

*These notes refer to the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999  
(c.33) which received Royal Assent on 11 November 1999*

# IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM ACT 1999

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part VII: Power to arrest, search and fingerprint**

##### ***Section 133: Entry and search of premises following an arrest under section 25(1) of the 1971 Act***

376. This section inserts a new section 28F into the 1971 Act, giving an immigration officer the power, with the written consent of a senior immigration officer (except where obtaining such consent would impede the effectiveness of the investigation), to enter and search any premises occupied or controlled by a person arrested for the offence in section 25(1) of the 1971 Act. As with other similar powers, this power may be exercised only if the officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting that there is relevant evidence on the premises and only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering such evidence.