholly or partly in the United Kingdom,

it shall (subject to subsection (5)) be the duty of that person to take all such steps for giving effect to the warrant as are notified to him by or on behalf of the person to whom the warrant is addressed.

20 (5) A person who is under a duty by virtue of subsection (4) to take steps for giving effect to a warrant shall not be required to take any steps which it is not reasonably practicable for him to take.

25 (6) For the purposes of subsection (5) the steps which it is reasonably practicable for a person to take in a case in which obligations have been imposed on him by or under section 12 shall include every step which it would have been reasonably practicable for him to take had he complied with all the obligations so imposed on him.

(7) A person who knowingly fails to comply with his duty under subsection (4) shall be guilty of an offence and liable—

- 30 (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine, or to both;
(b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both.

35 (8) A person's duty under subsection (4) to take steps for giving effect to a warrant shall be enforceable by civil proceedings by the Secretary of State for an injunction, or for specific performance of a statutory duty under section 45 of the Court of Session Act 1988, or for any other appropriate relief.

1988 c. 36.

40 (9) For the purposes of this Act the provision of assistance with giving effect to an interception warrant includes any disclosure to the person to whom the warrant is addressed, or to persons acting on his behalf, of intercepted material obtained by any interception authorised or required by the warrant, and of any related communications data.

Interception capability and costs

45 **12.**—(1) The Secretary of State may by order provide for the imposition by him on persons who—

- (a) are providing public postal services or public telecommunications services, or

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(b) are proposing to do so,
of such obligations as it appears to him reasonable to impose for the purpose of
securing that it is and remains practicable for requirements to provide
assistance in relation to interception warrants to be imposed and complied
with. 5

(2) The Secretary of State's power to impose the obligations provided for
by an order under this section shall be exercisable by the giving, in
accordance with the order, of a notice requiring the person who is to be
subject to the obligations to take all such steps as may be specified or
described in the notice. 10

(3) Subject to subsection (7), the only steps that may be specified or
described in a notice given to a person under subsection (2) are steps
appearing to the Secretary of State to be necessary for securing that that
person has the practical capability of providing any assistance which he may
be required to provide in relation to relevant interception warrants. 15

1988 c. 36.

(4) It shall be the duty of a person to whom a notice is given under
subsection (2) to comply with the notice; and that duty shall be enforceable
by civil proceedings by the Secretary of State for an injunction, or for
specific performance of a statutory duty under section 45 of the Court of
Session Act 1988, or for any other appropriate relief. 20

(5) A notice for the purposes of subsection (2) must specify such period as
appears to the Secretary of State to be reasonable as the period within which
the steps specified or described in the notice are to be taken.

(6) Before making an order under this section the Secretary of State shall
consult with— 25

- (a) such persons appearing to him to be likely to be subject to the
obligations for which it provides,
- (b) such persons representing persons falling within paragraph (a), and
- (c) such persons with statutory functions in relation to persons falling
within that paragraph, 30

as he considers appropriate.

(7) For the purposes of this section the question whether a person has the
practical capability of providing assistance in relation to relevant interception
warrants shall include the question whether all such arrangements have been
made as the Secretary of State considers necessary— 35

- (a) with respect to the disclosure of intercepted material; and
- (b) for the purpose of ensuring that security and confidentiality are
maintained in relation to, and to matters connected with, the
provision of any such assistance.

(8) In this section "relevant interception warrant"— 40

- (a) in relation to a person providing a public postal service, means an
interception warrant relating to the interception of communications
in the course of their transmission by means of that service; and
- (b) in relation to a person providing a public telecommunications
service, means an interception warrant relating to the interception 45
of communications in the course of their transmission by means of a
telecommunication system used for the purposes of that service.

13.—(1) *The Secretary of State may, if he thinks fit, make such payments out of money provided by Parliament to any person providing—*

- (a) *a postal service, or*
- (b) *a telecommunications service,*

5 *as the Secretary of State considers would represent an appropriate contribution towards costs incurred, or likely to be incurred, by that person in consequence of any one or more of the matters mentioned in subsection (2).*

(2) *Those matters are—*

- 10 (a) *in relation to a person providing a postal service, the issue of interception warrants relating to communications transmitted by means of that postal service;*
- (b) *in relation to a person providing a telecommunications service, the issue of interception warrants relating to communications transmitted by means of a telecommunication system used for the*
- 15 *purposes of that service;*
- (c) *in relation to each description of person, the imposition on that person of obligations provided for by an order under section 12.*

Restrictions on use of intercepted material etc.

20 **14.**—(1) Subject to subsection (5), it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to ensure, in relation to all interception warrants, that such arrangements are in force as he considers necessary for securing—

- (a) that the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) are satisfied in relation to the intercepted material and any related communications data; and
- 25 (b) in the case of warrants in relation to which there are section 8(3) certificates, that the requirements of section 15 are also satisfied.

(2) The requirements of this subsection are satisfied in relation to the intercepted material and any related communications data if each of the following—

- 30 (a) the number of persons to whom any of the material or data is disclosed or otherwise made available,
- (b) the extent to which any of the material or data is disclosed or otherwise made available,
- (c) the extent to which any of the material or data is copied, and
- 35 (d) the number of copies that are made,

is limited to the minimum that is necessary for the authorised purposes.

(3) The requirements of this subsection are satisfied in relation to the intercepted material and any related communications data if each copy made of any of the material or data (if not destroyed earlier) is destroyed as soon as

40 there are no longer any grounds for retaining it as necessary for any of the authorised purposes.

(4) For the purposes of this section something is necessary for the authorised purposes if, and only if—

- 45 (a) it continues to be, or is likely to become, necessary as mentioned in section 5(3);

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- (b) it is necessary for facilitating the carrying out of any of the functions under this Chapter of the Secretary of State;
- (c) it is necessary for facilitating the carrying out of any functions in relation to this Chapter of the Interception of Communications Commissioner or of the Tribunal; 5
- (d) it is necessary to ensure that a person conducting a criminal prosecution has the information he needs to determine what is required of him by his duty to secure the fairness of the prosecution; or
- (e) it is necessary for the performance of any duty imposed on any person by the Public Records Act 1958 or the Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923. 10
- 1958 c. 51.
1923 c. 20 (N.I.).
- (5) Arrangements in relation to interception warrants which are made for the purposes of subsection (1)—
- (a) shall not be required to secure that the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) are satisfied in so far as they relate to any of the intercepted material or related communications data, or any copy of any such material or data, possession of which has been surrendered to any authorities of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom; but 15 20
- (b) shall be required to secure, in the case of every such warrant, that possession of the intercepted material and data and of copies of the material or data is surrendered to authorities of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom only if the requirements of subsection (6) are satisfied. 25
- (6) The requirements of this subsection are satisfied in the case of a warrant if it appears to the Secretary of State—
- (a) that requirements corresponding to those of subsections (2) and (3) will apply, to such extent (if any) as the Secretary of State thinks fit, in relation to any of the intercepted material or related communications data possession of which, or of any copy of which, is surrendered to the authorities in question; and 30
- (b) that restrictions are in force which would prevent, to such extent (if any) as the Secretary of State thinks fit, the doing of anything in, for the purposes of or in connection with any proceedings outside the United Kingdom which would result in such a disclosure as, by virtue of section 16, could not be made in the United Kingdom. 35
- (7) In this section “copy”, in relation to intercepted material or related communications data, means any of the following (whether or not in documentary form)— 40
- (a) any copy, extract or summary of the material or data which identifies itself as the product of an interception, and
- (b) any record referring to an interception which is a record of the identities of the persons to or by whom the intercepted material was sent, or to whom the communications data relates, 45
- and “copied” shall be construed accordingly.

15 **15.**—(1) For the purposes of section 14 the requirements of this section, in the case of a warrant in relation to which there is a section 8(3) certificate, are that the intercepted material is read, looked at or listened to by the persons to whom it becomes available by virtue of the warrant to the extent only that it—

- (a) has been certified as material the examination of which is necessary as mentioned in section 5(3)(a), (b) or (c); and
- (b) falls within subsection (2).

10 (2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), intercepted material falls within this subsection so far only as it is selected to be read, looked at or listened to otherwise than according to a factor which—

- (a) is referable to an individual who is known to be for the time being in the British Islands; and
- 15 (b) has as its purpose, or one of its purposes, the identification of material contained in communications sent by him, or intended for him.

(3) Intercepted material falls within subsection (2), notwithstanding that it is selected by reference to any such factor as is mentioned in paragraph (a) and (b) of that subsection, if—

- 20 (a) it is certified by the Secretary of State for the purposes of section 8(3) that the examination of material selected according to factors referable to the individual in question is necessary as mentioned in subsection 5(3)(a), (b) or (c); and
- 25 (b) the material relates only to communications sent during a period of not more than three months specified in the certificate.

(4) Intercepted material also falls within subsection (2), notwithstanding that it is selected by reference to any such factor as is mentioned in paragraph (a) and (b) of that subsection, if—

- 30 (a) the person to whom the warrant is addressed believes, on reasonable grounds, that the circumstances are such that the material would fall within that subsection; or
- (b) the conditions set out in subsection (5) below are satisfied in relation to the selection of the material.

35 (5) Those conditions are satisfied in relation to the selection of intercepted material if—

- (a) it has appeared to the person to whom the warrant is addressed that there has been such a relevant change of circumstances as, but for subsection (4)(b), would prevent the intercepted material from falling within subsection (2);
- 40 (b) since it first so appeared, a written authorisation to read, look at or listen to the material has been given by a senior official; and
- (c) the selection is made before the end of the first working day after the day on which it first so appeared to that person.

45 (6) References in this section to its appearing that there has been a relevant change of circumstances are references to its appearing either—

- (a) that the individual in question has entered the British Islands; or
- (b) that a belief by the person to whom the warrant is addressed in the individual's presence outside the British Islands was in fact mistaken.

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warrants.

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matters from legal
proceedings.

16.—(1) Subject to section 17, no evidence shall be adduced, question asked, assertion or disclosure made or other thing done in, for the purposes of or in connection with any legal proceedings which (in any manner)—

- (a) discloses, in circumstances from which its origin in anything falling within subsection (2) may be inferred, any of the contents of an intercepted communication or any related communications data; or
- (b) tends (apart from any such disclosure) to suggest that anything falling within subsection (2) has or may have occurred or be going to occur.

(2) The following fall within this subsection— 10

1985 c. 56.

- (a) conduct by a person falling within subsection (3) that was or would be an offence under section 1(1) or (2) of this Act or under section 1 of the Interception of Communications Act 1985;
- (b) a breach by the Secretary of State of his duty under section 1(4) of this Act; 15
- (c) the issue of an interception warrant or of a warrant under the Interception of Communications Act 1985;
- (d) the making of an application by any person for an interception warrant, or for a warrant under that Act;
- (e) the imposition of any requirement on any person to provide 20 assistance with giving effect to an interception warrant.

(3) The persons referred to in subsection (2)(a) are—

- (a) any person to whom a warrant under this Chapter may be addressed;
- (b) any person holding office under the Crown;
- (c) any member of the National Criminal Intelligence Service; 25
- (d) any member of the National Crime Squad;
- (e) any person employed by or for the purposes of a police force;
- (f) any person providing a postal service or employed for the purposes of any business of providing such a service; and
- (g) any person providing a public telecommunications service or 30 employed for the purposes of any business of providing such a service.

(4) In this section “intercepted communication” means any communication intercepted in the course of its transmission by means of a postal service or telecommunication system. 35

Exceptions to
section 16.

17.—(1) Section 16(1) shall not apply in relation to—

- (a) any proceedings for a relevant offence;
- (b) any civil proceedings under section 11(8);
- (c) any proceedings before the Tribunal; or
- (d) any proceedings before the Special Immigration Appeals 40 Commission.

(2) Section 16(1) shall not prohibit anything done in, for the purposes of, or in connection with, so much of any legal proceedings as relates to the fairness or unfairness of a dismissal on the grounds of any conduct constituting an offence under section 1(1) or (2), 11(7) or 18 of this Act, or 45 section 1 of the Interception of Communications Act 1985.

(3) Section 16(1)(a) shall not prohibit the disclosure of any of the contents of a communication if the interception of that communication was lawful by virtue of section 1(5)(c), 3 or 4.

(4) Section 16(1)(b) shall not prohibit the doing of anything that discloses any conduct of a person for which he has been convicted of an offence under section 1(1) or (2), 11(7) or 18 of this Act, or section 1 of the Interception of Communications Act 1985. 1985 c. 56.

(5) Nothing in section 16(1) shall prohibit any such disclosure of any information that continues to be available for disclosure as is confined to—

- 10 (a) a disclosure to a person conducting a criminal prosecution for the purpose only of enabling that person to determine what is required of him by his duty to secure the fairness of the prosecution; or
(b) a disclosure to a relevant judge in a case in which that judge has ordered the disclosure to be made to him alone.

15 (6) A relevant judge shall not order a disclosure under subsection (5)(b) except where he is satisfied that the exceptional circumstances of the case make the disclosure essential in the interests of justice.

(7) Subject to subsection (8), where in any criminal proceedings—

- 20 (a) a relevant judge does order a disclosure under subsection (5)(b), and
(b) in consequence of that disclosure he is of the opinion that there are exceptional circumstances requiring him to do so,

he may direct the person conducting the prosecution to make for the purposes of the proceedings any such admission of fact as that judge thinks essential in the interests of justice.

25 (8) Nothing in any direction under subsection (7) shall authorise or require anything to be done in contravention of section 16(1).

(9) In this section “a relevant judge” means—

- (a) any judge of the High Court or of the Crown Court or any Circuit judge;
30 (b) any judge of the High Court of Justiciary or any sheriff;
(c) in relation to a court-martial, the judge advocate appointed in relation to that court-martial under section 84B of the Army Act 1955, section 84B of the Air Force Act 1955 or section 53B of the Naval Discipline Act 1957; or 1955 c. 18.
1957 c. 53.
35 (d) any person holding any such judicial office as entitles him to exercise the jurisdiction of a judge falling within paragraph (a) or (b).

(10) In this section “relevant offence” means—

- (a) an offence under any provision of this Act;
40 (b) an offence under section 1 of the Interception of Communications Act 1985;
(c) an offence under section 5 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949; 1949 c. 54.
(d) an offence under section 45 of the Telegraph Act 1863, section 20 of the Telegraph Act 1868 or section 58 of the Post Office Act 1953; 1863 c. 112.
1868 c. 110.
45 (e) an offence under section 45 of the Telecommunications Act 1984; 1953 c. 36.

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- (f) an offence under section 4 of the Official Secrets Act 1989 relating to any such information, document or article as is mentioned in subsection (3)(a) of that section;
- (g) an offence under section 1 or 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911 relating to any sketch, plan, model, article, note, document or information which incorporates or relates to the contents of any intercepted communication or any related communications data or tends to suggest as mentioned in section 16(1)(b) of this Act; 5
- (h) perjury committed in the course of any proceedings mentioned in subsection (1) or (2) of this section; 10
- (i) attempting or conspiring to commit, or aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of, an offence falling within any of the preceding paragraphs; and
- (j) contempt of court committed in the course of, or in relation to, any proceedings mentioned in subsection (1) or (2) of this section. 15
- (11) In subsection (10) “intercepted communication” has the same meaning as in section 16.

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unauthorised
disclosures.

- 18.**—(1) Where an interception warrant has been issued or renewed, it shall be the duty of every person falling within subsection (2) to keep secret all the matters mentioned in subsection (3). 20
- (2) The persons falling within this subsection are—
- (a) the persons specified in section 6(2);
- (b) every person holding office under the Crown;
- (c) every member of the National Criminal Intelligence Service;
- (d) every member of the National Crime Squad; 25
- (e) every person employed by or for the purposes of a police force;
- (f) persons providing postal services or employed for the purposes of any business of providing such a service;
- (g) persons providing public telecommunications services or employed for the purposes of any business of providing such a service; 30
- (h) persons having control of the whole or any part of a telecommunication system located wholly or partly in the United Kingdom.
- (3) Those matters are—
- (a) the existence and contents of the warrant and of any section 8(3) certificate in relation to the warrant; 35
- (b) the details of the issue of the warrant and of any renewal or modification of the warrant or of any such certificate;
- (c) the existence and contents of any requirement to provide assistance with giving effect to the warrant; 40
- (d) the steps taken in pursuance of the warrant or of any such requirement; and
- (e) everything in the intercepted material, together with any related communications data.
- (4) A person who makes a disclosure to another of anything that he is 45

required to keep secret under this section shall be guilty of an offence and liable—

- (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to a fine, or to both;
- 5 (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both.

(5) In proceedings against any person for an offence under this section in respect of any disclosure, it shall be a defence for that person to show that he could not reasonably have been expected, after first becoming aware of the matter disclosed, to take steps to prevent the disclosure.

(6) In proceedings against any person for an offence under this section in respect of any disclosure, it shall be a defence for that person to show that—

- 15 (a) the disclosure was made by or to a professional legal adviser in connection with the giving, by the adviser to any client of his, of advice about the effect of provisions of this Chapter; and
- (b) the person to whom or, as the case may be, by whom it was made was the client or a representative of the client.

(7) In proceedings against any person for an offence under this section in respect of any disclosure, it shall be a defence for that person to show that the disclosure was made by a legal adviser—

- (a) in contemplation of, or in connection with, any legal proceedings; and
- (b) for the purposes of those proceedings.

25 (8) Neither subsection (6) nor subsection (7) applies in the case of a disclosure made with a view to furthering any criminal purpose.

(9) In proceedings against any person for an offence under this section in respect of any disclosure, it shall be a defence for that person to show that the disclosure was authorised—

- 30 (a) by the warrant or the person to whom the warrant is or was addressed;
- (b) by the terms of the requirement to provide assistance; or
- (c) by section 11(9).

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35 **19.** In this Chapter—

“certified”, in relation to a section 8(3) certificate, means of a description certified by the certificate as a description of material the examination of which the Secretary of State considers necessary;

40 “external communication” means a communication sent or received outside the British Islands;

“intercepted material”, in relation to an interception warrant, means the contents of any communications intercepted by an interception to which the warrant relates;

45 “the interception subject”, in relation to an interception warrant, means the person about whose communications information is sought by the interception to which the warrant relates;

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“international mutual assistance agreement” means an international agreement designated for the purposes of section 1(4);

“related communications data”, in relation to a communication intercepted in the course of its transmission by means of a postal service or telecommunication system, means so much of any communications data (within the meaning of Chapter II of this Part) as—

(a) is obtained by, or in connection with, the interception; and

(b) relates to the communication or to the sender or recipient, or intended recipient, of the communication;

“section 8(3) certificate” means any certificate issued for the purposes of section 8(3).

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ACQUISITION AND DISCLOSURE OF COMMUNICATIONS DATA

Lawful acquisition and disclosure of communications data.

20.—(1) This Chapter applies to— 15

(a) any conduct in relation to a postal service or telecommunication system for obtaining communications data, other than conduct consisting in the interception of communications in the course of their transmission by means of such a service or system; and

(b) the disclosure to any person of communications data. 20

(2) Conduct to which this Chapter applies shall be lawful for all purposes if—

(a) it is conduct in which any person is authorised or required to engage by an authorisation or notice granted or given under this Chapter; and 25

(b) the conduct is in accordance with, or in pursuance of, the authorisation or requirement.

