



Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 15

^{F1}PART 1

THE SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME AGENCY

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SOCA: ESTABLISHMENT AND ACTIVITIES

Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 1 omitted (7.10.2013) by virtue of [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(2), [Sch. 8 para. 158](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 9](#)); [S.I. 2013/1682](#), art. 3(v)

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2 Functions of SOCA as to serious organised crime

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30 Application of sections 28 and 29 to members of joint investigation teams

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Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2006/2182 art. 3](#) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2006/1871