



Intelligence Services Act 1994

1994 CHAPTER 13

The Secret Intelligence Service

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- (1) There shall continue to be a Secret Intelligence Service (in this Act referred to as “the Intelligence Service”) under the authority of the Secretary of State; and, subject to subsection (2) below, its functions shall be—
 - (a) to obtain and provide information relating to the actions or intentions of persons outside the British Islands; and
 - (b) to perform other tasks relating to the actions or intentions of such persons.
- (2) The functions of the Intelligence Service shall be exercisable only—
 - (a) in the interests of national security, with particular reference to the defence and foreign policies of Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom; or
 - (b) in the interests of the economic well-being of the United Kingdom; or
 - (c) in support of the prevention or detection of serious crime.

Commencement Information

- II** [S. 1](#) wholly in force at 15.12.1994; [S. 1](#) not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 12\(2\)](#); [s. 1](#) in force at 2.11.1994 for certain purposes and wholly in force at 15.12.1994 by [S.I. 1994/2734](#), [art. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Intelligence Services Act 1994, Section 1.