(3) A person shall not be subject to any civil liability in respect of any conduct of his which—

(a) is incidental to any conduct that is lawful by virtue of subsection (2); and 30

(b) is not itself conduct an authorisation or warrant for which is capable of being granted under a relevant enactment and might reasonably have been expected to have been sought in the case in question.

(4) In this Chapter “communications data” means any of the following— 35

(a) any address or other data comprised in or attached to a communication (whether by the sender or otherwise) for the purposes of any postal service or telecommunication system by means of which it is being or may be transmitted;

(b) any information which includes none of the contents of a communication (apart from any information falling within paragraph (a)) and is about the use made by any person— 40

(i) of any postal service or telecommunications service; or

(ii) in connection with the provision to or use by any person of any telecommunications service, of any part of a telecommunication system; 45

(c) any information not falling within paragraph (a) or (b) that is held or obtained, in relation to persons to whom he provides the service, by a person providing a postal service or telecommunications service.

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(5) In this section “relevant enactment” means—

5 (a) an enactment contained in this Act;

(b) section 5 of the Intelligence Services Act 1994 (warrants for the intelligence services); or 1994 c. 13.

(c) an enactment contained in Part III of the Police Act 1997 (powers of the police and of customs officers). 1997 c. 50.

10 (6) References in this section to data being attached to a communication include references to the data and the communication being logically associated with each other.

21.—(1) This section applies where a person designated for the purposes of this Chapter believes that it is necessary on grounds falling within subsection (2) to obtain any communications data.

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(2) It is necessary on grounds falling within this subsection to obtain communications data if it is necessary—

(a) in the interests of national security;

20 (b) for the purpose of preventing or detecting crime or of preventing disorder;

(c) in the interests of the economic well-being of the United Kingdom;

(d) in the interests of public safety;

(e) for the purpose of protecting public health;

25 (f) for the purpose of assessing or collecting any tax, duty, levy or other imposition, contribution or charge payable to a government department;

30 (g) for the purpose, in an emergency, of preventing death or injury or any damage to a person’s physical or mental health, or of mitigating any injury or damage to a person’s physical or mental health; or

(h) for any purpose (not falling within paragraphs (a) to (g)) which is specified for the purposes of this subsection by an order made by the Secretary of State.

35 (3) Subject to subsection (5), the designated person may grant an authorisation for persons holding offices, ranks or positions with the same relevant public authority as the designated person to engage in any conduct to which this Chapter applies.

40 (4) Subject to subsection (5), where it appears to the designated person that a postal or telecommunications operator is or may be in possession of, or be capable of obtaining, any communications data, the designated person may, by notice to the postal or telecommunications operator, require the operator—

(a) if the operator is not already in possession of the data, to obtain the data; and

45 (b) in any case, to disclose all of the data in his possession or subsequently obtained by him.

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(5) The designated person shall not grant an authorisation under subsection (3), or give a notice under subsection (4), unless he believes that obtaining the data in question by the conduct authorised or required by the authorisation or notice is proportionate to what is sought to be achieved by so obtaining the data. 5

(6) It shall be the duty of the postal or telecommunications operator to comply, as soon as reasonably practicable, with the requirements of any notice given to him under subsection (4).

1988 c. 36.

(7) The duty imposed by subsection (6) shall be enforceable by civil proceedings by the Secretary of State for an injunction, or for specific performance of a statutory duty under section 45 of the Court of Session Act 1988, or for any other appropriate relief. 10

Form and duration
of authorisations
and notices.

22.—(1) An authorisation under section 21(3)—

(a) must be granted in writing or (if not in writing) in a manner that produces a record of its having been granted; 15

(b) must describe the conduct to which this Chapter applies that is authorised and the communications data in relation to which it is authorised;

(c) must specify the matters falling within section 21(2) by reference to which it is granted; 20

(d) must specify the office, rank or position held by the person granting the authorisation; and

(e) subject to paragraph (a), may take such form and be granted in such manner as the person granting it thinks fit.

(2) A notice under section 21(4) requiring communications data to be disclosed or to be obtained and disclosed— 25

(a) must be given in writing or (if not in writing) must be given in a manner that produces a record of its having been given;

(b) must describe the communications data to be obtained or disclosed under the notice; 30

(c) must specify the matters falling within section 21(2) by reference to which the notice is given;

(d) must specify the office, rank or position held by the person giving it;

(e) must specify the manner in which any disclosure required by the notice is to be made; and 35

(f) subject to paragraph (a), may take such form and be given in such manner as the person giving it thinks fit.

(3) A notice under section 21(4) shall not require the disclosure of data to any person other than—

(a) the person giving the notice; or 40

(b) such other person as may be specified in or otherwise identified by, or in accordance with, the provisions of the notice,

but the provisions of the notice shall not specify or otherwise identify a person for the purposes of paragraph (b) unless he holds an office, rank or position with the same relevant public authority as the person giving the notice. 45

(4) An authorisation under section 21(3) or notice under section 21(4)—

- (a) shall not authorise or require any data to be obtained after the end of the period of one month beginning with the date on which the authorisation is granted or the notice given; and
- 5 (b) in the case of a notice, shall not authorise or require any disclosure after the end of that period of any data not in the possession of, or obtained by, the postal or telecommunications operator at a time during that period.

(5) An authorisation under section 21(3) or notice under section 21(4) may be renewed at any time before the end of the period of one month applying (in accordance with subsection (4) or subsection (7)) to that authorisation or notice.

(6) A renewal of an authorisation under section 21(3) or of a notice under section 21(4) shall be by the grant or giving, in accordance with this section, of a further authorisation or notice.

(7) Subsection (4) shall have effect in relation to a renewed authorisation or renewal notice as if the period of one month mentioned in that subsection did not begin until the end of the period of one month applicable to the authorisation or notice that is current at the time of the renewal.

(8) Where a person who has given a notice under subsection (4) of section 21 is satisfied—

- (a) that it is no longer necessary on grounds falling within subsection (2) of that section for the requirements of the notice to be complied with, or
- 25 (b) that the conduct required by the notice is no longer proportionate to what is sought to be achieved by obtaining communications data to which the notice relates,

he shall cancel the notice.

(9) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide for the person by whom any duty imposed by subsection (8) is to be performed in a case in which it would otherwise fall on a person who is no longer available to perform it; and regulations under this subsection may provide for the person on whom the duty is to fall to be a person appointed in accordance with the regulations.

23.—(1) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to ensure that such arrangements are in force as he thinks appropriate for requiring or authorising, in such cases as he thinks fit, the making to postal and telecommunications operators of appropriate contributions towards the costs incurred by them in complying with notices under section 21(4).

Arrangements for payments.

(2) *For the purpose of complying with his duty under this section, the Secretary of State may make arrangements for payments to be made out of money provided by Parliament.*

24.—(1) In this Chapter—

- “communications data” has the meaning given by section 20(4);
- 45 “designated” shall be construed in accordance with subsection (2);

Interpretation of Chapter II.

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“postal or telecommunications operator” means a person who provides a postal service or telecommunications service;

“relevant public authority” means (subject to subsection (4)) any of the following—

- (a) a police force; 5
- (b) the National Criminal Intelligence Service;
- (c) the National Crime Squad;
- (d) the Commissioners of Customs and Excise and their department;
- (e) any of the intelligence services; 10
- (f) any such public authority not falling within paragraphs (a) to (e) as may be specified for the purposes of this subsection by an order made by the Secretary of State.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the persons designated for the purposes of this Chapter are the individuals holding such offices, ranks or positions with relevant public authorities as are prescribed for the purposes of this subsection by an order made by the Secretary of State. 15

(3) The Secretary of State may by order impose restrictions—

- (a) on the authorisations and notices under this Chapter that may be granted or given by any individual holding an office, rank or position with a specified public authority; and 20
- (b) on the circumstances in which, or the purposes for which, such authorisations may be granted or notices given by any such individual.

(4) The Secretary of State may by order remove any person from the list of persons who are for the time being relevant public authorities for the purposes of this Chapter. 25

PART II

SURVEILLANCE AND COVERT HUMAN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES

Introductory 30

Conduct to which
Part II applies.

25.—(1) This Part applies to the following conduct—

- (a) directed surveillance;
- (b) intrusive surveillance; and
- (c) the conduct and use of covert human intelligence sources.

(2) For the purposes of this Part surveillance is directed if it is covert but not intrusive and is undertaken— 35

- (a) for the purposes of a specific investigation; and
- (b) in order to obtain information about or to identify a particular person, or to determine who is involved in the matter under investigation. 40

(3) Subject to subsections (4) and (5), surveillance is intrusive for the purposes of this Part if, and only if, it is covert surveillance that either—

- (a) involves the presence of an individual, or of any surveillance device, on any residential premises or in any private vehicle; or

(b) is carried out in relation to anything taking place on residential premises or in a private vehicle by means of any surveillance device that is not present on the premises or in the vehicle.

(4) For the purposes of this Part surveillance is not intrusive to the extent
5 that—

(a) it is carried out by means only of a surveillance device designed or adapted principally for the purpose of providing information about the location of a vehicle; or

10 (b) it is surveillance consisting in any such interception of a communication as falls within section 45(4).

(5) For the purposes of this Part surveillance which—

(a) is carried out by means of a surveillance device in relation to anything taking place on any residential premises or in any private vehicle, but

15 (b) is carried out without that device being present on the premises or in the vehicle,

is not intrusive unless the device is such that it consistently provides information of the same quality and detail as might be expected to be obtained from a device actually present on the premises or in the vehicle.

20 (6) In this Part—

(a) references to the conduct of a covert human intelligence source are references to any conduct of such a source which falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (7), or is incidental to anything falling within any of those paragraphs; and

25 (b) references to the use of a covert human intelligence source are references to inducing, asking or assisting a person to engage in the conduct of such a source, or to obtain information by means of the conduct of such a source.

(7) For the purposes of this Part a person is a covert human intelligence
30 source if—

(a) he establishes or maintains a personal or other relationship with a person for the covert purpose of facilitating the doing of anything falling within paragraph (b) or (c);

35 (b) he covertly uses such a relationship to obtain information or to provide access to any information to another person; or

(c) he covertly discloses information obtained by the use of such a relationship, or as a consequence of the existence of such a relationship.

(8) For the purposes of this section—

40 (a) surveillance is covert if, and only if, it is carried out in a manner that is calculated to ensure that persons who are subject to the surveillance are unaware that it is or may be taking place;

45 (b) a purpose is covert, in relation to the establishment or maintenance of a personal or other relationship, if and only if the relationship is conducted in a manner that is calculated to ensure that one of the parties to the relationship is unaware of the purpose; and

(c) a relationship is used covertly, and information obtained as mentioned in subsection (7)(c) is disclosed covertly, if and only if it is

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used or, as the case may be, disclosed in a manner that is calculated to ensure that one of the parties to the relationship is unaware of the use or disclosure in question.

(9) References in this section, in relation to a vehicle, to the presence of a surveillance device in the vehicle include references to its being located on or under the vehicle and also include references to its being attached to it. 5

Authorisation of surveillance and human intelligence sources

Lawful
surveillance etc.

26.—(1) Conduct to which this Part applies shall be lawful for all purposes if—

- (a) an authorisation under this Part confers an entitlement to engage in that conduct on the person whose conduct it is; and 10
- (b) his conduct is in accordance with the authorisation.

(2) A person shall not be subject to any civil liability in respect of any conduct of his which—

- (a) is incidental to any conduct that is lawful by virtue of subsection (1); and 15
- (b) is not itself conduct an authorisation or warrant for which is capable of being granted under a relevant enactment and might reasonably have been expected to have been sought in the case in question.

(3) The conduct that may be authorised under this Part includes conduct outside the United Kingdom. 20

(4) In this section “relevant enactment” means—

1994 c. 13.

- (a) an enactment contained in this Act;
- (b) section 5 of the Intelligence Services Act 1994 (warrants for the intelligence services); or 25

1997 c. 50.

- (c) an enactment contained in Part III of the Police Act 1997 (powers of the police and of customs officers).

Authorisation of
directed
surveillance.

27.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Part, the persons designated for the purposes of this section shall each have power to grant authorisations for the carrying out of directed surveillance. 30

(2) A person shall not grant an authorisation for the carrying out of directed surveillance unless he believes—

- (a) that the authorisation is necessary on grounds falling within subsection (3); and
- (b) that the authorised surveillance is proportionate to what is sought to be achieved by carrying it out. 35

(3) An authorisation is necessary on grounds falling within this subsection if it is necessary—

- (a) in the interests of national security;
- (b) for the purpose of preventing or detecting crime or of preventing disorder; 40
- (c) in the interests of the economic well-being of the United Kingdom;
- (d) in the interests of public safety;

- (e) for the purpose of protecting public health;
- (f) for the purpose of assessing or collecting any tax, duty, levy or other imposition, contribution or charge payable to a government department; or
- 5 (g) for any purpose (not falling within paragraphs (a) to (f)) which is specified for the purposes of this subsection by an order made by the Secretary of State.

(4) The conduct that is authorised by an authorisation for the carrying out of directed surveillance is any conduct that—

- 10 (a) consists in the carrying out of directed surveillance of any such description as is specified in the authorisation;
- (b) is carried out in the circumstances described in the authorisation and for the purposes of the investigation specified or described in the authorisation; and
- 15 (c) in order to obtain the information, or to make the determination, so specified or described.

28.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Part, the persons designated for the purposes of this section shall each have power to grant authorisations for the conduct or the use of a covert human intelligence source.

Authorisation of covert human intelligence sources.

(2) A person shall not grant an authorisation for the conduct or the use of a covert human intelligence source unless he believes—

- (a) that the authorisation is necessary on grounds falling within subsection (3);
- 25 (b) that the authorised conduct or use is proportionate to what is sought to be achieved by that conduct or use; and
- (c) that arrangements exist for the source's case that satisfy the requirements of subsection (5).

(3) An authorisation is necessary on grounds falling within this subsection if

- 30 it is necessary—
- (a) in the interests of national security;
- (b) for the purpose of preventing or detecting crime or of preventing disorder;
- (c) in the interests of the economic well-being of the United Kingdom;
- 35 (d) in the interests of public safety;
- (e) for the purpose of protecting public health;
- (f) for the purpose of assessing or collecting any tax, duty, levy or other imposition, contribution or charge payable to a government department; or
- 40 (g) for any purpose (not falling within paragraphs (a) to (f)) which is specified for the purposes of this subsection by an order made by the Secretary of State.

(4) The conduct that is authorised by an authorisation for the conduct or the use of a covert human intelligence source is any conduct that—

- 45 (a) is comprised in any such activities involving conduct of a covert human intelligence source, or the use of a covert human

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intelligence source, as are specified or described in the authorisation;

(b) consists in conduct by or in relation to the person who is so specified or described as the person to whose actions as a covert human intelligence source the authorisation relates; and 5

(c) is carried out for the purposes of, or in connection with, the investigation or operation so specified or described.

(5) For the purposes of this Part there are arrangements for the source's case that satisfy the requirements of this subsection if such arrangements are in force as are necessary for ensuring— 10

(a) that there will at all times be a person holding an office, rank or position with the relevant investigating authority who will have day-to-day responsibility for dealing with the source on behalf of that authority, and for the source's security and welfare;

(b) that there will at all times be another person holding an office, rank or position with the relevant investigating authority who will have general oversight of the use made of the source; 15

(c) that there will at all times be a person holding an office, rank or position with the relevant investigating authority who will have responsibility for maintaining a record of the use made of the source; 20

(d) that the records relating to the source that are maintained by the relevant investigating authority will always contain particulars of all such matters (if any) as may be specified for the purposes of this paragraph in regulations made by the Secretary of State; and 25

(e) that records maintained by the relevant investigating authority that disclose the identity of the source will not be available to persons except to the extent that there is a need for access to them to be made available to those persons.

(6) In this section "relevant investigating authority", in relation to an authorisation for the conduct or the use of an individual as a covert human intelligence source, means (subject to subsection (7)) the public authority for whose benefit the activities of that individual as such a source are to take place. 30

(7) In the case of any authorisation for the conduct or the use of a covert human intelligence source whose activities are to be for the benefit of more than one public authority, the references in subsection (5) to the relevant investigating authority are references to one of them. 35

Persons entitled to grant authorisations under ss. 27 and 28.

29.—(1) Subject to subsection (3), the persons designated for the purposes of sections 27 and 28 are the individuals holding such offices, ranks or positions with relevant public authorities as are prescribed for the purposes of this subsection by an order made by the Secretary of State. 40

(2) For the purposes of the grant of an authorisation that combines—

(a) an authorisation under section 27 or 28, and

(b) an authorisation by the Secretary of State for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance, 45

the Secretary of State himself shall be a person designated for the purposes of that section.

(3) The Secretary of State may by order impose restrictions—

- (a) on the authorisations under sections 27 and 28 that may be granted by any individual holding an office, rank or position with a specified public authority; and
- 5 (b) on the circumstances in which, or the purposes for which, such authorisations may be granted by any such individual.

(4) In this section “relevant public authority” means any of the following—

- (a) a police force;
- 10 (b) the National Criminal Intelligence Service;
- (c) the National Crime Squad;
- (d) any of the intelligence services;
- (e) the Ministry of Defence;
- (f) any of Her Majesty’s forces;
- 15 (g) the Commissioners of Customs and Excise and their department;
- (h) any such public authority not falling within paragraphs (a) to (g) as may be specified for the purposes of this section by an order made by the Secretary of State.

30.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Part, the Secretary of State and each of the senior authorising officers shall have power to grant authorisations for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance.

Authorisation of intrusive surveillance.

(2) Neither the Secretary of State nor any senior authorising officer shall grant an authorisation for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance unless he believes—

- 25 (a) that the authorisation is necessary on grounds falling within subsection (3); and
- (b) that the authorised surveillance is proportionate to what is sought to be achieved by carrying it out.

(3) Subject to the following provisions of this section, an authorisation is necessary on grounds falling within this subsection if it is necessary—

- 30 (a) in the interests of national security;
- (b) for the purpose of preventing or detecting serious crime; or
- (c) in the interests of the economic well-being of the United Kingdom.

(4) The matters to be taken into account in considering whether the requirements of subsection (2) are satisfied in the case of any authorisation shall include whether the information which it is thought necessary to obtain by the authorised conduct could reasonably be obtained by other means.

(5) The conduct that is authorised by an authorisation for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance is any conduct that—

- 40 (a) consists in the carrying out of intrusive surveillance of any such description as is specified in the authorisation;
- (b) is carried out in relation to the residential premises specified or described in the authorisation or in relation to the private vehicle so specified or described; and

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- (c) is carried out for the purposes of, or in connection with, the investigation or operation so specified or described.
- (6) For the purposes of this section the senior authorising officers are—
- 1996 c. 16. (a) the chief constable of every police force maintained under section 2 of the Police Act 1996 (police forces in England and Wales outside London); 5
- (b) the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and every Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis;
- (c) the Commissioner of Police for the City of London;
- (d) the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Deputy Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary; 10
- (e) the Chief Constable of the Ministry of Defence Police;
- (f) the Provost Marshal of the Royal Navy Regulating Branch;
- (g) the Provost Marshal of the Royal Military Police;
- (h) the Provost Marshal of the Royal Air Force Police; 15
- (i) the Chief Constable of the British Transport Police;
- (j) the Director General of the National Criminal Intelligence Service;
- (k) the Director General of the National Crime Squad and any person holding the rank of assistant chief constable in that Squad who is designated for the purposes of this paragraph by that Director General; and 20
- (l) any customs officer designated for the purposes of this paragraph by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise. 25

Police and customs authorisations

Rules for grant of authorisations.

