



Official Secrets Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 6

11 Arrest, search and trial.

^{F1}(1)

^{F2}(2)

[^{F3}(3) Schedule 2 to the National Security Act 2023 (powers of entry, search and seizure) applies in relation to a relevant offence as it applies in relation to a relevant act (within the meaning given by paragraphs 1 and 18 of that Schedule).]

[^{F4}(4) If it is necessary in the interests of national security, a court may exclude the public from any part of proceedings for a relevant offence, except the passing of sentence.]

[^{F5}(4A) In this section a “relevant offence” means an offence under any provision of this Act other than section 8(1), (4) or (5).]

(5) Proceedings for an offence under this Act may be taken in any place in the United Kingdom.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 11(1) repealed (1.10.2002) by 2002 c. 30, s. 107, **Sch. 8**; S.I. 2002/2306, **art. 2(g)(iii)(b)**

F2 S. 11(2) repealed by S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12), art. 90(1)(2), Schs. 6, 7

F3 S. 11(3) substituted for s. 11(3)(3A) (20.12.2023) by National Security Act 2023 (c. 32), s. 100(1), **Sch. 18 para. 6(3)(a)** (with s. 97); S.I. 2023/1272, reg. 2(f)

F4 S. 11(4) substituted (20.12.2023) by National Security Act 2023 (c. 32), s. 100(1), **Sch. 18 para. 6(3)(b)** (with s. 97); S.I. 2023/1272, reg. 2(f)

F5 S. 11(4A) inserted (20.12.2023) by National Security Act 2023 (c. 32), s. 100(1), **Sch. 18 para. 6(3)(c)** (with s. 97); S.I. 2023/1272, reg. 2(f)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Official Secrets Act 1989, Section 11.