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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 12

Section 155(2).

#### DISCIPLINE ETC AT [F<sup>1</sup>REMOVAL CENTRES]

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Sch. 12 substituted (10.2.2003) by [Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(c. 41\)](#), [ss.66\(2\)\(3\)\(l\), 162\(1\)](#) (with s. 159); [S.I. 2003/1](#), art. 2, Sch.

##### *Measuring and photographing detained persons*

- 1 (1) [F<sup>1</sup>Removal centre] rules may (among other things) provide for detained persons to be measured and photographed.
- (2) The rules may, in particular, prescribe—
- (a) the time or times at which detained persons are to be measured and photographed;
  - (b) the manner and dress in which they are to be measured and photographed; and
  - (c) the numbers of copies of measurements or photographs that are to be made and the persons to whom they are to be sent.

##### Commencement Information

- II** Sch. 12 para. 1 wholly in force at 2.4.2001; Sch. 12 para. 1 not in force at Royal Assent; Sch. 12 para. 1 in force for certain purposes at 1.8.2000 by [S.I. 2000/1985](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#); Sch. 12 para. 1 in force so far as not already in force at 2.4.2001 by [S.I. 2001/239](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#)

##### *Testing for drugs or alcohol*

- 2 (1) If an authorisation is in force, a detainee custody officer may, at the centre to which the authorisation applies and in accordance with [F<sup>1</sup>removal centre] rules, require a detained person who is confined in the centre to provide a sample for the purpose of ascertaining—
- (a) whether he has a drug in his body; or
  - (b) whether he has alcohol in his body.
- (2) The sample required may be one or more of the following—
- (a) a sample of urine;
  - (b) a sample of breath;
  - (c) a sample of a specified description.
- (3) Sub-paragraph (2)(c)—

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- (a) applies only if the authorisation so provides; and
  - (b) does not authorise the taking of an intimate sample.
- (4) “Authorisation” means an authorisation given by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this paragraph in respect of a particular [<sup>F1</sup>removal centre].
- (5) “Drug” means a drug which is a controlled drug for the purposes of the <sup>M1</sup>Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.
- (6) “Specified” means specified in the authorisation.
- (7) “Intimate sample”—
- (a) in relation to England and Wales, has the same meaning as in Part V of the <sup>M2</sup>Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984;
  - (b) in relation to Scotland, means—
    - (i) a sample of blood, semen or any other tissue fluid, urine or pubic hair;
    - (ii) a dental impression;
    - (iii) a swab taken from a person’s body orifice other than the mouth; and
  - (c) in relation to Northern Ireland, has the same meaning as in Part VI of the <sup>M3</sup>Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I2** Sch. 12 para. 2 wholly in force at 2.4.2001; Sch. 12 para. 2 not in force at Royal Assent; Sch. 12 para. 2 in force for certain purposes at 1.8.2000 by [S.I. 2000/1985, art. 2, Sch.](#); Sch. 12 para. 2 in force so far as not already in force at 2.4.2001 by [S.I. 2001/239, art. 2, Sch.](#)

#### **Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1971 c. 38.  
**M2** 1984 c. 60.  
**M3** [S.I. 1989/1341 \(N.I. 12\)](#).

#### *Medical examinations*

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) an authorisation is in force for a [<sup>F1</sup>removal centre]; and
  - (b) there are reasonable grounds for believing that a person detained in the centre is suffering from a disease which is specified in an order in force under subparagraph (7).
- (2) A detainee custody officer may require the detained person to submit to a medical examination at the centre.
- (3) The medical examination must be conducted in accordance with [<sup>F1</sup>removal centre] rules.
- (4) A detained person who fails, without reasonable excuse, to submit to a medical examination required under this paragraph is guilty of an offence.

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- (5) A person guilty of an offence under sub-paragraph (4) is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (6) “Authorisation” means an authorisation given by the manager of the [F1removal centre] for the purpose of this paragraph.
- (7) The Secretary of State may by order specify any disease which he considers might, if a person detained in a [F1removal centre] were to suffer from it, endanger the health of others there.