31.—(1) A person who is a designated person for the purposes of section 27 or 28 by reference to his office, rank or position with a police force, the National Criminal Intelligence Service or the National Crime Squad shall not grant an authorisation under that section except on an application made by a member of the same force, Service or Squad. 25

(2) A person who is designated for the purposes of section 27 or 28 by reference to his office, rank or position with the Commissioners of Customs and Excise shall not grant an authorisation under that section except on an application made by a customs officer. 30

(3) A person who is a senior authorising officer by reference to a police force, the National Criminal Intelligence Service or the National Crime Squad shall not grant an authorisation for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance except— 35

(a) on an application made by a member of the same force, Service or Squad; and

(b) in the case of an authorisation for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance in relation to any residential premises, where those premises are in the area of operation of that force, Service or Squad. 40

(4) A person who is a senior authorising officer by virtue of a designation by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise shall not grant an authorisation for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance except on an application made by a customs officer. 45

(5) A single authorisation may combine both—

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(a) an authorisation granted under this Part by, or on the application of, an individual who is a member of a police force, the National Criminal Intelligence Service or the National Crime Squad, or who is a customs officer; and

(b) an authorisation given by, or on the application of, that individual under Part III of the Police Act 1997;

1997 c. 50.

but the provisions of this Act or that Act that are applicable in the case of each of the authorisations shall apply separately in relation to the part of the combined authorisation to which they are applicable.

(6) For the purposes of this section—

(a) the area of operation of a police force maintained under section 2 of the Police Act 1996, of the metropolitan police force or of the City of London police force is the area for which that force is maintained;

(b) the area of operation of the Royal Ulster Constabulary is Northern Ireland;

(c) residential premises are in the area of operation of the Ministry of Defence Police if they are premises where the members of that police force, under section 2 of the Ministry of Defence Police Act 1987, have the powers and privileges of a constable;

1987 c. 4.

(d) residential premises are in the area of operation of the Royal Navy Regulating Branch, the Royal Military Police or the Royal Air Force Police if they are premises owned or occupied by, or used for residential purposes by, a person subject to service discipline;

(e) the area of operation of the British Transport Police and also of the National Criminal Intelligence Service is the United Kingdom;

(f) the area of operation of the National Crime Squad is England and Wales;

and references in this section to the United Kingdom or to any part or area of the United Kingdom include any adjacent waters within the seaward limits of the territorial waters of the United Kingdom.

(7) For the purposes of this section a person is subject to service discipline—

(a) in relation to the Royal Navy Regulating Branch, if he is subject to the Naval Discipline Act 1957 or is a civilian to whom Parts I and II of that Act for the time being apply by virtue of section 118 of that Act ;

1957 c. 53.

(b) in relation to the Royal Military Police, if he is subject to military law or is a civilian to whom Part II of the Army Act 1955 for the time being applies by virtue of section 209 of that Act; and

1955 c. 18.

(c) in relation to the Royal Air Force Police, if he is subject to air-force law or is a civilian to whom Part II of the Air Force Act 1955 for the time being applies by virtue of section 209 of that Act.

1955 c. 19.

32.—(1) This section applies in the case of an application for an authorisation for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance where—

Grant of authorisations in the senior officer's absence.

(a) the application is one made by a member of a police force, of the National Criminal Intelligence Service or of the National Crime Squad or by a customs officer; and

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(b) the case is urgent.

(2) If —

(a) it is not reasonably practicable, having regard to the urgency of the case, for the application to be considered by any person who is a senior authorising officer by reference to the force, Service or Squad in question or, as the case may be, by virtue of a designation by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, and

(b) it also not reasonably practicable, having regard to the urgency of the case, for the application to be considered by a person (if there is one) who is entitled, as a designated deputy of a senior authorising officer, to exercise the functions in relation to that application of such an officer,

the application may be made to and considered by any person who is entitled under subsection (4) to act for any senior authorising officer who would have been entitled to consider the application.

(3) A person who considers an application under subsection (1) shall have the same power to grant an authorisation as the person for whom he is entitled to act.

(4) For the purposes of this section—

1996 c. 16.

(a) a person is entitled to act for the chief constable of a police force maintained under section 2 of the Police Act 1996 if he holds the rank of assistant chief constable in that force;

(b) a person is entitled to act for the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, or for an Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, if he holds the rank of commander in the metropolitan police force;

(c) a person is entitled to act for the Commissioner of Police for the City of London if he holds the rank of commander in the City of London police force;

(d) a person is entitled to act for the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, or for the Deputy Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, if he holds the rank of assistant chief constable in the Royal Ulster Constabulary;

(e) a person is entitled to act for the Chief Constable of the Ministry of Defence Police if he holds the rank of deputy or assistant chief constable in that force;

(f) a person is entitled to act for the Provost Marshal of the Royal Navy Regulating Branch if he holds the position of assistant Provost Marshal in that Branch;

(g) a person is entitled to act for the Provost Marshal of the Royal Military Police or the Provost Marshal of the Royal Air Force Police if he holds the position of deputy Provost Marshal in the police force in question;

(h) a person is entitled to act for the Chief Constable of the British Transport Police if he holds the rank of deputy or assistant chief constable in that force;

(i) a person is entitled to act for the Director General of the National Criminal Intelligence Service if he is a person designated for the purposes of this paragraph by that Director General;

- (j) a person is entitled to act for the Director General of the National Crime Squad if he is designated for the purposes of this paragraph by that Director General as a person entitled so to act in an urgent case;
- 5 (k) a person is entitled to act for a person who is a senior authorising officer by virtue of a designation by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, if he is designated for the purposes of this paragraph by those Commissioners as a person entitled so to act in an urgent case.
- 10 (5) A police member of the National Criminal Intelligence Service or the National Crime Squad appointed under section 9(1)(b) or 55(1)(b) of the Police Act 1997 (police members) may not be designated under subsection (4)(i) or (j) unless he holds the rank of assistant chief constable in that Service or Squad. 1997 c. 50.
- 15 (6) In this section “designated deputy”—
- (a) in relation to a chief constable, means a person holding the rank of assistant chief constable who is designated under section 12(4) of the Police Act 1996 to act in the chief constable’s absence; 1996 c. 16.
- 20 (b) in relation to the Commissioner of Police for the City of London, means a person authorised under section 25 of the City of London Police Act 1839 to act in the Commissioner’s absence; 1839 c. xciv.
- (c) in relation to the Director General of the National Criminal Intelligence Service or the Director General of the National Crime Squad, means a person authorised under section 8 or, as the case may be, section 54 of the Police Act 1997 to act in the Director General’s absence.
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- 33.**—(1) Where a person grants or cancels a police or customs authorisation for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance, he shall give notice that he has done so to an ordinary Surveillance Commissioner. Notification of authorisations for intrusive surveillance.
- 30 (2) A notice given for the purposes of subsection (1)—
- (a) must be given in writing as soon as reasonably practicable after the grant or, as the case may be, cancellation of the authorisation to which it relates;
- 35 (b) must be given in accordance with any such arrangements made for the purposes of this paragraph by the Chief Surveillance Commissioner as are for the time being in force; and
- (c) must specify such matters as the Secretary of State may by order prescribe.
- (3) A notice under this section of the grant of an authorisation shall, as the case may be, either—
- 40 (a) state that the approval of a Surveillance Commissioner is required by section 34 before the grant of the authorisation will take effect; or
- (b) state that the case is one of urgency and set out the grounds on which the case is believed to be one of urgency.
- 45 (4) Where a notice for the purposes of subsection (1) of the grant of an authorisation has been received by an ordinary Surveillance Commissioner, he shall, as soon as practicable—
- (a) scrutinise the authorisation; and

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(b) in a case where notice has been given in accordance with subsection (3)(a), decide whether or not to approve the authorisation.

(5) The Secretary of State shall not make an order under subsection (2)(c) unless a draft of the order has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House. 5

(6) Any notice that is required by any provision of this section to be given in writing may be given, instead, by being transmitted by electronic means.

(7) In this section references to a police or customs authorisation are references to an authorisation granted by—

(a) a person who is a senior authorising officer by reference to a police force, the National Criminal Intelligence Service or the National Crime Squad; 10

(b) a person who is a senior authorising officer by virtue of a designation by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise; or

(c) a person who for the purposes of section 32 is entitled to act for a person falling within paragraph (a) or for a person falling within paragraph (b). 15

Approval required for authorisations to take effect.

34.—(1) This section applies where an authorisation for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance has been granted on the application of—

(a) a member of a police force; 20

(b) a member of the National Criminal Intelligence Service;

(c) a member of the National Crime Squad; or

(d) a customs officer.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the authorisation shall not take effect until such time (if any) as— 25

(a) the grant of the authorisation has been approved by an ordinary Surveillance Commissioner; and

(b) written notice of the Commissioner's decision to approve the grant of the authorisation has been given, in accordance with subsection (4), to the person who granted the authorisation. 30

(3) Where the person who grants the authorisation—

(a) believes that the case is one of urgency, and

(b) gives notice in accordance with section 33(3)(b),

subsection (2) shall not apply to the authorisation, and the authorisation shall have effect from the time of its grant. 35

(4) Where subsection (2) applies to the authorisation—

(a) a Surveillance Commissioner shall give his approval under this section to the authorisation if, and only if, he is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the requirements of section 30(2)(a) and (b) are satisfied in the case of the authorisation; and 40

(b) a Surveillance Commissioner who makes a decision as to whether or not the authorisation should be approved shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after making that decision, give written notice of his decision to the person who granted the authorisation. 45

(5) If an ordinary Surveillance Commissioner decides not to approve an authorisation to which subsection (2) applies, he shall make a report of his findings to the most senior relevant person.

(6) In this section “the most senior relevant person” means—

- 5 (a) where the authorisation was granted by the senior authorising officer with any police force who is not someone’s deputy, that senior authorising officer;
- (b) where the authorisation was granted by the Director General of the National Criminal Intelligence Service or the Director General of
10 the National Crime Squad, that Director General;
- (c) where the authorisation was granted by a senior authorising officer with a police force who is someone’s deputy, the senior authorising officer whose deputy granted the authorisation;
- (d) where the authorisation was granted by the designated deputy of the
15 Director General of the National Criminal Intelligence Service or a person entitled to act for him by virtue of section 32(4)(i), that Director General;
- (e) where the authorisation was granted by the designated deputy of the Director General of the National Crime Squad or by a person
20 designated by that Director General for the purposes of section 30(6)(k) or 32(4)(j), that Director General;
- (f) where the authorisation was granted by a person entitled to act for a senior authorising officer under section 32(4)(a) to (h), the senior
25 authorising officer in the force in question who is not someone’s deputy; and
- (g) where the authorisation was granted by a customs officer, the customs officer for the time being designated for the purposes of this paragraph by a written notice given to the Chief Surveillance Commissioner by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise.

30 (7) The references in subsection (6) to a person’s deputy are references to the following—

- (a) in relation to—
 - (i) a chief constable of a police force maintained under section 2 of the Police Act 1996, or
35 (ii) the Commissioner of Police for the City of London, to his designated deputy;
- (b) in relation to the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, to an Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis; and
- (c) in relation to the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary,
40 to the Deputy Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary;

and in this subsection and that subsection “designated deputy” has the same meaning as in section 32.

(8) Any notice that is required by any provision of this section to be given in writing may be given, instead, by being transmitted by electronic means.

45 **35.**—(1) This section applies where an authorisation for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance has been granted on the application of—

- (a) a member of a police force;

1996 c. 16.

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- (b) a member of the National Criminal Intelligence Service;
- (c) a member of the National Crime Squad; or
- (d) a customs officer.

(2) Where an ordinary Surveillance Commissioner is at any time satisfied that, at the time the authorisation was granted or at any time when it was renewed, there were no reasonable grounds for believing that the requirements of section 30(2)(a) and (b) were satisfied, he may quash the authorisation with effect, as he thinks fit, from the time of the grant of the authorisation or from the time of any renewal of the authorisation. 5

(3) If an ordinary Surveillance Commissioner is satisfied at any time while the authorisation is in force that there are no longer any reasonable grounds for believing that the requirements of section 30(2)(a) and (b) are satisfied in relation to the authorisation, he may cancel the authorisation with effect from such time as appears to him to be the time from which those requirements ceased to be so satisfied. 10 15

(4) Where, in the case of any authorisation of which notice has been given in accordance with section 33(3)(b), an ordinary Surveillance Commissioner is at any time satisfied that, at the time of the grant or renewal of the authorisation to which that notice related, there were no reasonable grounds for believing that the case was one of urgency, he may quash the authorisation with effect, as he thinks fit, from the time of the grant of the authorisation or from the time of any renewal of the authorisation. 20

(5) Subject to subsection (7), where an ordinary Surveillance Commissioner quashes an authorisation under this section, he may order the destruction of any records relating wholly or partly to information obtained by the authorised conduct after the time from which his decision takes effect. 25

(6) Subject to subsection (7), where—

- (a) an authorisation has ceased to have effect (otherwise than by virtue of subsection (2) or (4)), and
- (b) an ordinary Surveillance Commissioner is satisfied that there was a time while the authorisation was in force when there were no reasonable grounds for believing that the requirements of section 30(2)(a) and (b) continued to be satisfied in relation to the authorisation,

he may order the destruction of any records relating, wholly or partly, to information obtained at such a time by the authorised conduct. 35

(7) No order shall be made under this section for the destruction of any records required for pending criminal or civil proceedings.

(8) Where an ordinary Surveillance Commissioner exercises a power conferred by this section, he shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, make a report of his exercise of that power and of his reasons for doing so— 40

- (a) to the most senior relevant person (within the meaning of section 34); and
- (b) to the Chief Surveillance Commissioner.

(9) Where an order for the destruction of records is made under this section, the order shall not become operative until such time (if any) as— 45

- (a) the period for appealing against the decision to make the order has expired; and

(b) any appeal brought within that period has been dismissed by the Chief Surveillance Commissioner.

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(10) No notice shall be required to be given under section 33(1) in the case of a cancellation under subsection (3) of this section.

5 **36.**—(1) Any senior authorising officer may appeal to the Chief Surveillance Commissioner against any of the following—

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(a) any refusal of an ordinary Surveillance Commissioner to approve an authorisation for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance;

10 (b) any decision of such a Commissioner to quash or cancel such an authorisation;

(c) any decision of such a Commissioner to make an order under section 35 for the destruction of records.

15 (2) In the case of an authorisation granted by the designated deputy of a senior authorising officer or by a person who for the purposes of section 32 is entitled to act for a senior authorising officer, that designated deputy or person shall also be entitled to appeal under this section.

(3) An appeal under this section must be brought within the period of seven days beginning with the day on which the refusal or decision appealed against is reported to the appellant.

20 (4) Subject to subsection (5), the Chief Surveillance Commissioner, on an appeal under this section, shall allow the appeal if—

(a) he is satisfied that there were reasonable grounds for believing that the requirements of section 30(2)(a) and (b) were satisfied in relation to the authorisation at the time in question; and

25 (b) he is not satisfied that the authorisation is one of which notice was given in accordance with section 33(3)(b) without there being any reasonable grounds for believing that the case was one of urgency.

(5) If, on an appeal falling within subsection (1)(b), the Chief Surveillance Commissioner—

30 (a) is satisfied that grounds exist which justify the quashing or cancellation under section 35 of the authorisation in question, but

35 (b) considers that the authorisation should have been quashed or cancelled from a different time from that from which it was quashed or cancelled by the ordinary Surveillance Commissioner against whose decision the appeal is brought,

he may modify that Commissioner's decision to quash or cancel the authorisation, and any related decision for the destruction of records, so as to give effect to the decision under section 35 that he considers should have been made.

40 (6) Where, on an appeal under this section against a decision to quash or cancel an authorisation, the Chief Surveillance Commissioner allows the appeal he shall also quash any related order for the destruction of records relating to information obtained by the authorised conduct.

45 (7) In this section “designated deputy” has the same meaning as in section 32.

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 Chief Surveillance
 Commissioner:
 supplementary.

37.—(1) Where the Chief Surveillance Commissioner has determined an appeal under section 36, he shall give notice of his determination to both—

- (a) the person by whom the appeal was brought; and
- (b) the ordinary Surveillance Commissioner whose decision was appealed against.

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(2) Where the determination of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner on an appeal under section 36 is a determination to dismiss the appeal, the Chief Surveillance Commissioner shall make a report of his findings—

- (a) to the persons mentioned in subsection (1); and
- (b) to the Prime Minister.

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1997 c. 50.

(3) Subsections (3) and (4) of section 107 of the Police Act 1997 (reports to be laid before Parliament and exclusion of matters from the report) apply in relation to any report to the Prime Minister under subsection (2) of this section as they apply in relation to any report under subsection (2) of that section.

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(4) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the Chief Surveillance Commissioner shall not give any reasons for any determination of his on an appeal under section 36.

Information to be
 provided to
 Surveillance
 Commissioners.

38. It shall be the duty of—

- (a) every member of a police force,
- (b) every member of the National Criminal Intelligence Service,
- (c) every member of the National Crime Squad, and
- (b) every customs officer,

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to comply with any request of a Surveillance Commissioner for documents or information required by that Commissioner for the purpose of enabling him to carry out the functions of such a Commissioner under sections 33 to 37.

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Other authorisations

Secretary of State
 authorisations.

39.—(1) The Secretary of State shall not grant an authorisation for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance except on an application made by—

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- (a) a member of any of the intelligence services;
- (b) an official of the Ministry of Defence;
- (c) a member of Her Majesty's forces;
- (d) an individual holding an office, rank or position with any such public authority as may be designated for the purposes of this section as an authority whose activities may require the carrying out of intrusive surveillance.

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(2) Section 30 shall have effect in relation to the grant of an authorisation by the Secretary of State on the application of an official of the Ministry of Defence, or of a member of Her Majesty's forces, as if the only matters mentioned in subsection (3) of that section were—

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- (a) the interests of national security; and
- (b) the purpose of preventing or detecting serious crime.

(3) The designation of any public authority for the purposes of this section shall be by order made by the Secretary of State.

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(4) The Secretary of State may by order impose restrictions—

5 (a) on the authorisations for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance that may be granted on the application of an individual holding an office, rank or position with any public authority designated for the purposes of this section; and

(b) on the circumstances in which, or the purposes for which, such authorisations may be granted on such an application.

10 (5) References in this section to a member of Her Majesty's forces do not include references to any member of Her Majesty's forces who is a member of a police force by virtue of his service with the Royal Navy Regulating Branch, the Royal Military Police or the Royal Air Force Police.

15 **40.**—(1) The grant by the Secretary of State on the application of a member of one of the intelligence services of any authorisation under this Part must be made by the issue of a warrant.

Intelligence services authorisations.

(2) A single warrant issued by the Secretary of State may combine both—

(a) an authorisation under this Part; and

(b) an intelligence services warrant;

20 but the provisions of this Act or the Intelligence Services Act 1994 that are applicable in the case of the authorisation under this Part or the intelligence services warrant shall apply separately in relation to the part of the combined warrant to which they are applicable.

1994 c. 13.

