



Interception of Communications Act 1985

1985 CHAPTER 56

An Act to make new provision for and in connection with the interception of communications sent by post or by means of public telecommunication systems and to amend section 45 of the Telecommunications Act 1984. [25th July 1985]

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:—

Commencement Information

I1 Act not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 12\(2\)](#); wholly in force at (10.4.1986) by [S.I. 1986/384](#), [art. 2](#).

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Textual Amendments

F1 [S. 1](#) repealed (2.10.2000) by [2000 c. 23](#), [s. 82\(2\)](#), [Sch. 5](#) (with [s. 82\(3\)](#)); [S.I. 2000/2543](#), [art. 3](#)

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Textual Amendments

F2 [S. 2](#) repealed (2.10.2000) by [2000 c. 23](#), [s. 82\(2\)](#), [Sch. 5](#) (with [s. 82\(3\)-\(6\)](#)); [S.I. 2000/2543](#), [art. 3](#)

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Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Interception of Communications Act 1985. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F3 S. 3 repealed (2.10.2000) by 2000 c. 23, s. 82(2), **Sch. 5** (with s. 82(3)); S.I. 2000/2543, **art. 3**

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Textual Amendments

F4 S. 4 repealed (2.10.2000) by 2000 c. 23, s. 82(2), **Sch. 5** (with s. 82(3)); S.I. 2000/2543, **art. 3**

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Textual Amendments

F5 S. 5 repealed (2.10.2000) by 2000 c. 23, s. 82(2), **Sch. 5** (with s. 82(3)); S.I. 2000/2543, **art. 3**

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Textual Amendments

F6 S. 6 repealed (2.10.2000) by 2000 c. 23, s. 82(2), **Sch. 5** (with s. 82(3)); S.I. 2000/2543, **art. 3**

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Textual Amendments

F7 S. 7 repealed (2.10.2000) by 2000 c. 23, s. 82(2), **Sch. 5** (with s. 82(3)); S.I. 2000/2543, **art. 3** (subject to transitional savings in **art. 6**)

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Textual Amendments

F8 S. 8 repealed (2.10.2000) by 2000 c. 23, s. 82(2), **Sch. 5** (with s. 82(3)); S.I. 2000/2543, **art. 3**

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Textual Amendments

F9 S. 9 repealed (2.10.2000) by 2000 c. 23, s. 82(2), **Sch. 5** (with s. 82(3)); S.I. 2000/2543, **art. 3**

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Textual Amendments

F10 S. 10 repealed (2.10.2000) by 2000 c. 23, s. 82(2), **Sch. 5** (with s. 82(3)); S.I. 2000/2543, **art. 3**

11 Amendments, saving and repeal.

(1) For section 45 of the 1984 Act (interception and disclosure of messages etc.) there shall be substituted the section set out in Schedule 2 to this Act.

F11(2)

F12(3)

F12(4)

F12(5)

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Textual Amendments

F11 S. 11(2) repealed (26.3.2001) by 2000 c. 26, s. 127(6), **Sch. 9**; S.I. 2001/878, **art. 2**, **Sch.** (subject to transitional and saving provisions in **arts. 3-17**)

F12 S. 11(3)-(5) repealed (2.10.2000) by 2000 c. 23, s. 82(2), **Sch. 5** (with s. 82(3)); S.I. 2000/2543, **art. 3**

12 Short title, commencement and extent.

(1) This Act may be cited as the Interception of Communications Act 1985.

(2) This Act shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument appoint.

(3) This Act extends to Northern Ireland.

(4) Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct that any of the provisions of this Act specified in the Order shall extend to the Isle of Man or any of the Channel Islands with such exceptions, adaptations and modifications as may be so specified.

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Power of appointment conferred by s. 12(2) fully exercised: S.I. 1986/384

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SCHEDULES

^{F13}SCHEDULE 1

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Textual Amendments

F13 Sch. 1 repealed (2.10.2000) by 2000 c. 23, s. 82(2), Sch. 5 (with s. 82(3)); S.I. 2000/2543, art. 3 (subject to transitional savings in art. 6)

^{F15}SCHEDULE 2

Section 11.

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Textual Amendments

F15 Sch. 2 repealed (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), s. 411(2), Sch. 19(1) Note 1 (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), 2(1), Schs. 1 (with art. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3)); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(2) (with art. 11)

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