



# Interception of Communications Act 1985

## 1985 CHAPTER 56

### 6 Safeguards

- (1) Where the Secretary of State issues a warrant he shall, unless such arrangements have already been made, make such arrangements as he considers necessary for the purpose of securing—
  - (a) that the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) below are satisfied in relation to the intercepted material; and
  - (b) where a certificate is issued in relation to the warrant, that so much of the intercepted material as is not certified by the certificate is not read, looked at or listened to by any person.
- (2) The requirements of this subsection are satisfied in relation to any intercepted material if each of the following, namely—
  - (a) the extent to which the material is disclosed;
  - (b) the number of persons to whom any of the material is disclosed;
  - (c) the extent to which the material is copied ; and
  - (d) the number of copies made of any of the material,is limited to the minimum that is necessary as mentioned in section 2(2) above.
- (3) The requirements of this subsection are satisfied in relation to any intercepted material if each copy made of any of that material is destroyed as soon as its retention is no longer necessary as mentioned in section 2(2) above.