25 (3) Intrusive surveillance in relation to any premises or vehicle in the British Islands shall be capable of being authorised by a warrant issued under this Part on the application of a member of the Secret Intelligence Service or GCHQ only if the authorisation contained in the warrant is one satisfying the requirements of section 30(2)(a) otherwise than in connection with any functions of that intelligence service in support of the prevention or detection
30 of serious crime.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), the functions of the Security Service shall include acting on behalf of the Secret Intelligence Service or GCHQ in relation to—

35 (a) the application for and grant of any authorisation under this Part in connection with any matter within the functions of the Secret Intelligence Service or GCHQ; and

(b) the carrying out, in connection with any such matter, of any conduct authorised by such an authorisation.

40 (5) Nothing in subsection (4) shall authorise the doing of anything by one intelligence service on behalf of another unless—

(a) it is something which either the other service or a member of the other service has power to do; and

(b) it is done otherwise than in connection with functions of the other service in support of the prevention or detection of serious crime.

45 (6) In this section “intelligence services warrant” means a warrant under section 5 of the Intelligence Services Act 1994.

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General rules
about grant,
renewal and
duration.

Grant, renewal and duration of authorisations

41.—(1) An authorisation under this Part—

- (a) may be granted or renewed orally in any urgent case in which the entitlement to act of the person granting or renewing it is not confined to urgent cases; and 5
- (b) in any other case, must be in writing.

(2) A single authorisation may combine two or more different authorisations under this Part; but the provisions of this Act that are applicable in the case of each of the authorisations shall apply separately in relation to the part of the combined authorisation to which they are 10 applicable.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), an authorisation under this Part shall cease to have effect at the end of the following period—

- (a) in the case of an authorisation which—
 - (i) has not been renewed and was granted either orally or by a 15 person whose entitlement to act is confined to urgent cases, or
 - (ii) was last renewed either orally or by such a person, the period of seventy-two hours beginning with the time when the grant of the authorisation or, as the case may be, its latest renewal takes effect; 20
- (b) in a case not falling within paragraph (a) in which the authorisation is for the conduct or the use of a covert human intelligence source, the period of twelve months beginning with the day on which the grant of the authorisation or, as the case may be, its latest renewal takes effect; and 25
- (c) in any case not falling within paragraph (a) or (b), the period of three months beginning with the day on which the grant of the authorisation or, as the case may be, its latest renewal takes effect.

(4) Subject to subsection (6), an authorisation under this Part may be renewed, at any time before the time at which it ceases to have effect, by any 30 person who would be entitled to grant a new authorisation in the same terms.

(5) Sections 27 to 39 shall have effect in relation to the renewal of an authorisation under this Part as if references to the grant of an authorisation included references to its renewal.

(6) A person shall not renew an authorisation for the conduct or the use of a 35 covert human intelligence source, unless he—

- (a) is satisfied that a review has been carried out of the matters mentioned in subsection (7); and
- (b) has, for the purpose of deciding whether he should renew the authorisation, considered the results of that review. 40

(7) The matters mentioned in subsection (6) are—

- (a) the use made of the source in the period since the grant or, as the case may be, latest renewal of the authorisation; and
- (b) the tasks given to the source during that period and the information obtained from the conduct or the use of the source. 45

(8) References in this section to the time at which, or the day on which, the grant or renewal of an authorisation takes effect are references, except in

the case of an authorisation that takes effect in accordance with section 34(2), to the time at which or, as the case may be, the day on which the authorisation is granted or renewed.

(9) In relation to any authorisation granted by a member of any of the intelligence services, and in relation to any authorisation contained in a warrant issued by the Secretary of State on the application of a member of any of the intelligence services, this section has effect subject to the provisions of section 42.

42.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), a warrant containing an authorisation for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance—

Special rules for intelligence services authorisations.

(a) shall not be issued on the application of a member of any of the intelligence services, and

(b) if so issued shall not be renewed, except under the hand of the Secretary of State.

(2) In an urgent case in which—

(a) an application for a warrant containing an authorisation for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance has been made by a member of any of the intelligence services, and

(b) the Secretary of State has himself expressly authorised the issue of the warrant in that case,

the warrant may be issued (but not renewed) under the hand of a senior official.

(3) A warrant containing an authorisation for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance which—

(a) was issued, on the application of a member of any of the intelligence services, under the hand of a senior official, and

(b) has not been renewed under the hand of the Secretary of State, shall cease to have effect at the end of the second working day following the day of the issue of the warrant, instead of at the time provided for by section

41(3).

(4) Subject to subsection (3), where any warrant for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance which is issued or was last renewed on the application of a member of any of the intelligence services, the warrant (unless renewed or, as the case may be, renewed again) shall cease to have effect at the following time, instead of at the time provided for by section 41(3), namely—

(a) in the case of a warrant that has not been renewed, at the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which it was issued; and

(b) in any other case, at the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which it would have ceased to have effect if not renewed again.

(5) Where—

(a) an authorisation for the carrying out of directed surveillance is granted by a member of any of the intelligence services, and

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(b) the authorisation is renewed by an instrument endorsed under the hand of the person renewing the authorisation with a statement that the renewal is believed to be necessary on grounds falling within section 30(3)(a) or (c),

the authorisation (unless renewed again) shall cease to have effect at the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which it would have ceased to have effect but for the renewal, instead of at the time provided for by section 41(3). 5

(6) Notwithstanding anything in section 41(2), in a case in which there is a combined warrant containing both— 10

(a) an authorisation for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance, and

(b) an authorisation for the carrying out of directed surveillance,

the reference in subsection (4) of this section to a warrant for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance is a reference to the warrant so far as it confers both authorisations. 15

Cancellation of authorisations.

43.—(1) The person who granted or, as the case may be, last renewed an authorisation under this Part shall cancel it if—

(a) he is satisfied that the authorisation is one in relation to which the requirements of section 27(2)(a) and (b), 28(2)(a) and (b) or, as the case may be, 30(2)(a) and (b) are no longer satisfied; or 20

(b) in the case of an authorisation under section 28, he is satisfied that arrangements for the source's case that satisfy the requirements of subsection (5) of that section no longer exist.

(2) Where an authorisation under this Part was granted or, as the case may be, last renewed— 25

(a) by a person entitled to act for any other person, or,

(b) by the deputy of any other person,

that other person shall cancel the authorisation if he is satisfied as to either of the matters mentioned in subsection (1).

(3) Where an authorisation under this Part was granted or, as the case may be, last renewed by a person whose deputy had power to grant it, that deputy shall cancel the authorisation if he is satisfied as to either of the matters mentioned in subsection (1). 30

(4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide for the person by whom any duty imposed by this section is to be performed in a case in which it would otherwise fall on a person designated for the purposes of section 27 or 28 who is no longer available to perform it. 35

(5) Regulations under subsection (4) may provide for the person on whom the duty is to fall to be a person appointed in accordance with the regulations. 40

(6) The references in this section to a person's deputy are references to the following—

(a) in relation to—

(i) a chief constable of a police force maintained under section 2 of the Police Act 1996, or 45

- (ii) the Commissioner of Police for the City of London, to his designated deputy;
 - (b) in relation to the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, to an Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis;
 - 5 (c) in relation to the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, to the Deputy Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary;
 - (d) in relation to the Director General of the National Criminal Intelligence Service, to his designated deputy; and
 - 10 (e) in relation to the Director General of the National Crime Squad, to any person designated by him for the purposes of section 30(6)(k) or to his designated deputy.
- (7) In this section “designated deputy” has the same meaning as in section 32.

Supplemental provision for Part II

- 15 **44.**—(1) The Secretary of State may by order do any one or more of the following—
- (a) apply this Part, with such modifications as he thinks fit, to any such surveillance that is neither directed nor intrusive as may be described in the order;
 - 20 (b) provide for any description of directed surveillance to be treated for the purposes of this Part as intrusive surveillance;
 - (c) provide for any description of intrusive surveillance to be treated for the purposes of this Part as directed surveillance.
- (2) No order shall be made under this section unless a draft of it has been
25 laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.

Power to extend or modify authorisation provisions.

- 45.**—(1) In this Part—
- “covert human intelligence source” shall be construed in accordance with section 25(7);
 - 30 “directed” and “intrusive”, in relation to surveillance, shall be construed in accordance with section 25(2) to (5);
 - “private vehicle” means (subject to subsection (8)(a)) any vehicle which is used primarily for the private purposes of the person who owns it or of a person otherwise having the right to use it;
 - 35 “residential premises” means (subject to subsection (8)(b)) so much of any premises as is for the time being occupied or used by any person, however temporarily, for residential purposes or otherwise as living accommodation (including hotel or prison accommodation that is so occupied or used);
 - 40 “senior authorising officer” means a person who by virtue of subsection (6) of section 30 is a senior authorising officer for the purposes of that section;
 - “surveillance” shall be construed in accordance with subsections (2) to (4);
 - 45 “surveillance device” means any apparatus designed or adapted for use in surveillance.

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- (2) Subject to subsection (3), in this Part “surveillance” includes—
- (a) monitoring, observing or listening to persons, their movements, their conversations or their other activities or communications;
 - (b) recording anything monitored, observed or listened to in the course of surveillance; and 5
 - (c) surveillance by or with the assistance of a surveillance device.
- (3) References in this Part to surveillance do not include references to—
- (a) any conduct of a covert human intelligence source for obtaining or recording (whether or not using a surveillance device) any information which is disclosed in the presence of the source; 10
 - (b) the use of a covert human intelligence source for so obtaining or recording information; or
 - (c) any such entry on or interference with property or with wireless telegraphy as would be unlawful unless authorised under—
 - 1994 c. 13. (i) section 5 of the Intelligence Services Act 1994 (warrants 15
for the intelligence services); or
 - 1997 c. 50. (ii) Part III of the Police Act 1997 (powers of the police and
of customs officers).
- (4) References in this Part to surveillance include references to the interception of a communication in the course of its transmission by means 20 of a postal service or telecommunication system if, and only if—
- (a) the communication is one sent by or intended for a person who has consented to the interception of communications sent by or to him; and
 - (b) there is no interception warrant authorising the interception. 25
- (5) References in this Part to an individual holding an office or position with a public authority include references to any member, official or employee of that authority.
- (6) For the purposes of this Part the activities of a covert human intelligence source which are to be taken as activities for the benefit of a 30 particular public authority include any conduct of his as such a source which is in response to inducements or requests made by or on behalf of that authority.
- 1967 c. 77. (7) References in this Part to a police force do not include references to a 35 police force maintained under or by virtue of section 1 of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967.
- (8) In subsection (1)—
- (a) the reference to a person having the right to use a vehicle does not, in relation to a motor vehicle, include a reference to a person whose right to use the vehicle derives only from his having paid, or 40 undertaken to pay, for the use of the vehicle and its driver for a particular journey; and
 - (b) the reference to premises occupied or used by any person for residential purposes or otherwise as living accommodation does not include a reference to so much of any premises as constitutes any 45 common area to which he has or is allowed access in connection with his use or occupation of any accommodation.

(9) In this section—

“premises” includes any vehicle or moveable structure and any other place whatever, whether or not occupied as land;

“vehicle” includes any vessel, aircraft or hovercraft.

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PART III

INVESTIGATION OF ELECTRONIC DATA PROTECTED BY ENCRYPTION ETC.

Power to require disclosure of key

46.—(1) This section applies where any protected information—

Notices requiring disclosure of key.

- 10 (a) has come into the possession of any person by means of the exercise of a statutory power to seize, detain, inspect, search or otherwise to interfere with documents or other property, or is likely to do so;
- (b) has come into the possession of any person by means of the exercise of any statutory power to intercept communications, or is likely to do so;
- 15 (c) has come into the possession of any person by means of the exercise of any power conferred by an authorisation under section 21(3) or under Part II, or as a result of the giving of a notice under section 21(4), or is likely to do so;
- 20 (d) has come into the possession of any person as a result of having been provided or disclosed in pursuance of any statutory duty (whether or not one arising as a result of a request for information), or is likely to do so; or
- 25 (e) has, by any other lawful means not involving the exercise of statutory powers, come into the possession of any of the intelligence services, the police or the customs and excise, or is likely so to come into the possession of any of those services, the police or the customs and excise.

(2) If any person with the appropriate permission under Schedule 1 believes, on reasonable grounds—

- 30 (a) that a key to the protected information is in the possession of any person,
- (b) that the imposition of a requirement to disclose the key is—
- (i) necessary on grounds falling within subsection (3), or
- (ii) likely to be of value for purposes connected with the
- 35 exercise or performance by any public authority of any statutory power or statutory duty,
- (c) that the imposition of such a requirement is proportionate to what is sought to be achieved by its imposition, and
- 40 (d) that the key cannot reasonably be obtained by the person with the appropriate permission without the giving of a notice under this section,

the person with that permission may, by notice to the person whom he believes to have possession of the key, require the disclosure of the key.

(3) A requirement to disclose a key is necessary on grounds falling within this subsection if it is necessary—

- 45 (a) in the interests of national security;

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- (b) for the purpose of preventing or detecting crime; or
- (c) in the interests of the economic well-being of the United Kingdom.

(4) A notice under this section requiring the disclosure of any key—

- (a) must be given in writing or (if not in writing) must be given in a manner that produces a record of its having been given; 5
- (b) subject to paragraph (a), may take such form and be given in such manner as the person giving it thinks fit; and
- (c) must specify the manner in which, and time by which, the disclosure is to be made.

(5) A notice under this section shall not require the disclosure of a key to any person other than—

- (a) the person giving the notice; or
- (b) such other person as may be specified in or otherwise identified by, or in accordance with, the provisions of the notice.

(6) A notice under this section shall not require the disclosure of any key which— 15

- (a) is intended to be used for the purpose only of generating electronic signatures; and
- (b) has not in fact been used for any other purpose.

(7) Schedule 1 (definition of the appropriate permission) shall have effect. 20

Disclosure of information in place of key.

47.—(1) Subsection (2) applies where—

- (a) a person is required by a section 46 notice to disclose a key to any protected information; and
- (b) compliance with the requirement by the provision of the information in an intelligible form is authorised for the purposes of this section. 25

(2) The person required to disclose the key—

- (a) may use it to obtain access to the protected information, or to put that information into an intelligible form; and
- (b) shall be taken for the purposes of this Part to have complied with the requirement to disclose the key if, by the time by which he is 30 required to disclose it to any person, he has instead provided that person with the information in an intelligible form.

(3) Compliance with a requirement to disclose a key to protected information by the provision of the information in an intelligible form is authorised for the purposes of this section unless— 35

- (a) the person who for the purposes of Schedule 1 granted the permission for the giving of a section 46 notice in relation to that information, or
- (b) any person whose permission for the giving of a such a notice in relation to that information would constitute the appropriate 40 permission under that Schedule,

has given a direction that the requirement can be complied with only by the disclosure of the key itself.

(4) A person shall not give a direction for the purposes of subsection (3) unless he believes that the giving of the direction is proportionate to what is 45

sought to be achieved by prohibiting any compliance with the requirement in question otherwise than by the disclosure of the key itself.

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48.—(1) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to ensure that such arrangements are in force as he thinks appropriate for requiring or authorising, in such cases as he thinks fit, the making to persons to whom section 46 notices are given of appropriate contributions towards the costs incurred by them in complying with such notices.

Arrangements for payments for key disclosure.

(2) *For the purpose of complying with his duty under this section, the Secretary of State may make arrangements for payments to be made out of money provided by Parliament.*

Offences

49.—(1) A person is guilty of an offence if—

Failure to comply with a notice.

(a) he fails to comply, in accordance with any section 46 notice, with any requirement of that notice to disclose a key to protected information; and

(b) he is a person who has or has had possession of the key.

(2) In proceedings against any person for an offence under this section, it shall be a defence (subject to subsection (4)) for that person to show—

(a) that the key was not in his possession after the giving of the notice and before the time by which he was required to disclose it; but

(b) that he did, before that time, make a disclosure, to the person to whom he was required to disclose the key, of all such information in his possession as was required by that person to enable possession of the key to be obtained.

(3) In proceedings against any person for an offence under this section it shall be a defence (subject to subsection (4)) for that person to show—

(a) that it was not reasonably practicable for him to make a disclosure of the key before the time by which he was required to do so;

(b) where the key was not in his possession at that time, that it was not reasonably practicable for him, before that time, to make such a disclosure as is mentioned in subsection (2)(b); and

(c) that as soon after that time as it was reasonably practicable for him to make a disclosure of the key or (if earlier) of sufficient information to enable possession of the key to be obtained, he made such a disclosure to the person to whom he was required to disclose the key.

(4) Except in a case where there is no authorisation for the purposes of section 47, in proceedings for an offence under this section a person shall have a defence under subsection (2) or (3) only if he also shows that it was not reasonably practicable for him to comply with the requirement in the manner allowed by that section.

(5) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable—

(a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine, or to both;

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- (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both.

Tipping-off.

50.—(1) This section applies where a section 46 notice contains a provision requiring— 5

(a) the person to whom the notice is given, and

(b) every other person who becomes aware of it or of its contents, to keep secret the giving of the notice, its contents and the things done in pursuance of it.

(2) A section 46 notice shall not contain a requirement to keep anything secret except where the key to which it relates is a key to protected information which— 10

(a) has come into the possession of the police, the customs and excise or any of the intelligence services, or

(b) is likely to come into the possession of the police, the customs and excise or any of the intelligence services, 15

by means which it is reasonable, in order to maintain the effectiveness of any investigation or of investigatory techniques generally, or in the interests of the safety or well-being of any person, to keep secret from a particular person. 20

(3) A person who makes a disclosure to any other person of anything that he is required by a section 46 notice to keep secret shall be guilty of an offence and liable—

(a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to a fine, or to both; 25

(b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both.

(4) In proceedings against any person for an offence under this section in respect of any disclosure, it shall be a defence for that person to show that— 30

(a) the disclosure was effected entirely by the operation of software designed to indicate when a key to protected information has ceased to be secure; and

(b) that person could not reasonably have been expected to take steps, after being given the notice or (as the case may be) becoming aware of it or of its contents, to prevent the disclosure. 35

(5) In proceedings against any person for an offence under this section in respect of any disclosure, it shall be a defence for that person to show that—

(a) the disclosure was made by or to a professional legal adviser in connection with the giving, by the adviser to any client of his, of advice about the effect of provisions of this Part; and 40

(b) the person to whom or, as the case may be, by whom it was made was the client or a representative of the client.

(6) In proceedings against any person for an offence under this section in respect of any disclosure, it shall be a defence for that person to show that the disclosure was made by a legal adviser— 45

(a) in contemplation of, or in connection with, any legal proceedings; and

(b) for the purposes of those proceedings.

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(7) Neither subsection (5) nor subsection (6) applies in the case of a disclosure made with a view to furthering any criminal purpose.

(8) In proceedings against any person for an offence under this section in respect of any disclosure, it shall be a defence for that person to show that the disclosure was authorised by or on behalf of either the person who gave the notice or a person who—

(a) is in possession of the protected information to which the notice relates; and

10 (b) came into possession of that information as mentioned in section 46(1).

(9) In proceedings for an offence under this section against a person other than the person to whom the notice was given, it shall be a defence for the person against whom the proceedings are brought to show that he neither
15 knew nor had reasonable grounds for suspecting that the notice contained a requirement to keep secret what was disclosed.

Safeguards

51.—(1) This section applies to—

General duties of specified authorities.

20 (a) the Secretary of State and every other Minister of the Crown in charge of a government department;

(b) every chief officer of police;

(c) the Commissioners of Customs and Excise; and

(d) every person whose officers or employees include persons with duties that involve the giving of section 46 notices.

