



# Protection of Children Act 1978

## CHAPTER 37

### PROTECTION OF CHILDREN ACT 1978

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#### SCHEDULE — Forfeiture of indecent photographs of children

##### *Application of Schedule*

- 1 (1) This Schedule applies where— (a) property which has been...

##### *Possession pending forfeiture*

- 2 (1) The property must be retained in the custody of...

##### *The relevant officer*

- 3 “ The relevant officer ”, in relation to any property,...

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*Notice of intended forfeiture*

- 4 (1) The relevant officer must give notice of the intended...

*Notice of claim*

- 5 (1) A person claiming that he has a legitimate reason...  
6 (1) A notice of claim may not be given more...

*Automatic forfeiture in a case where no claim is made*

- 7 (1) If the property is unclaimed it is treated as...

*Decision whether to take court proceedings to condemn property as forfeited*

- 8 (1) Where a notice of claim in respect of the...

*Return of property if no forfeiture proceedings*

- 9 (1) This paragraph applies if, in a case in which...

*Forfeiture proceedings*

- 10 (1) This paragraph applies if, in a case in which...

*Supplementary orders*

- 11 (1) Where the court condemns property under paragraph 10(2)—

*Supplementary provision about forfeiture proceedings*

- 12 Proceedings by virtue of this Schedule are civil proceedings and...  
13 (1) Either party may appeal against the decision of the...  
14 Where an appeal has been made (whether by case stated...

*Effect of forfeiture*

- 15 Where property is treated or condemned as forfeited under this...

*Disposal of property which is not returned*

- 16 (1) This paragraph applies where any property is required to...  
17 (1) This paragraph applies where any property would be required...

*Provisions as to proof*

- 18 In proceedings under this Schedule, the fact, form and manner...  
19 In proceedings, the condemnation by a court of property as...

*Saving for owner's rights*

- 20 Neither the imposition of a requirement by virtue of this...

*Interpretation*

- 21 (1) In this Schedule— “ the court ” is to...

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 7(4) applied by [1997 c. 39 s. 2\(1\)](#)
- s. 7(7) applied by [1997 c. 39 s. 2\(1\)](#)