



# Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 23

### PART I

#### COMMUNICATIONS

#### <sup>F1</sup>CHAPTER I

#### INTERCEPTION

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Pt. 1 Ch. 1 omitted (12.3.2018 for the omission of ss. 12, 13, 14(2)(c), 27.6.2018 for the omission of ss. 1 (for specified purposes), 3, 4, 17, 18, 19, 8.8.2018 for the omission of ss. 6, 9 for specified purposes, 26.9.2018 for the omission of s. 1 so far as not already in force, 7.11.2018 for the omission of ss. 6 (so far as not already in force), 7, 9 (for specified purposes), 27.12.2018 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Investigatory Powers Act 2016 \(c. 25\), s. 272\(1\)](#), [Sch. 10 para. 45](#) (with [Sch. 9 paras. 7, 8, 10](#)); [S.I. 2018/341, reg. 2\(n\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#)); [S.I. 2018/652, regs. 13, 14\(c\)](#) (with [regs. 15\(4\), 16, 19\(1\)\(6\)](#)); [S.I. 2018/940, regs. 3\(h\), 4\(a\), 5\(f\)](#)

#### *Unlawful and authorised interception*

#### **1 Unlawful interception.**

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#### **2 Meaning and location of “interception”**

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**3 Lawful interception without an interception warrant.**

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**4 Power to provide for lawful interception.**

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**5 Interception with a warrant.**

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*Interception warrants*

**6 Application for issue of an interception warrant.**

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**7 Issue of warrants.**

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**8 Contents of warrants.**

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**9 Duration, cancellation and renewal of warrants.**

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**10 Modification of warrants and certificates.**

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**11 Implementation of warrants.**

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*Interception capability and costs*

**12 Maintenance of interception capability.**

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**13 Technical Advisory Board.**

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**14 Grants for interception costs.**

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*Restrictions on use of intercepted material etc.*

**15 General safeguards.**

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**16 Extra safeguards in the case of certificated warrants.**

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**17 Exclusion of matters from legal proceedings.**

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**18 Exceptions to section 17.**

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**19 Offence for unauthorised disclosures.**

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*Interpretation of Chapter I*

**20 Interpretation of Chapter I.**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 30(6A)-(6D) inserted by [2016 anaw 6 s. 187\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 16A and cross-heading inserted by [2016 anaw 6 s. 187\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 20H inserted by [2013 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 74](#)