25 (2) It shall be the duty of each of the persons to whom this section applies to ensure that such arrangements are in force, in relation to persons under his control who by virtue of this Part obtain possession of keys to protected information, as he considers necessary for securing—

30 (a) that a key disclosed in pursuance of a section 46 notice is used for obtaining access to, or putting into an intelligible form, only protected information in relation to which power to give such a notice was exercised or could have been exercised if the key had not already been disclosed;

35 (b) that the uses to which a key so disclosed is put are reasonable having regard both to the uses to which the person using the key is entitled to put any protected information to which it relates and to the other circumstances of the case;

40 (c) that, having regard to those matters, the use and any retention of the key are proportionate to what is sought to be achieved by its use or retention;

(d) that the requirements of subsection (3) are satisfied in relation to any key disclosed in pursuance of a section 46 notice;

45 (e) that all records of a key so disclosed (if not destroyed earlier) are destroyed as soon as the key is no longer needed for the purpose of enabling protected information to be put into an intelligible form.

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(3) The requirements of this subsection are satisfied in relation to any key disclosed in pursuance of a section 46 notice if—

- (a) the number of persons to whom the key is disclosed or otherwise made available, and
- (b) the number of copies made of the key,

are each limited to the minimum that is necessary for the purpose of enabling protected information to be put into an intelligible form.

(4) In this section “chief officer of police” means any of the following—

1996 c. 16.
1967 c. 77.

- (a) the chief constable of a police force maintained under or by virtue of section 2 of the Police Act 1996 or section 1 of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967;
- (b) the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis;
- (c) the Commissioner of Police for the City of London;
- (d) the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary;
- (e) the Chief Constable of the Ministry of Defence Police;
- (f) the Provost Marshal of the Royal Navy Regulating Branch;
- (g) the Provost Marshal of the Royal Military Police;
- (h) the Provost Marshal of the Royal Air Force Police;
- (i) the Chief Constable of the British Transport Police;
- (j) the Director General of the National Criminal Intelligence Service;
- (k) the Director General of the National Crime Squad.

Interpretation of Part III

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52.—(1) In this Part—

“the customs and excise” means the Commissioners of Customs and Excise or any customs officer;

“electronic signature” means anything in electronic form which—

- (a) is incorporated into, or otherwise logically associated with, any electronic communication or other electronic data;
- (b) is generated by the signatory or other source of the communication or data; and
- (c) is used for the purpose of facilitating, by means of a link between the signatory or other source and the communication or data, the establishment of the authenticity of the communication or data, the establishment of its integrity, or both;

“key”, in relation to any electronic data, means any key, code, password, algorithm or other data the use of which (with or without other keys)—

- (a) allows access to the electronic data, or
- (b) facilitates the putting of the data into an intelligible form;

“the police” means—

- (a) any constable;
- (b) the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis or any Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis; or
- (c) the Commissioner of Police for the City of London;

“protected information” means any electronic data which, without the key to the data—

- (a) cannot, or cannot readily, be accessed, or
- (b) cannot, or cannot readily, be put into an intelligible form;

5 “section 46 notice” means a notice under section 46;

“warrant” includes any authorisation, notice or other instrument (however described) conferring a power of the same description as may, in other cases, be conferred by a warrant.

(2) References in this Part to a person’s having in his possession a key to any protected information include references to his having an immediate right of access to the key, or an immediate right to have it transmitted or otherwise supplied to him.

(3) References in this Part to a person’s having protected information in his possession include references—

- 15 (a) to its being in the possession of a person who is under his control so far as that information is concerned; and
- (b) to its being, or being contained in, anything which he or a person under his control is entitled, in exercise of any statutory power and without otherwise taking possession of it, to detain, inspect or
- 20 search.

(4) References in this Part to something’s being intelligible or being put into an intelligible form include references to its being in the condition in which it was before an encryption or similar process was applied to it or, as the case may be, to its being restored to that condition.

25 (5) In this section—

- (a) references to the authenticity of any communication or data are references to any one or more of the following—
 - (i) whether the communication or data comes from a particular person or other source;
 - 30 (ii) whether it is accurately timed and dated;
 - (iii) whether it is intended to have legal effect;

and

- (b) references to the integrity of any communication or data are references to whether there has been any tampering with or other
- 35 modification of the communication or data.

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SCRUTINY ETC. OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS AND OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES

Commissioners

40 **53.**—(1) The Prime Minister shall appoint two Commissioners, to be known as the Interception of Communications Commissioner and the Covert Investigations Commissioner. New Commissioners.

(2) Subject to subsection (5), the Interception of Communications Commissioner shall keep under review—

- 45 (a) the exercise and performance by the Secretary of State of the powers and duties conferred or imposed on him by or under sections 1 to 11;

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- (b) the exercise and performance, by the persons on whom they are conferred or imposed, of the powers and duties conferred or imposed by or under Chapter II of Part I;
- (c) the exercise and performance by the Secretary of State in relation to information obtained under Part I of the powers and duties conferred or imposed on him by or under Part III; and
- (d) the adequacy of the arrangements by virtue of which—
 - (i) the duty which is imposed on the Secretary of State by section 14, and
 - (ii) so far as applicable to information obtained under Part I, the duties imposed by section 51,
 are sought to be discharged.

(3) Subject to subsection (5), the Covert Investigations Commissioner shall keep under review, so far as they are not required to be kept under review by the Security Service Act Commissioner, the Intelligence Services Act Commissioner or the Chief Surveillance Commissioner—

- (a) the exercise and performance, by the persons on whom they are conferred or imposed, of the powers and duties conferred or imposed by or under Part II;
- (b) the exercise and performance, by any person other than a judicial authority, of the powers and duties conferred or imposed, otherwise than with the permission of such an authority, by or under Part III; and
- (c) the adequacy of the arrangements by virtue of which the duties imposed by section 51 are sought to be discharged in relation to persons whose conduct is subject to review under paragraph (b).

(4) The Interception of Communications Commissioner and the Covert Investigations Commissioner shall each give the Tribunal all such assistance (including his opinion as to any issue falling to be determined by the Tribunal) as the Tribunal may require—

- (a) in connection with the investigation of any matter by the Tribunal; or
- (b) otherwise for the purposes of the Tribunal's consideration or determination of any matter.

(5) It shall not be the function of either Commissioner to keep under review the exercise of any power of the Secretary of State to make, amend or revoke any subordinate legislation.

(6) A person shall not be appointed under this section as a Commissioner unless—

- (a) in the case of the Interception of Communications Commissioner, he holds or has held a high judicial office (within the meaning of the Appellate Jurisdiction Act 1876); or
- (b) in the case of the Covert Investigations Commissioner, he holds or has held any such high judicial office or holds or has held office as a Circuit judge, a sheriff in Scotland or a county court judge in Northern Ireland.

1876 c. 59.

(7) Each of the Commissioners shall hold office in accordance with the terms of his appointment; *and there shall be paid to each Commissioner out of money provided by Parliament such allowances as the Treasury may determine.*

(8) On the coming into force of this section the Commissioner holding office as the Commissioner under section 8 of the Interception of Communications Act 1985 shall take and hold office as the Interception of Communications Commissioner as if appointed under this Act—

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1985 c. 56.

- 5 (a) for the unexpired period of his term of office under that Act; and
(b) otherwise, on the terms of his appointment under that Act.

(9) In this section “judicial authority” means—

- (a) any judge of the High Court or of the Crown Court or any Circuit Judge;
10 (b) any judge of the High Court of Justiciary or any sheriff;
(c) any justice of the peace;
(d) any county court judge or resident magistrate in Northern Ireland;
(e) any person holding any such judicial office as entitles him to exercise the jurisdiction of a judge of the Crown Court or of a
15 justice of the peace.

54.—(1) It shall be the duty of—

- (a) every person holding office under the Crown,
(b) every member of the National Criminal Intelligence Service,
(c) every member of the National Crime Squad,
20 (d) every person employed by or for the purposes of a police force,
(e) every person required for the purposes of section 11 to provide assistance with giving effect to an interception warrant,
(f) every person on whom an obligation to take any steps has been imposed under section 12,
25 (g) every person by or to whom an authorisation under section 21(3) has been granted,
(h) every person to whom a notice under section 21(4) has been given,
(i) every person to whom a notice under section 46 has been given in relation to any information obtained under Part I, and
30 (j) every person who is or has been employed for the purposes of any business of a person falling within paragraph (e), (f), (h) or (i),

to disclose or provide to the Interception of Communications Commissioner all such documents and information as he may require for the purpose of enabling him to carry out his functions under section 53.

35 (2) It shall be the duty of—

- (a) every person by whom, or on whose application, there has been granted any authorisation the grant of which is subject to review by the Covert Investigations Commissioner,
(b) every person who holds or has held any office, rank or position with
40 the same public authority as a person falling within paragraph (a),
(c) every person who has engaged in any conduct with the authority of such an authorisation, and
(d) every person who holds or has held any office, rank or position with a public authority for whose benefit any such authorisation has been
45 or may be granted,

to disclose or provide to that Commissioner all such documents and information as he may require for the purpose of enabling him to carry out his functions.

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(3) If it at any time appears to the Interception of Communications Commissioner or the Covert Investigations Commissioner—

(a) that there has been a contravention of the provisions of this Act in relation to any matter with which that Commissioner is concerned, and

(b) that the contravention has not been the subject of a report made to the Prime Minister by the Tribunal,

he shall make a report to the Prime Minister with respect to that contravention.

(4) If it at any time appears to the Interception of Communications Commissioner that any arrangements by reference to which the duties imposed by sections 14 and 51 have sought to be discharged have proved inadequate in relation to any matter with which the Commissioner is concerned, he shall make a report to the Prime Minister with respect to those arrangements.

(5) As soon as practicable after the end of each calendar year, the Interception of Communications Commissioner and the Covert Investigations Commissioner shall each make a report to the Prime Minister with respect to the carrying out of that Commissioner's functions.

(6) The Prime Minister shall lay before each House of Parliament a copy of every annual report made by a Commissioner under subsection (5), together with a statement as to whether any matter has been excluded from that copy in pursuance of subsection (7).

(7) If it appears to the Prime Minister, after consultation with the Commissioner in question, that the publication of any matter in an annual report would be contrary to the public interest or prejudicial to—

(a) national security,

(b) the prevention or detection of serious crime,

(c) the economic well-being of the United Kingdom, or

(d) the continued discharge of the functions of any public authority whose activities include activities that are subject to review by that Commissioner,

the Prime Minister may exclude that matter from the copy of the report as laid before each House of Parliament.

Additional
functions of other
Commissioners.
1989 c. 5.

55.—(1) Subject to subsection (5), the Security Service Act Commissioner shall (in addition to his functions under the Security Service Act 1989) keep under review, so far as they are not required to be kept under review by the Interception of Communications Commissioner—

(a) the exercise and performance by the Secretary of State, in connection with or in relation to the activities of the Security Service, of the powers and duties conferred or imposed on him by Parts II and III;

(b) the exercise and performance by members of the Security Service of the powers and duties conferred or imposed on them by or under Parts II and III; and

(c) the adequacy of the arrangements by virtue of which the duty imposed by section 51 is sought to be discharged in relation to members of the Security Service.

(2) Subject to subsection (5), the Intelligence Services Act Commissioner shall (in addition to his functions under the Intelligence Services Act 1994) keep under review, so far as they are not required to be kept under review by the Interception of Communications Commissioner—

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1994 c. 13.

- 5 (a) the exercise and performance by the Secretary of State, in connection with or in relation to—
- (i) the activities of the Secret Intelligence Service and of GCHQ, and
- 10 (ii) the activities in places other than Northern Ireland of officials of the Ministry of Defence and of members of Her Majesty's forces,
- of the powers and duties conferred or imposed on him by Parts II and III;
- 15 (b) the exercise and performance by members of the Secret Intelligence Service and of GCHQ of the powers and duties conferred or imposed on members of those services by or under Parts II and III;
- 20 (c) the exercise and performance in places other than Northern Ireland, by officials of the Ministry of Defence and by members of Her Majesty's forces, of the powers and duties conferred or imposed on such officials or members of Her Majesty's forces by or under Parts II and III; and
- (d) the adequacy of the arrangements by virtue of which the duty imposed by section 51 is sought to be discharged—
- 25 (i) in relation to the members of the Secret Intelligence Service and of GCHQ; and
- (ii) in connection with any of their activities in places other than Northern Ireland, in relation to officials of the Ministry of Defence and members of Her Majesty's forces.

30 (3) The Chief Surveillance Commissioner shall (in addition to his functions under the Police Act 1997) keep under review, so far as they are not required to be kept under review by the Interception of Communications Commissioner, the Security Service Act Commissioner or the Intelligence Services Act Commissioner—

1997 c. 50.

- 35 (a) the exercise and performance by members of police forces, by members of the National Criminal Intelligence Service, by members of the National Crime Squad and by customs officers of the powers and duties conferred or imposed on them by or under Part II;
- 40 (b) the exercise and performance by members of police forces, by members of the National Criminal Intelligence Service, by members of the National Crime Squad and by customs officers, in relation to—
- (i) information obtained under Part II of this Act or Part III of the Police Act 1997, or
- 45 (ii) information in the case of which paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to this Act applies,
- of the powers and duties conferred or imposed on them by or under Part III of this Act;

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- (c) the exercise and performance in Northern Ireland by officials of the Ministry of Defence and members of Her Majesty's forces, of the powers and duties conferred or imposed on such officials or members of Her Majesty's forces by or under Parts II and III; and
- (d) the adequacy of the arrangements by virtue of which the duty imposed by section 51 is sought to be discharged—
- (i) in relation, in connection with the exercise or performance of powers or duties with respect to information falling within paragraph (b)(i) or (ii), to members of police forces, members of the National Criminal Intelligence Service, members of the National Crime Squad and customs officers; and
- (ii) in relation, in connection with any of their activities in Northern Ireland, to officials of the Ministry of Defence and members of Her Majesty's forces.
- (4) The Chief Surveillance Commissioner may require any ordinary Surveillance Commissioner to provide him with assistance in carrying out his functions under subsection (3); and that assistance may include—
- (a) the conduct on behalf of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner of the review of any matter, and
- (b) the making of a report to the Chief Surveillance Commissioner about the matter reviewed.
- (5) It shall not by virtue of this section be the function of any Commissioner to keep under review the exercise of any power of the Secretary of State to make, amend or revoke any subordinate legislation.
- (6) Subsection (5) of section 39 shall apply for the purposes of this section as it applies for the purposes of that section.

The Tribunal

The Tribunal.

- 56.**—(1) There shall, for the purpose of exercising the jurisdiction conferred on them by this section, be a tribunal consisting of such number of members as Her Majesty may by Letters Patent appoint.
- (2) The jurisdiction of the Tribunal shall be—
- (a) to be the appropriate tribunal for the purposes of section 7 of the Human Rights Act 1998 in relation to any proceedings under subsection (1)(a) of that section (proceedings for actions incompatible with Convention rights) which fall within subsection (3) of this section;
- (b) to consider and determine any complaints made to them which, in accordance with subsection (4), are complaints for which the Tribunal is the appropriate forum;
- (c) to consider and determine any reference to them by any person that he has suffered detriment as a consequence of any prohibition or restriction, by virtue of section 16, on his relying in, or for the purposes of, any civil proceedings on any matter; and
- (d) to hear and determine any other such proceedings falling within subsection (3) as may be allocated to them in accordance with provision made by the Secretary of State by order.

1988 c. 42.

(3) Proceedings fall within this subsection if—

- (a) they are proceedings against any of the intelligence services;
- (b) they are proceedings against any other person in respect of any conduct, or proposed conduct, by or on behalf of any of those services; or
- (c) they are proceedings relating to the taking place in any challengeable circumstances of any conduct falling within subsection (5).

(4) The Tribunal is the appropriate forum for any complaint if it is a complaint by a person who is aggrieved by any conduct falling within subsection (5) which he believes—

- (a) to have taken place in relation to him, to any of his property, to any communications sent by or to him, or intended for him, or to his use of any postal service, telecommunications service or telecommunication system; and
- (b) to have taken place in challengeable circumstances or to have been carried out by or on behalf of any of the intelligence services.

(5) Subject to subsection (6), conduct falls within this subsection if (whenever it occurred) it is—

- (a) conduct by or on behalf of any of the intelligence services;
- (b) conduct for or in connection with the interception of communications in the course of their transmission by means of a postal service or telecommunication system;
- (c) conduct to which Chapter II of Part I or Part II applies;
- (d) the giving of a notice under section 46 or any disclosure or use of a key to protected information;
- (e) any entry on or interference with property or any interference with wireless telegraphy.

(6) For the purposes only of subsection (3), conduct to which Part II applies, an entry on or interference with property or an interference with wireless telegraphy is not conduct falling within subsection (5) unless it is conduct by or on behalf of a person holding any office, rank or position with—

- (a) any of the intelligence services;
- (b) any of Her Majesty's forces;
- (c) any police force;
- (d) the National Criminal Intelligence Service;
- (e) the National Crime Squad; or
- (f) the Commissioners of Customs and Excise;

and section 45(5) applies for the purposes of this subsection as it applies for the purposes of Part II.

(7) For the purposes of this section conduct takes place in challengeable circumstances if—

- (a) it takes place with the authority, or purported authority, of anything falling within subsection (8); or
- (b) the circumstances are such that (whether or not there is such authority) it would not have been appropriate for the conduct to take place without it, or at least without proper consideration having been given to whether such authority should be sought.

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1985 c. 56.
- (8) The following fall within this subsection—
- (a) an interception warrant or a warrant under the Interception of Communications Act 1985;
 - (b) an authorisation or notice under Chapter II of Part I of this Act;
 - (c) an authorisation under Part II of this Act; 5
 - (d) a permission of the Secretary of State for the purposes of Schedule 1 to this Act;
 - (e) any such notice under section 46 of this Act as may be given with such a permission of the Secretary of State; or
- 1997 c. 50.
- (f) an authorisation under section 93 of the Police Act 1997. 10
- (9) Schedule 2 (which makes further provision in relation to the Tribunal) shall have effect.
- (10) In this section—
- (a) references to a key and to protected information shall be construed in accordance with section 52; 15
 - (b) references to the disclosure or use of a key to protected information taking place in relation to a person are references to such a disclosure or use taking place in a case in which that person has had possession of the key or of the protected information; and
 - (c) references to the disclosure of a key to protected information include 20 references to the making, instead, of a disclosure in intelligible form (within the meaning of section 52) of the protected information to which the key applies;
- and the reference in paragraph (b) to a person's having possession of a key or of protected information shall be construed in accordance with section 52. 25
- Orders allocating proceedings to the Tribunal.
- 57.**—(1) An order under section 56(2)(d) allocating proceedings to the Tribunal may—
- (a) provide for the Tribunal to exercise jurisdiction in relation to that matter to the exclusion of the jurisdiction of any court or tribunal; but 30
 - (b) if it does so provide, must contain provision conferring a power on the Tribunal, in the circumstances provided for in the order, to remit the proceedings to the court or tribunal which would have had jurisdiction apart from the order.
- (2) In making any provision by an order under section 56(2)(d) the 35 Secretary of State shall have regard, in particular, to—
- (a) the need to secure that proceedings allocated to the Tribunal are properly heard and considered; and
 - (b) the need to secure that information is not disclosed to an extent, or in a manner, that is contrary to the public interest or prejudicial to 40 national security, the prevention or detection of serious crime, the economic well-being of the United Kingdom or the continued discharge of the functions of any of the intelligence services.
- (3) The Secretary of State shall not make an order under section 56(2)(d) unless a draft of the order has been laid before Parliament and approved by a 45 resolution of each House.

58.—(1) Subject to subsections (4) and (5), it shall be the duty of the Tribunal—

- (a) to hear and determine any proceedings brought before them by virtue of section 56(2)(a) or (d); and
- 5 (b) to consider and determine any complaint or reference made to them by virtue of section 56(2)(b) or (c).

(2) Where the Tribunal hear any proceedings by virtue of section 56(2)(a), they shall apply the same principles for making their determination in those proceedings as would be applied by a court on an application for judicial review.

(3) Where the Tribunal consider a complaint made to them by virtue of section 56(2)(b), it shall be the duty of the Tribunal—

- (a) to investigate whether the persons against whom any allegations are made in the complaint have engaged in relation to—
 - 15 (i) the complainant,
 - (ii) any of his property,
 - (iii) any communications sent by or to him, or intended for him, or
 - (iv) his use of any postal service, telecommunications service or telecommunication system,
 - 20 in any conduct falling within section 56(5);
- (b) to investigate the authority (if any) for any conduct falling within section 56(5) which they find has been so engaged in; and
- 25 (c) in relation to the Tribunal's findings from their investigations, to determine the complaint by applying the same principles as would be applied by a court on an application for judicial review.

(4) The Tribunal shall not be under any duty to hear, consider or determine any proceedings, complaint or reference if it appears to them that the bringing of the proceedings or the making of the complaint or reference is frivolous or vexatious.

(5) Except where the Tribunal, having regard to all the circumstances, are satisfied that it is equitable to do so, they shall not consider or determine any complaint made by virtue of section 56(2)(b) if it is made more than one year after the taking place of the conduct to which it relates.

(6) Subject to any provision made by rules under section 60, the Tribunal on determining any proceedings, complaint or reference shall have power to make any such award of compensation or other order as they think fit; and, without prejudice to the power to make rules under section 60(2)(h), the other orders that may be made by the Tribunal include—

- 40 (a) an order quashing or cancelling any warrant or authorisation; and
- (b) an order requiring the destruction of any records of information which
 - (i) has been obtained in exercise of any power conferred by a warrant or authorisation; or
 - 45 (ii) is held by any public authority in relation to any person.

(7) Except to such extent as the Secretary of State may by order otherwise provide, determinations, awards, orders and other decisions of the Tribunal

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(including decisions as to whether they have jurisdiction) shall not be subject to appeal or be liable to be questioned in any court.

(8) The provision that may be contained in an order under subsection (7) may include—

- (a) provision for the establishment and membership of a tribunal or body to hear appeals; 5
- (b) the appointment of persons to that tribunal or body and provision about the remuneration and allowances to be payable to such persons and the expenses of the tribunal;
- (c) the conferring of jurisdiction to hear appeals on any existing court or tribunal; and 10
- (d) any such provision in relation to an appeal under the order as corresponds to provision that may be made by rules under section 60 in relation to proceedings before the Tribunal, or to complaints or references made to the Tribunal. 15

(9) The Secretary of State shall not make an order under subsection (7) unless a draft of the order has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.

Tribunal procedure.

59.—(1) Subject to any rules made under section 60, the Tribunal shall be entitled to determine their own procedure in relation to any proceedings, complaint or reference brought before or made to them. 20

(2) The Tribunal shall have power—

- (a) in connection with the investigation of any matter, or
- (b) otherwise for the purposes of the Tribunal's consideration or determination of any matter, 25

to require a relevant Commissioner appearing to the Tribunal to have functions in relation to the matter in question to provide the Tribunal with all such assistance (including that Commissioner's opinion as to any issue falling to be determined by the Tribunal) as the Tribunal think fit.

(3) Where the Tribunal hear or consider any proceedings, complaint or reference relating to any matter, they shall secure that every relevant Commissioner appearing to them to have functions in relation to that matter— 30

- (a) is aware that the matter is the subject of proceedings, a complaint or a reference brought before or made to the Tribunal; and 35
- (b) is kept informed of any determination, award, order or other decision made by the Tribunal with respect to that matter.

(4) Where the Tribunal determine any proceedings, complaint or reference brought before or made to them, they shall give notice to the complainant which (subject to any rules made by virtue of section 60(2)(i)) shall be confined, as the case may be, to either— 40

- (a) a statement that they have made a determination in his favour; or
- (b) a statement that no determination has been made in his favour.

(5) Where—

- (a) the Tribunal make a determination in favour of any person by whom any proceedings have been brought before the Tribunal or by 45

whom any complaint or reference has been made to the Tribunal,
and

- (b) the determination relates to any act or omission by or on behalf of the Secretary of State or to conduct for which any warrant, authorisation or permission was issued, granted or given by the Secretary of State,

they shall make a report of their findings to the Prime Minister.

(6) It shall be the duty of the persons specified in subsection (7) to disclose or provide to the Tribunal all such documents and information as the Tribunal may require for the purpose of enabling them—

- (a) to exercise the jurisdiction conferred on them by or under section 56; or
(b) otherwise to exercise or perform any power or duty conferred or imposed on them by or under this Act.

(7) Those persons are—

- (a) every person holding office under the Crown;
(b) every member of the National Criminal Intelligence Service;
(c) every member of the National Crime Squad;
(d) every person employed by or for the purposes of a police force;
(e) every person required for the purposes of section 11 to provide assistance with giving effect to an interception warrant;
(f) every person on whom an obligation to take any steps has been imposed under section 12;
(g) every person by or to whom an authorisation under section 21(3) has been granted;
(h) every person to whom a notice under section 21(4) has been given;
(i) every person by whom, or on whose application, there has been granted or given any authorisation under Part II of this Act or under Part III of the Police Act 1997;
(j) every person who holds or has held any office, rank or position with the same public authority as a person falling within paragraph (i);
(k) every person who has engaged in any conduct with the authority of an authorisation under section 21 or Part II of this Act or under Part III of the Police Act 1997;
(l) every person who holds or has held any office, rank or position with a public authority for whose benefit any such authorisation has been or may be given;
(m) every person to whom a notice under section 46 has been given; and
(n) every person who is or has been employed for the purposes of any business of a person falling within paragraph (e), (f), (h) or (m).

1997 c. 50.

(8) In this section “relevant Commissioner” means the Interception of Communications Commissioner, the Covert Investigations Commissioner, the Security Service Act Commissioner, the Intelligence Services Act Commissioner or any Surveillance Commissioner.

60.—(1) The Secretary of State may make rules regulating the exercise by the Tribunal of the jurisdiction conferred on them by or under section 56 and any matters preliminary or incidental to, or arising out of, the hearing or

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consideration of any proceedings, complaint or reference brought before or made to the Tribunal.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), rules under this section may—

- (a) enable the jurisdiction of the Tribunal to be exercised at any place in the United Kingdom by any two or more members of the Tribunal designated for the purpose by the President of the Tribunal; 5
- (b) enable different members of the Tribunal to carry out functions in relation to different complaints at the same time;
- (c) prescribe the form and manner in which proceedings are to be brought before the Tribunal or a complaint or reference is to be made to the Tribunal; 10
- (d) require persons bringing proceedings or making complaints or references to take such preliminary steps, and to make such disclosures, as may be specified in the rules for the purpose of facilitating a determination of whether— 15
 - (i) the bringing of the proceedings, or
 - (ii) the making of the complaint or reference,
 is frivolous or vexatious;
- (e) make provision about the determination of any question as to whether a person by whom— 20
 - (i) any proceedings have been brought before the Tribunal, or
 - (ii) any complaint or reference has been made to the Tribunal,
 is a person with a right to bring those proceedings or make that complaint or reference; 25
- (f) prescribe the forms of hearing or consideration to be adopted by the Tribunal in relation to particular proceedings, complaints or references (including a form that requires any proceedings brought before the Tribunal to be disposed of as if they were a complaint or reference made to the Tribunal); 30
- (g) prescribe the practice and procedure to be followed on, or in connection with, the hearing or consideration of any proceedings, complaint or reference (including, where applicable, the mode and burden of proof and the admissibility of evidence);
- (h) prescribe orders that may be made by the Tribunal under section 58(6); 35
- (i) require information about any determination, award, order or other decision made by the Tribunal in relation to any proceedings, complaint or reference to be provided (in addition to any statement under section 59(4)) to the person who brought the proceedings or made the complaint or reference, or to the person representing his interests. 40

(3) Rules under this section in relation to the hearing or consideration of any matter by the Tribunal may provide—

- (a) for a person who has brought any proceedings before or made any complaint or reference to the Tribunal to have the right to be legally represented; 45

- (b) for the manner in which the interests of a person who has brought any proceedings before or made any complaint or reference to the Tribunal are otherwise to be represented;
- (c) for the appointment in accordance with the rules, by such person as may be determined in accordance with the rules, of a person to represent those interests in the case of any proceedings, complaint or reference.
- (4) The power to make rules under this section includes power to make rules—
- (a) enabling or requiring the Tribunal to hear or consider any proceedings, complaint or reference without the person who brought the proceedings or made the complaint or reference having been given full particulars of the reasons for any conduct which is the subject of the proceedings, complaint or reference;
- (b) enabling or requiring the Tribunal to take any steps in exercise of their jurisdiction in the absence of any person (including the person bringing the proceedings or making the complaint or reference and any legal representative of his);
- (c) enabling or requiring the Tribunal to give a summary of any evidence taken in his absence to the person by whom the proceedings were brought or, as the case may be, to the person who made the complaint or reference;
- (d) enabling or requiring the Tribunal to exercise their jurisdiction, and to exercise and perform the powers and duties conferred or imposed on them (including, in particular, in relation to the giving of reasons), in such manner provided for in the rules as prevents or limits the disclosure of particular matters.
- (5) Rules under this section may also include provision—
- (a) enabling powers or duties of the Tribunal that relate to matters preliminary or incidental to the hearing or consideration of any proceedings, complaint or reference to be exercised or performed by a single member of the Tribunal; and
- (b) conferring on the Tribunal such ancillary powers as the Secretary of State thinks necessary for the purposes of, or in connection with, the exercise of the Tribunal's jurisdiction, or the exercise or performance of any power or duty conferred or imposed on them.
- (6) In making rules under this section the Secretary of State shall have regard, in particular, to—
- (a) the need to secure that matters which are the subject of proceedings, complaints or references brought before or made to the Tribunal are properly heard and considered; and
- (b) the need to secure that information is not disclosed to an extent, or in a manner, that is contrary to the public interest or prejudicial to national security, the prevention or detection of serious crime, the economic well-being of the United Kingdom or the continued discharge of the functions of any of the intelligence services.
- (7) Rules under this section may make provision by the application, with or without modification, of the provision from time to time contained in specified rules of court.

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(8) No rules shall be made under this section unless a draft of them has first been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.

Abolition of jurisdiction in relation to complaints.

61.—(1) The provisions set out in subsection (2) (which provide for the investigation etc. of certain complaints) shall not apply in relation to any complaint made after the coming into force of this section. 5

(2) Those provisions are—

1989 c. 5.

(a) section 5 of, and Schedules 1 and 2 to, the Security Service Act 1989 (investigation of complaints about the Security Service made to the Tribunal established under that Act);

1994 c. 13.

(b) section 9 of, and Schedules 1 and 2 to, the Intelligence Services Act 1994 (investigation of complaints about the Secret Intelligence Service or GCHQ made to the Tribunal established under that Act); and 10

1997 c. 50.

(c) section 102 of, and Schedule 7 to, the Police Act 1997 (investigation of complaints made to the Surveillance Commissioners). 15

Codes of practice

Issue and revision of codes of practice.

62.—(1) The Secretary of State shall issue one or more codes of practice relating to the exercise and performance of the powers and duties mentioned in subsection (2).

(2) Those powers and duties are those (excluding any power to make subordinate legislation) that are conferred or imposed otherwise than on the Surveillance Commissioners by or under— 20

(a) Parts I to III of this Act;

(b) section 5 of the Intelligence Services Act 1994 (warrants for interference with property or wireless telegraphy for the purposes of the intelligence services); and 25

(c) Part III of the Police Act 1997 (authorisation by the police or customs and excise of interference with property or wireless telegraphy).

(3) Before issuing a code of practice under subsection (1), the Secretary of State shall— 30

(a) prepare and publish a draft of that code; and

(b) consider any representations made to him about the draft;

and the Secretary of State may incorporate in the code finally issued any modifications made by him to the draft after its publication. 35

(4) The Secretary of State shall lay before both Houses of Parliament every draft code of practice prepared and published by him under this section.

(5) A code of practice issued by the Secretary of State under this section shall not be brought into force except in accordance with an order made by the Secretary of State. 40

(6) An order under subsection (5) may contain such transitional provisions and savings as appear to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient in connection with the bringing into force of the code brought into force by that order. 45

(7) The Secretary of State may from time to time—

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- (a) revise the whole or any part of a code issued under this section; and
- (b) issue the revised code.

(8) Subsections (3) to (6) shall apply (with appropriate modifications) in relation to the issue of any revised code under this section as they apply in relation to the first issue of such a code.

(9) The Secretary of State shall not make an order containing provision for any of the purposes of this section unless a draft of the order has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.

10 **63.**—(1) A person exercising or performing any power or duty in relation to which provision may be made by a code of practice under section 62 shall, in doing so, have regard to the provisions (so far as they are applicable) of every code of practice for the time being in force under that section.

Effect of codes of practice.

15 (2) A failure on the part of any person to comply with any provision of a code of practice for the time being in force under section 62 shall not of itself render him liable to any criminal or civil proceedings.

(3) A code of practice in force at any time under section 62 shall be admissible in evidence in any criminal or civil proceedings.

20 (4) If any provision of a code of practice issued or revised under section 62 appears to—

- (a) the court or tribunal conducting any civil or criminal proceedings,
- (b) the Tribunal,
- (c) a relevant Commissioner carrying out any of his functions under this Act, the Security Service Act 1989 or the Intelligence Services Act 1994, or
- (d) a Surveillance Commissioner carrying out his functions under this Act or the Police Act 1997,

1989 c. 5.
1994 c. 13.

1997 c. 50.

30 to be relevant to any question arising in the proceedings, or in connection with the exercise of that jurisdiction or the carrying out of those functions, in relation to a time when it was in force, that provision of the code shall be taken into account in determining that question.

35 (5) In this section “relevant Commissioner” means the Interception of Communications Commissioner, the Covert Investigations Commissioner, the Security Service Act Commissioner or the Intelligence Services Act Commissioner.

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MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

Miscellaneous

40 **64.**—(1) Section 5 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 (misleading messages and interception and disclosure of wireless telegraphy messages) shall become subsection (1) of that section.

Conduct in relation to wireless telegraphy.

(2) In paragraph (b) of that subsection—

1949 c. 54.

45 (a) for the words from “under the authority of” to “servant of the Crown,” there shall be substituted “under the authority of a designated person”; and

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(b) in sub-paragraph (i), for the words from “which neither” to the end of the sub-paragraph there shall be substituted “of which neither the person using the apparatus nor a person on whose behalf he is acting is an intended recipient,”.

(3) In that section, after that subsection there shall be inserted— 5

“(2) The conduct in relation to which a designated person may give a separate authority for the purposes of this section shall not, except where he believes the conduct to be necessary on grounds falling within subsection (5) of this section, include—

- (a) any conduct which, if engaged in without lawful authority, 10
constitutes an offence under section 1(1) or (2) of the
Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000;
- (b) any conduct which, if engaged in without lawful authority, is
actionable under section 1(3) of that Act;
- (c) any conduct which is capable of being authorised by an 15
authorisation or notice granted by any person under Chapter II
of Part I of that Act (communications data);
- (d) any conduct which is capable of being authorised by an
authorisation granted by any person under Part II of that Act 20
(surveillance etc.).

(3) A designated person shall not exercise his power to give a separate authority for the purposes of this section except where he believes—

- (a) that the giving of his authority is necessary on grounds falling 25
within subsection (4) or (5) of this section; and
- (b) that the conduct authorised by him is proportionate to what is
sought to be achieved by that conduct.

(4) A separate authority for the purposes of this section is necessary on grounds falling within this subsection if it is necessary—

- (a) in the interests of national security; 30
- (b) for the purpose of preventing or detecting crime (within the
meaning of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000)
or of preventing disorder;
- (c) in the interests of the economic well-being of the United 35
Kingdom;
- (d) in the interests of public safety;
- (e) for the purpose of protecting public health;
- (f) for the purpose of assessing or collecting any tax, duty, levy or
other imposition, contribution or charge payable to a 40
government department; or
- (g) for any purpose (not falling within paragraphs (a) to (f)) which is
specified for the purposes of this subsection by regulations
made by the Secretary of State.

(5) A separate authority for the purposes of this section is necessary on grounds falling within this subsection if it is not necessary on 45
grounds falling within subsection (4) but is necessary for purposes
connected with—

- (a) the issue of licences under this Act;

(b) the prevention or detection of anything which constitutes interference with wireless telegraphy; or

(c) the enforcement of any enactment contained in this Act or of any enactment not so contained that relates to such interference.

(6) The matters to be taken into account in considering whether the requirements of subsection (3) of this section are satisfied in the case of the giving of any separate authority for the purposes of this section shall include whether what it is thought necessary to achieve by the authorised conduct could reasonably be achieved by other means.

(7) A separate authority for the purposes of this section must be in writing and under the hand of—

(a) the Secretary of State;

(b) one of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise; or

(c) a person not falling within paragraph (a) or (b) who is designated for the purposes of this subsection by regulations made by the Secretary of State.

(8) A separate authority for the purposes of this section may be general or specific and may be given—

(a) to such person or persons, or description of persons,

(b) for such period, and

(c) subject to such restrictions and limitations,

as the designated person thinks fit.

(9) For the purposes of this section the question whether conduct is capable of being authorised under Chapter II of Part I of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 or under Part II of that Act shall be determined without reference—

(a) to whether the person whose conduct it is is a person on whom any power or duty is or may be conferred or imposed by or under Chapter II of Part I or Part II of that Act; or

(b) to whether there are grounds for believing that the requirements for the grant of an authorisation or the giving of a notice under Chapter II of Part I or Part II of that Act are satisfied.

(10) References in this section to a separate authority for the purposes of this section are references to any authority for the purposes of this section given otherwise than by way of the issue or renewal of a warrant, authorisation or notice under Part I or II of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.

(11) In this section ‘designated person’ means—

(a) the Secretary of State;

(b) the Commissioners of Customs and Excise; or

(c) any other person designated for the purposes of this section by regulations made by the Secretary of State.”

65.—(1) In subsection (2) of section 5 of the Intelligence Services Act 1994 (the circumstances in which the Secretary of State may issue a warrant

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authorising interference with property or wireless telegraphy)—

(a) in paragraph (a), for “on the ground that it is likely to be of substantial value in” there shall be substituted “for the purpose of”;
and

(b) for paragraph (b) there shall be substituted—

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“(b) is satisfied that the taking of the action is proportionate to what the action seeks to achieve;”.

(2) After that subsection, there shall be inserted—

“(2A) The matters to be taken into account in considering whether the requirements of subsection (2)(a) and (b) are satisfied in the case of any warrant shall include whether what it is thought necessary to achieve by the conduct authorised by the warrant could reasonably be achieved by other means.”

(3) In each of sections 6(1)(b) and 7(5)(b) of that Act (warrants issued under the hand of a senior official of the Secretary of State’s department), the words “of his department” shall be omitted.

(4) In section 11 of that Act (interpretation), for paragraph (1)(d) there shall be substituted—

“(d) ‘senior official’ has the same meaning as in the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000;”.

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Authorisations
under Part III of the
Police Act 1997.
1997 c. 50.

66.—(1) Section 93 of the Police Act 1997 (authorisations to interfere with property etc.) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1) (the action that the authorising officer may authorise), for “or” at the end of paragraph (a) there shall be substituted—

“(ab) the taking of such action falling within subsection (1A), in respect of property outside the relevant area, as he may specify, or”.

(3) After that subsection there shall be inserted—

“(1A) The action falling within this subsection is action for maintaining or retrieving any equipment, apparatus or device the placing or use of which in the relevant area has been authorised under this Part or Part II of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.

(1B) Subsection (1) applies where the authorising officer is a customs officer with the omission of—

(a) the words ‘in the relevant area’, in each place where they occur;
and

(b) paragraph (ab).”

(4) In subsection (2) (the grounds on which action may be authorised)—

(a) in paragraph (a), for the words from “on the ground” to “detection of” there shall be substituted “for the purpose of preventing or detecting”; and

(b) for paragraph (b) there shall be substituted—

“(b) that the taking of the action is proportionate to what the action seeks to achieve.”

(5) After subsection (2) there shall be inserted—

5 “(2A) Subsection (2) applies where the authorising officer is the Chief Constable or the Deputy Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary as if the reference in subsection (2)(a) to preventing or detecting serious crime included a reference to the interests of national security.

10 (2B) The matters to be taken into account in considering whether the requirements of subsection (2) are satisfied in the case of any authorisation shall include whether what it is thought necessary to achieve by the authorised action could reasonably be achieved by other means.”

(6) In subsection (5) (the meaning of authorising officer)—

(a) after paragraph (e) there shall be inserted—

15 “(ea) the Chief Constable of the Ministry of Defence Police;

(eb) the Provost Marshal of the Royal Navy Regulating Branch;

(ec) the Provost Marshal of the Royal Military Police;

(ed) the Provost Marshal of the Royal Air Force Police;

20 (ee) the Chief Constable of the British Transport Police;”;

(b) in paragraph (g), after “National Crime Squad” there shall be inserted “, or any person holding the rank of assistant chief constable in that Squad who is designated for the purposes of this paragraph by that Director General”; and

(c) in paragraph (h), for the word “the”, in the first place where it occurs, there shall be substituted “any”.

(7) In subsection (6) (the meaning of relevant area), after paragraph (c) there shall be inserted—

30 “(ca) in relation to a person within paragraph (ea), means any place where, under section 2 of the Ministry of Defence Police Act 1987 c. 4. 1987, the members of the Ministry of Defence Police have the powers and privileges of a constable;

35 (cb) in relation to a person within paragraph (ee), means the United Kingdom;”.

(8) After that subsection there shall be inserted—

40 “(6A) For the purposes of any authorisation by a person within paragraph (eb), (ec) or (ed) of subsection (5) property is in the relevant area or action in respect of wireless telegraphy is taken in the relevant area if, as the case may be—

(a) the property is owned, occupied, in the possession of or being used by a person subject to service discipline; or

(b) the action is taken in relation to the use of wireless telegraphy by such a person.

45 (6B) For the purposes of this section a person is subject to service discipline—

(a) in relation to the Royal Navy Regulating Branch, if he is subject to the Naval Discipline Act 1957 or is a civilian to 1957 c. 53.

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- whom Parts I and II of that Act for the time being apply by virtue of section 118 of that Act ;
- 1955 c. 18. (b) in relation to the Royal Military Police, if he is subject to military law or is a civilian to whom Part II of the Army Act 1955 for the time being applies by virtue of section 209 of that Act; and 5
- 1955 c. 19. (c) in relation to the Royal Air Force Police, if he is subject to air-force law or is a civilian to whom Part II of the Air Force Act 1955 for the time being applies by virtue of section 209 of that Act.” 10

Supplemental

- Ministerial expenditure etc. **67.** *There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament—*
- (a) *any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State for or in connection with the carrying out of his functions under this Act; and* 15
- (b) *any increase attributable to this Act in the sums which are payable out of money so provided under any other Act.*
- Orders, regulations and rules. **68.**—(1) This section applies to any power of the Secretary of State to make any order, regulations or rules under any provision of this Act.
- (2) The powers to which this section applies shall be exercisable by 20 statutory instrument.
- (3) A statutory instrument containing any order or regulations made in exercise of a power to which this section applies, other than one containing—
- (a) an order a draft of which has been approved for the purposes of 25 section 33(5), 44(2), 57(3), 58(9) or 62(9), or
- (b) an order under section 73(2) appointing a day,
- shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (4) Any order, regulations or rules made in exercise of a power to which 30 this section applies may—
- (a) make different provisions for different cases;
- (b) contain such incidental, supplemental, consequential and transitional provision as the Secretary of State thinks fit.
- Criminal liability of directors etc. **69.**—(1) Where an offence under any provision of this Act is committed 35 by a body corporate and is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of—
- (a) a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate, or
- (b) any person who was purporting to act in any such capacity, 40
- he (as well as the body corporate) shall be guilty of that offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (2) Where an offence under any provision of this Act—
- (a) is committed by a Scottish firm, and

(b) is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, a partner of the firm,

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he (as well as the firm) shall be guilty of that offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

(3) In this section “director”, in relation to a body corporate whose affairs are managed by its members, means a member of the body corporate.

70. Nothing in any of the provisions of this Act by virtue of which conduct of any description is or may be authorised by any warrant, authorisation or notice, or by virtue of which information may be obtained in any manner, shall be construed—

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(a) as making it unlawful to engage in any conduct of that description which is not otherwise unlawful under this Act and would not be unlawful apart from this Act;

(b) as otherwise requiring—

(i) the issue, grant or giving of such a warrant, authorisation or notice, or

(ii) the taking of any step for or towards obtaining the authority of such a warrant, authorisation or notice,

before any such conduct of that description is engaged in; or

(c) as prejudicing any power to obtain information by any means not involving conduct that may be authorised under this Act.

71.—(1) In this Act—

General interpretation.

“apparatus” includes any equipment, machinery or device and any wire or cable;

“civil proceedings” means any proceedings in or before any court or tribunal that are not criminal proceedings;

“communication” includes—

(a) (except in the definition of “postal service” in section 2(1)) anything transmitted by means of a postal service;

(b) anything comprising speech, music, sounds, visual images or data of any description; and

(c) signals serving either for the impartation of anything between persons, between a person and a thing or between things or for the actuation or control of any apparatus;

“criminal”, in relation to any proceedings or prosecution, shall be construed in accordance with subsection (4);

“customs officer” means an officer commissioned by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise under section 6(3) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979;

1979 c. 2.

“document” includes a map, plan, design, drawing, picture or other image;

“enactment” includes—

(a) an enactment passed after the passing of this Act; and

	(b) an enactment contained in Northern Ireland legislation;	
1994 c. 13.	“GCHQ” has the same meaning as in the Intelligence Services Act 1994;	
1955 c. 18.	“Her Majesty’s forces” has the same meaning as in the Army Act 1955;	
	“intelligence service” means the Security Service, the Secret Intelligence Service or GCHQ;	5
	“the Intelligence Services Act Commissioner” means the Commissioner appointed under section 8 of the Intelligence Services Act 1994;	
	“interception” and cognate expressions shall be construed (so far as it is applicable) in accordance with section 2;	
	“interception warrant” means a warrant under section 5;	10
	“legal proceedings” means civil or criminal proceedings in or before any court or tribunal;	
	“modification” includes alterations, additions and omissions, and cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly;	
	“ordinary Surveillance Commissioner” means a Surveillance Commissioner other than the Chief Surveillance Commissioner;	15
	“person” includes any organisation and any association or combination of persons;	
	“police force” means (subject to section 45(7)) any of the following—	
1996 c. 16.	(a) any police force maintained under section 2 of the Police Act 1996 (police forces in England and Wales outside London);	20
	(b) the metropolitan police force;	
	(c) the City of London police force;	
	(d) any police force maintained under or by virtue of section 1 of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967	25
1967 c. 77.	(e) the Royal Ulster Constabulary;	
	(f) the Ministry of Defence Police;	
	(g) the Royal Navy Regulating Branch;	
	(h) the Royal Military Police;	
	(i) the Royal Air Force Police;	30
	(j) the British Transport Police;	
	“postal service” and “public postal service” have the meanings given by section 2(1);	
	“private telecommunication system”, “public telecommunications service” and “public telecommunication system” have the meanings given by section 2(1);	35
1998 c. 42.	“public authority” means any public authority within the meaning of section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998 (acts of public authorities) other than a court or tribunal;	
1989 c. 5.	“the Security Service Act Commissioner” means the Commissioner appointed under section 4 of the Security Service Act 1989;	40
	“senior official” means, subject to subsection (6), a member of the Senior Civil Service;	
	“statutory”, in relation to any power or duty, means conferred or imposed by or under any enactment or subordinate legislation;	45

- “subordinate legislation” means any subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978) or any statutory rules (within the meaning of the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979);
- 5 “Surveillance Commissioner” means a Commissioner holding office under section 91 of the Police Act 1997 and “Chief Surveillance Commissioner” shall be construed accordingly;
- “telecommunication system” and “telecommunications service” have the meanings given by section 2(1);
- 10 “the Tribunal” means the tribunal established under section 56;
- “wireless telegraphy” has the same meaning as in the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 and, in relation to wireless telegraphy, “interfere” has the same meaning as in that Act;
- 15 “working day” means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in any part of the United Kingdom.
- (2) In this Act—
- (a) references to crime are references to conduct which constitutes one or more criminal offences or is, or corresponds to, any conduct which, if it all took place in any one part of the United Kingdom would constitute one or more criminal offences; and
- (b) references to serious crime are references to crime that satisfies the test in subsection (3)(a) or (b).
- 25 (3) Those tests are—
- (a) that the offence or one of the offences that is or would be constituted by the conduct is an offence for which a person who has attained the age of twenty-one and has no previous convictions could reasonably be expected to be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of three years or more;
- 30 (b) that the conduct involves the use of violence, results in substantial financial gain or is conduct by a large number of persons in pursuit of a common purpose.
- (4) In this Act “criminal proceedings” includes—
- 35 (a) proceedings in the United Kingdom or elsewhere before—
- (i) a court-martial constituted under the Army Act 1955, the Air Force Act 1955 or the Naval Discipline Act 1957; or
- (ii) a disciplinary court constituted under section 50 of the Act of 1957;
- 40 (b) proceedings before the Courts-Martial Appeal Court; and
- (c) proceedings before a Standing Civilian Court;
- and references in this Act to criminal prosecutions shall be construed accordingly.
- (5) In this Act—
- 45 (a) references to a person holding office under the Crown include references to any servant of the Crown and to any member of Her Majesty’s forces; and

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1978 c. 30.
S.I. 1979/1573
(N.I. 12).

1997 c. 50.

1949 c. 54.

1971 c. 80.

1955 c. 18.

1955 c. 19.

1957 c. 53.

PART V	<p>(b) references to a member of a police force, in relation to the Royal Navy Regulating Branch, the Royal Military Police or the Royal Air Force Police, do not include references to any member of that Branch or Force who is not for the time being attached to or serving either with the Branch or Force of which he is a member or with another of those police forces. 5</p> <p>(6) If it appears to the Secretary of State that it is necessary to do so in consequence of any changes to the structure or grading of the civil service, he may by order make such amendments of the definition of “senior official” in subsection (1) as appear to him appropriate to preserve, so far as practicable, the effect of that definition. 10</p>
Amendments, repeals and savings etc.	<p>72.—(1) The enactments specified in Schedule 3 (amendments consequential on the provisions of this Act) shall have effect with the amendments set out in that Schedule.</p> <p>(2) The enactments mentioned in Schedule 4 are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule. 15</p> <p>(3) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that nothing in this Act (except paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 3) affects any power conferred on the Post Office by or under any enactment to open, detain or delay any postal packet or to deliver any such packet to a person other than the person to whom it is addressed. 20</p>
1985 c. 56.	<p>(4) Where any warrant under the Interception of Communications Act 1985 is in force under that Act at the time when the repeal by this Act of section 2 of that Act comes into force, the conduct authorised by that warrant shall be deemed for the period which— 25</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) begins with that time, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) ends with the time when that warrant would (without being renewed) have ceased to have effect under that Act,</p> <p>as if it were conduct authorised by an interception warrant issued in accordance with the requirements of Chapter I of Part I of this Act. 30</p> <p>(5) In relation to any such warrant, any certificate issued for the purposes of section 3(2) of the Interception of Communications Act 1985 shall have effect in relation to that period as if it were a certificate issued for the purposes of section 8(3) of this Act.</p> <p>(6) Sections 14 and 15 of this Act shall have effect as if references to interception warrants and to section 8(3) certificates included references, respectively, to warrants under section 2 of the Interception of Communications Act 1985 and to certificates under section 3(2) of that Act; and references in sections 14 and 15 of this Act to intercepted or certified material shall be construed accordingly. 40</p>
Short title, commencement and extent.	<p>73.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.</p> <p>(2) The provisions of this Act, other than this section, shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order appoint; and different days may be appointed under this subsection for different purposes. 45</p>

(3) Part II of this Act does not extend to Scotland except so far as it makes provision for, or in relation to, the authorisation of any conduct in Scotland—

- 5 (a) in a case in which the authorisation is granted or renewed on the grounds that it is necessary in the interests of national security or in the interests of the economic well-being of the United Kingdom;
- (b) in a case in which the authorisation is granted or renewed by or on the application of a member or official of any of the public authorities specified in subsection (4);
- 10 (c) in a case in which the conduct is the conduct of a member or official of any of the public authorities specified in subsection (4) or the conduct of an individual acting as a covert human intelligence source for the benefit of any such public authority.

(4) The public authorities referred to in subsection (3) are—

- 15 (a) each of the intelligence services;
- (b) Her Majesty's forces;
- (c) the Ministry of Defence;
- (d) the Ministry of Defence Police;
- 20 (e) any public authority specified by the Secretary of State for the purposes of section 29;
- (f) any public authority designated by the Secretary of State for the purposes of section 39.

(5) This Act extends to Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULES

Section 46.

SCHEDULE 1

PERSONS HAVING THE APPROPRIATE PERMISSION

Requirement that appropriate permission is granted by a judge

1.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, a person has the appropriate permission in relation to any protected information if, and only if, written permission for the giving of section 46 notices in relation to that information has been granted—

- (a) in England and Wales, by a Circuit judge;
- (b) in Scotland, by a sheriff; or
- (c) in Northern Ireland, by a county court judge.

(2) Nothing in paragraphs 2 to 5 of this Schedule providing for the manner in which a person may be granted the appropriate permission in relation to any protected information without a grant under this paragraph shall be construed as requiring any further permission to be obtained in a case in which permission has been granted under this paragraph.

Data obtained under warrant etc.

2.—(1) This paragraph applies in the case of protected information falling within section 46(1)(a), (b) or (c) where the statutory power in question is one exercised, or to be exercised, in accordance with—

- (a) a warrant issued by the Secretary of State or a person holding judicial office; or
- (b) an authorisation under Part III of the Police Act 1997 (authorisation of otherwise unlawful action in respect of property).

(2) Subject to sub-paragraphs (3) to (5) and paragraph 6(1), a person has the appropriate permission in relation to that protected information (without any grant of permission under paragraph 1) if—

- (a) the warrant or, as the case may be, the authorisation contained the relevant authority's permission for the giving of section 46 notices in relation to protected information to be obtained under the warrant or authorisation; or
- (b) since the issue of the warrant or authorisation, written permission has been granted by the relevant authority for the giving of such notices in relation to protected information obtained under the warrant or authorisation.

(3) Only persons holding office under the Crown, the police and customs and excise shall be capable of having the appropriate permission in relation to protected information obtained, or to be obtained, under a warrant issued by the Secretary of State.

(4) Only a person who—

- (a) was entitled to exercise the power conferred by the warrant, or
- (b) is of the description of persons on whom the power conferred by the warrant was, or could have been, conferred,

shall be capable of having the appropriate permission in relation to protected information obtained, or to be obtained, under a warrant issued by a person holding judicial office.

(5) Only the police and the customs and excise shall be capable of having the appropriate permission in relation to protected information obtained, or to be obtained, under an authorisation under Part III of the Police Act 1997.

1997 c. 50.

(6) In this paragraph “the relevant authority”—

- (a) in relation to a warrant issued by the Secretary of State, means the Secretary of State;
- (b) in relation to a warrant issued by a person holding judicial office, means any person holding any judicial office that would have entitled him to issue the warrant; and
- (c) in relation to protected information obtained under an authorisation under Part III of the Police Act 1997, means (subject to sub-paragraph (7)) an authorising officer within the meaning of section 93 of that Act.

1997 c. 50.

(7) Section 94 of the Police Act 1997 (power of other persons to grant authorisations in urgent cases) shall apply in relation to—

- (a) an application for permission for the giving of section 46 notices in relation to protected information obtained, or to be obtained, under an authorisation under Part III of that Act, and
- (b) the powers of any authorising officer (within the meaning of section 93 of that Act) to grant such a permission,

as it applies in relation to an application for an authorisation under section 93 of that Act and the powers of such an officer under that section.

(8) References in this paragraph to a person holding judicial office are references to—

- (a) any judge of the Crown Court or of the High Court of Justiciary;
- (b) any sheriff;
- (c) any justice of the peace;
- (d) any resident magistrate in Northern Ireland; or
- (e) any person holding any such judicial office as entitles him to exercise the jurisdiction of a judge of the Crown Court or of a justice of the peace.

(9) Protected information that comes into a person’s possession by means of the exercise of any statutory power which—

- (a) is exercisable without a warrant, but
- (b) is so exercisable in the course of, or in connection with, the exercise of another statutory power for which a warrant is required,

shall not be taken, by reason only of the warrant required for the exercise of the power mentioned in paragraph (b), to be information in the case of which this paragraph applies.

Data obtained by the intelligence services under statute but without a warrant

3.—(1) This paragraph applies in the case of protected information falling within section 46(1)(a), (b) or (c) which—

- (a) has come into the possession of any of the intelligence services or is likely to do so; and
- (b) is not information in the case of which paragraph 2 applies.

(2) Subject to paragraph 6(1), a person has the appropriate permission in relation to that protected information (without any grant of permission under paragraph 1) if written permission for the giving of section 46 notices in relation to that information has been granted by the Secretary of State.

(3) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the protected information is in the possession, or (as the case may be) is likely to come into the possession, of both—

- (a) one or more of the intelligence services, and
 - (b) a public authority which is not one of the intelligence services,
- as if a grant of permission under paragraph 1 were unnecessary only where the application to the Secretary of State for permission under that sub-paragraph is made by or on behalf of a member of one of the intelligence services.

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Data obtained under statute by other persons but without a warrant

4.—(1) This paragraph applies—

- (a) in the case of protected information falling within section 46(1)(a), (b) or (c) which is not information in the case of which paragraph 2 or 3 applies; and
- (b) in the case of protected information falling within section 46(1)(d) which is not information also falling within section 46(1)(a), (b) or (c) in the case of which paragraph 3 applies.

(2) Subject to paragraph 6, where—

- (a) the statutory power was exercised, or is likely to be exercised, by the police, the customs and excise or a member of Her Majesty's forces, or
- (b) the information was provided or disclosed, or is likely to be provided or disclosed, to the police, the customs and excise or a member of Her Majesty's forces, or
- (c) the information is in the possession of, or is likely to come into the possession of, the police, the customs and excise or a member of Her Majesty's forces,

the police, the customs and excise or, as the case may be, members of Her Majesty's forces have the appropriate permission in relation to the protected information, without any grant of permission under paragraph 1.

(3) In any other case a person shall not have the appropriate permission by virtue of a grant of permission under paragraph 1 unless he is a person falling within sub-paragraph (4).

(4) A person falls within this sub-paragraph if, as the case may be—

- (a) he is the person who exercised the statutory power or is of the description of persons who would have been entitled to exercise it;
- (b) he is the person to whom the protected information was provided or disclosed, or is of a description of person the provision or disclosure of the information to whom would have discharged the statutory duty; or
- (c) he is a person who is likely to be a person falling within paragraph (a) or (b) when the power is exercised or the protected information provided or disclosed.

Data obtained without the exercise of statutory powers

5.—(1) This paragraph applies in the case of protected information falling within section 46(1)(e).

(2) Subject to paragraph 6, a person has the appropriate permission in relation to that protected information (without any grant of permission under paragraph 1) if—

- (a) the information is in the possession of any of the intelligence services, or is likely to come into the possession of any of those services; and
- (b) written permission for the giving of section 46 notices in relation to that information has been granted by the Secretary of State.

(3) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the protected information is in the possession, or (as the case may be) is likely to come into the possession, of both—

- (a) one or more of the intelligence services, and
- (b) the police or the customs and excise,

as if a grant of permission under paragraph 1 were unnecessary only where the application to the Secretary of State for permission under that sub-paragraph is made by or on behalf of a member of one of the intelligence services.

General requirements relating to the appropriate permission

6.—(1) A person does not have the appropriate permission in relation to any protected information unless he is either—

- 5 (a) a person who has the protected information in his possession or is likely to obtain possession of it; or
 (b) a person who is authorised (apart from this Act) to act on behalf of such a person.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), a constable does not by virtue of paragraph 1, 4 or 5 have the appropriate permission in relation to any protected information unless—

- 10 (a) he is of or above the rank of superintendent; or
 (b) permission to give a section 46 notice in relation to that information has been granted by a person holding the rank of superintendent, or any higher rank.

(3) In the case of protected information that has come into the police's possession by means of the exercise of powers conferred by—

- 15 (a) section 42 of the Terrorism Act 2000 (power to stop and search), or
 (b) section 13A or 13B of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (which had effect for similar purposes before the coming into force of section 42 of the Terrorism Act 2000),

20 the permission required by sub-paragraph (2) shall not be granted by any person below the rank mentioned in section 42(4) of that Act of 2000 or, as the case may be, section 13A(1) of that Act of 1989.

(4) A person commissioned by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise does not by virtue of paragraph 1, 4 or 5 have the appropriate permission in relation to any protected information unless permission to give a section 46 notice in relation to that information has been granted—

- 25 (a) by those Commissioners themselves; or
 (b) by an officer of their department of or above such level as they may designate for the purposes of this sub-paragraph.

(5) A member of Her Majesty's forces does not by virtue of paragraph 1, 4 or 5 have the appropriate permission in relation to any protected information unless—

- 30 (a) he is of or above the rank of lieutenant colonel or its equivalent; or
 (b) permission to give a section 46 notice in relation to that information has been granted by a person holding the rank of lieutenant colonel or its equivalent, or by a person holding a rank higher than lieutenant colonel or its equivalent.
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Duration of permission

7.—(1) A permission granted by any person under any provision of this Schedule shall not entitle any person to give a section 46 notice at any time after the permission has ceased to have effect.

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(2) Such a permission, once granted, shall continue to have effect (notwithstanding the cancellation, expiry or other discharge of any warrant or authorisation in which it is contained or to which it relates) until such time (if any) as it—

- 45 (a) expires in accordance with any limitation on its duration that was contained in its terms; or
 (b) is withdrawn by the person who granted it or by a person holding any office or other position that would have entitled him to grant it.

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Formalities for permissions granted by the Secretary of State

8. A permission for the purposes of any provision of this Schedule shall not be granted by the Secretary of State except—

- (a) under his hand; or
- (b) in an urgent case in which the Secretary of State has expressly authorised the grant of the permission, under the hand of a senior official. 5

Section 56.

SCHEDULE 2

THE TRIBUNAL

Membership of the Tribunal

1.—(1) A person shall not be appointed as a member of the Tribunal unless he is— 10

1876 c. 59.

(a) a person who holds or has held a high judicial office (within the meaning of the Appellate Jurisdiction Act 1876);

1990 c. 41.

(b) a person who has a ten year general qualification, within the meaning of section 71 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990;

(c) an advocate or solicitor in Scotland of at least ten years' standing; or 15

(d) a member of the Bar of Northern Ireland or solicitor of the Supreme Court of Northern Ireland of at least ten years' standing.

(2) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, the members of the Tribunal shall hold office during good behaviour.

(3) A member of the Tribunal shall vacate office at the end of the period of five 20 years beginning with the day of his appointment, but shall be eligible for reappointment.

(4) A member of the Tribunal may be relieved of office by Her Majesty at his own request.

(5) A member of the Tribunal may be removed from office by Her Majesty on an 25 Address presented to Her by both Houses of Parliament.

President and Vice-President

2.—(1) Her Majesty may by Letters Patent appoint as President or Vice-President of the Tribunal a person who is, or by virtue of those Letters will be, a 30 member of the Tribunal.

(2) A person shall not be appointed President of the Tribunal unless he holds or has held a high judicial office (within the meaning of the Appellate Jurisdiction Act 1876).

(3) If at any time—

(a) the President of the Tribunal is temporarily unable to carry out any 35 functions conferred on him by this Schedule or any rules under section 60, or

(b) the office of President of the Tribunal is for the time being vacant, the Vice-President shall carry out those functions.

(4) A person shall cease to be President or Vice-President of the Tribunal if he 40 ceases to be a member of the Tribunal.

Members of the Tribunal with special responsibilities

3.—(1) The President of the Tribunal shall designate one or more members of the Tribunal as the member or members having responsibilities in relation to matters involving the intelligence services.

(2) It shall be the duty of the President of the Tribunal, in exercising any power 45 conferred on him by rules under section 60 to allocate the members of the Tribunal who

are to consider or hear any complaint, proceedings, reference or preliminary or incidental matter, to exercise that power in a case in which the complaint, proceedings or reference relates to, or to a matter involving—

- 5 (a) an allegation against any of the intelligence services or any member of any of those services, or
- (b) conduct by or on behalf of any of those services or any member of any of those services,

in such manner as secures that the allocated members consist of, or include, one or more of the members for the time being designated under sub-paragraph (1).

10 *Salaries and expenses*

4.—(1) *The Secretary of State shall pay to the members of the Tribunal out of money provided by Parliament such remuneration and allowances as he may with the approval of the Treasury determine.*

15 (2) *Such expenses of the Tribunal as the Secretary of State may with the approval of the Treasury determine shall be defrayed by him out of money provided by Parliament.*

Officers

5.—(1) The Secretary of State may, after consultation with the Tribunal and with the approval of the Treasury as to numbers, provide the Tribunal with such officers as he 20 thinks necessary for the proper discharge of their functions.

(2) The Tribunal may authorise any officer provided under this paragraph to obtain any documents or information on the Tribunal’s behalf.

Parliamentary disqualification

6. In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 and in 25 Part II of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (bodies whose members are disqualified) there shall be inserted (at the appropriate places) the following entry—

“The Tribunal established under section 56 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000”.

30 **SCHEDULE 3** Section 72.

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

The Post Office Act 1953 (c. 36)

1. In section 58(1) of the Post Office Act 1953 (opening or delaying of postal 35 packets by officers of Post Office), after “the Interception of Communications Act 1985” there shall be inserted “or under the authority of an interception warrant under section 5 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000”.

The Post Office Act 1969 (c. 48)

2. In paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 5 to the Post Office Act 1969 (repair of minor 40 deficiencies in certain Acts), for the words from “in obedience” to the end of the sub-paragraph there shall be substituted “under the authority of an interception warrant under section 5 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, under 45 section 11(9) of that Act or in pursuance of a requirement imposed by the Interception of Communications Commissioner under section 54(1) of that Act or imposed by section 59(6) of that Act or by or in accordance with any rules under section 60 of that Act.”.

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The Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12)

1984 c. 12.

3. In section 45 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 (offence of disclosing of messages and use of telecommunication system), for subsections (2) and (3) there shall be substituted—

“(2) Subsection (1) above does not apply to any disclosure made— 5

(a) in accordance with the order of any court or for the purposes of any criminal proceedings (within the meaning of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000);

(b) in accordance with any warrant, authorisation or notice issued, granted or given under any provision of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000; or

1989 c. 5.

1994 c. 13.

1997 c. 50.

(c) in pursuance of any duty under that Act of 2000, or under the Security Service Act 1989, the Intelligence Services Act 1994 or Part III of the Police Act 1997, to provide information or produce any document to any Commissioner appointed under that Act of 2000 or to the tribunal established under section 56 of that Act of 2000.” 15

The Security Service Act 1989 (c. 5)

4.—(1) In subsection (3) of section 4 of the Security Service Act 1989 (the Security Service Commissioner), for “the subsequent provisions of this Act” there shall be substituted “the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000”. 20

(2) After that subsection there shall be inserted—

“(3A) The Commissioner shall give the tribunal established under section 56 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 all such assistance (including his opinion as to any issue falling to be determined by that tribunal) as that tribunal may require— 25

(a) in connection with the investigation of any matter by that tribunal; or

(b) otherwise for the purposes of that tribunal’s consideration or determination of any matter.”

The Official Secrets Act 1989 (c. 6)

1989 c. 6.

5. In section 4(3)(a) of the Official Secrets Act 1989 (offence of disclosing interception information), after “1985” there shall be inserted “or under the authority of an interception warrant under section 5 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000”. 30

The Intelligence Services Act 1994 (c. 13)

6.—(1) In subsection (3) of section 8 of the Intelligence Services Act 1994 (the Intelligence Services Commissioner), for “the subsequent provisions of this Act” there shall be substituted “the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000”. 35

(2) After that subsection there shall be inserted—

“(3A) The Commissioner shall give the tribunal established under section 56 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 all such assistance (including his opinion as to any issue falling to be determined by that tribunal) as that tribunal may require— 40

(a) in connection with the investigation of any matter by that tribunal; or

(b) otherwise for the purposes of that tribunal’s consideration or determination of any matter.” 45

The Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (c. 25)

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7.—(1) In each of sections 3(7), 7(6), 8(6) and 9(9) of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (exceptions for interceptions from obligations to make disclosures to the defence), for paragraphs (a) and (b) there shall be substituted “it is material the disclosure of which is prohibited by section 16 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.”

(2) In section 23(6) of that Act (code of practice not to apply to material intercepted under the Interception of Communications Act 1985), after “1985” there shall be inserted “or under the authority of an interception warrant under section 5 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000”.

The Police Act 1997 (c. 50)

8.—(1) In section 93(3) of the Police Act 1997 (persons who may make an application to an authorising officer within section 93(5))—

(a) in paragraph (a), for “(e)” there shall be substituted “(ea) or (ee)”; and
 (b) after that paragraph there shall be inserted—

“(aa) if the authorising officer is within subsection (5)(eb) to (ed), by a member, as the case may be, of the Royal Navy Regulating Branch, the Royal Military Police or the Royal Air Force Police;”.

(2) In section 94(1) of that Act (circumstances in which authorisations may be given in absence of authorising officer), in paragraph (b), for “,(f), (g) or (h)” there shall be substituted “or (f)”, and after that paragraph there shall be inserted “or

(c) if the authorising officer is within paragraph (g) of section 93(5) it is also not reasonably practicable for the application to be considered either—

(i) by any other person designated for the purposes of that paragraph; or

(ii) by the designated deputy of the Director General of the National Crime Squad.”

(3) In section 94(2) of that Act (persons who may act in absence of the authorising officer)—

(a) after paragraph (d), there shall be inserted—

“(da) where the authorising officer is within paragraph (ea) of that subsection, by a person holding the rank of deputy or assistant chief constable in the Ministry of Defence Police;

(db) where the authorising officer is within paragraph (eb) of that subsection, by a person holding the position of assistant Provost Marshal in the Royal Navy Regulating Branch;

(dc) where the authorising officer is within paragraph (ec) or (ed), by a person holding the position of deputy Provost Marshal in the Royal Military Police or, as the case may be, in the Royal Air Force Police;

(dd) where the authorising officer is within paragraph (ee) of that subsection, by a person holding the rank of deputy or assistant chief constable in the British Transport Police;”;

(b) in paragraph (e), the words “or (g)” and “or, as the case may be, of the National Crime Squad” shall be omitted; and

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(c) after that paragraph, there shall be inserted—

“(ea) where the authorising officer is within paragraph (g) of that subsection, by a person designated for the purposes of this paragraph by the Director General of the National Crime Squad as a person entitled to act in an urgent case;”.

(4) In section 94(3) of that Act (rank of police members of the National Crime Intelligence Squad and National Crime Squad entitled to act), after “(2)(e)” there shall be inserted “or (2)(ea)”.

(5) In section 95 of that Act (authorisations: form and duration etc.)— 10

(a) in each of subsections (4) and (5), for the words from “the action” onwards there shall be substituted “the authorisation is one in relation to which the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 93(2) are no longer satisfied.”; and

(b) in subsection (6), for “or (e)” there shall be substituted “, (e) or (g)”. 15

(6) In section 97 of that Act (authorisations requiring approval), in subsection (6), the words from “(and paragraph 7” onwards shall be omitted, and after that subsection there shall be inserted—

“(6A) The reference in subsection (6) to the authorising officer who gave the authorisation or in whose absence it was given shall be construed, in the case of an authorisation given by or in the absence of a person within paragraph (b), (e) or (g) of section 93(5), as a reference to the Commissioner of Police, Chief Constable or, as the case may be, Director General mentioned in the paragraph concerned.” 20

(7) In section 103(7) of that Act (quashing authorisations), for the words from “and paragraph 7” onwards there shall be substituted “and subsection (6A) of section 97 shall apply for the purposes of this subsection as it applies for the purposes of subsection (6) of that section.” 25

(8) In section 105 of that Act (appeals by authorising officers: supplementary), in subsection (1)(a), the word “and” shall be inserted at the end of sub-paragraph (i), and sub-paragraph (iii) and the word “and” immediately preceding it shall be omitted. 30

(9) In section 107 of that Act—

(a) in subsection (2) (report of Chief Surveillance Commissioner on the discharge of his functions under Part III of that Act)—

(i) for “the discharge of functions under this Part” there shall be substituted “the matters with which he is concerned”; and 35

(ii) for “any matter relating to those functions” there shall be substituted “anything relating to any of those matters”;

(b) in subsection (4) (matters that may be excluded from a report), for “the prevention or detection of serious crime or otherwise” there shall be substituted “any of the purposes for which authorisations may be given or granted under this Part of this Act or Part II of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 or”; and 40

(c) after subsection (5) (duty to co-operate with the Chief Surveillance Commissioner) there shall be inserted the subsections set out in sub-paragraph (10). 45

(10) The subsections inserted after subsection (5) of section 107 of that Act are as follows—

“(5A) It shall be the duty of—

(a) every person by whom, or on whose application, there has been given or granted any authorisation the function of giving or granting which is subject to review by the Chief Commissioner, 50

- (b) every person who has engaged in conduct with the authority of such an authorisation, and
 - (c) every person to whom a notice under section 46 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (notices requiring a key to protected information) has been given in relation to any information obtained by conduct to which such an authorisation relates,
- to disclose or provide to the Chief Commissioner all such documents and information as he may require for the purpose of enabling him to carry out his functions.
- (5B) It shall be the duty of every Commissioner to give the tribunal established under section 56 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 all such assistance (including his opinion as to any issue falling to be determined by that tribunal) as that tribunal may require—
- (a) in connection with the investigation of any matter by that tribunal; or
 - (b) otherwise for the purposes of that tribunal’s consideration or determination of any matter.”

The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c. 47)

9. In paragraph 17(b) of Schedule 2 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (excepted matters), for “the Interception of Communications Act 1985” there shall be substituted “Chapter I of Part I of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000”.

The Electronic Communications Act 2000 (c. 00)

10. In section 4(2) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000 (exception to rules restricting disclosure of information obtained under Part I of that Act), for the word “or” at the end of paragraph (e) there shall be substituted—

“(ae) proceedings before the tribunal established under section 56 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000; or”.

The Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 00)

11. In paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 3 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (procedure of the Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission), for “Section 9(1) of the Interception of Communications Act 1985” there shall be substituted “Section 16(1) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000”.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 00)

12. In section 21(3) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters), after paragraph (d) there shall be inserted—

“(da) the Tribunal established under section 56 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000,”.

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REPEALS

Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal

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Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal
1975 c. 24.	The House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975.	In Part II of Schedule 1, the words “The Tribunal established under the Interception of Communications Act 1985”, “The Tribunal established under the Security Service Act 1989”, and “The Tribunal established under section 9 of the Intelligence Services Act 1994”. 5 10
1975 c. 25.	The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975.	In Part II of Schedule 1, the words “The Tribunal established under the Interception of Communications Act 1985”, “The Tribunal established under the Security Service Act 1989”, and “The Tribunal established under section 9 of the Intelligence Services Act 1994”. 15 20 25
1985 c. 56.	The Interception of Communications Act 1985.	Sections 1 to 10. Section 11(2) to (5). Schedule 1.
1989 c. 5.	The Security Service Act 1989.	Section 5. Schedules 1 and 2. 30
1989 c. 6.	The Official Secrets Act 1989.	In Schedule 1, paragraph 3.
1990 c. 41.	The Courts and Legal Services Act 1990.	In Schedule 10, paragraphs 62 and 74.
1994 c. 13.	The Intelligence Services Act 1994.	In section 6(1)(b), the words “of his department”. In section 7(5)(b), the words “of his department”. Section 9. In section 11(1), paragraph (b). 35 40
1997 c. 50.	The Police Act 1997.	Schedules 1 and 2. In section 93(6), paragraph (f) and the word “and” immediately preceding it. 45 In section 94(1), the word “or” at the end of paragraph (a). In section 94(2)(e), the words “or (g)” and “or, as the case may be, of the National Crime Squad”. 50 In section 94(4), paragraph (d) and the word “and” immediately preceding it. In section 97(6), the words 55

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1997 c. 50.— <i>cont.</i>	The Police Act 1997.— <i>cont.</i>	from “(and paragraph 7” onwards. Sections 101 and 102. In section 104— (a) in subsection (1), paragraph (g); (b) in each of subsections (4), (5) and (6), paragraph (b) and the word “or” immediately preceding it; (c) in subsection (8), paragraph (b) and the word “and” immediately preceding it. In section 105(1)(a), sub- paragraph (iii) and the word “and” immediately preceding it. Section 106. Section 107(6). Schedule 7. Section 5(7).
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1997 c. 68.	The Special Immigration Appeals Commission Act 1997.	Section 5(7).
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1998 c. 37.	The Crime and Disorder Act 1998.	Section 113(1) and (3).