#### Commencement Information

- I3** Sch. 12 para. 3 wholly in force at 2.4.2001; Sch. 12 para. 3 not in force at Royal Assent; Sch. 12 para. 3(7) in force for certain purposes at 1.8.2000 by S.I. 2000/1985, art. 2, Sch.; Sch. 12 para. 3 in force so far as not already in force at 2.4.2001 by S.I. 2001/239, art. 2, Sch.

#### *Assisting detained persons to escape*

- 4 (1) A person who aids any detained person in escaping or attempting to escape from a [F1removal centre][F2, a short-term holding facility or pre-departure accommodation] is guilty of an offence.
- (2) A person who, with intent to facilitate the escape of any detained person from a [F1removal centre][F3, a short-term holding facility or pre-departure accommodation] —
- (a) conveys any thing into the centre [F4, facility or accommodation] or to a detained person,
  - (b) sends any thing (by post or otherwise) into the centre [F5, facility or accommodation] or to a person detained there,
  - (c) places any thing anywhere outside the centre [F6, facility or accommodation] with a view to its coming into the possession of a person detained there,
- is guilty of an offence.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both; or
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine or to both.

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Sch. 12 para. 4(1) substituted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 9 para. 12(3)(a)(i); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(cc)
- F3** Words in Sch. 12 para. 4(2) substituted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 9 para. 12(3)(a)(ii); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(cc)
- F4** Words in Sch. 12 para. 4(2)(a) substituted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 9 para. 12(3)(a)(iii); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(cc)
- F5** Words in Sch. 12 para. 4(2)(b) substituted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 9 para. 12(3)(a)(iv); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(cc)

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**F6** Words in Sch. 12 para. 4(2)(c) substituted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 9 para. 12\(3\)\(a\)\(v\)](#); [S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3\(cc\)](#)

#### *Alcohol*

- 5
- (1) A person who, contrary to [F1removal centre] rules, brings or attempts to bring any alcohol into a [F1removal centre], or to a detained person, is guilty of an offence.
  - (2) A person who places alcohol anywhere outside a [F1removal centre], intending that it should come into the possession of a detained person there, is guilty of an offence.
  - (3) A detainee custody officer or any other person on the staff of a [F1removal centre] who, contrary to [F1removal centre] rules, allows alcohol to be sold or used in the centre is guilty of an offence.
  - (4) A person guilty of an offence under this paragraph is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale or to both.
  - (5) “Alcohol” means any spirituous or fermented liquor.

#### *Introduction of other articles*

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- (1) A person who—
    - (a) conveys or attempts to convey any thing into or out of a [F1removal centre] or to a detained person, contrary to [F1removal centre] rules, and
    - (b) is not as a result guilty of an offence under paragraph 4 or 5, is guilty of an offence under this paragraph.
  - (2) A person who—
    - (a) places any thing anywhere outside a [F1removal centre], intending it to come into the possession of a detained person, and
    - (b) is not as a result guilty of an offence under paragraph 4 or 5, is guilty of an offence under this paragraph.
  - (3) A person guilty of an offence under this paragraph is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

#### *Notice of penalties*

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- (1) In the case of a contracted out [F1removal centre], the contractor must cause a notice setting out the penalty to which a person committing an offence under paragraph 4, 5 or 6 is liable to be fixed outside the centre in a conspicuous place.
  - (2) In the case of any other [F1removal centre], the Secretary of State must cause such a notice to be fixed outside the centre in a conspicuous place.
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- (1) In the case of a contracted out short-term holding facility [F7or contracted out pre-departure accommodation] , the contractor must cause a notice setting out the penalty to which a person committing an offence under paragraph 4 is liable to be fixed outside the facility [F7or contracted out pre-departure accommodation] in a conspicuous place.

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- (2) In the case of any other short-term holding facility [<sup>F8</sup>or pre-departure accommodation] , the Secretary of State must cause such a notice to be fixed outside the facility [<sup>F8</sup>or pre-departure accommodation] in a conspicuous place.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F7** Words in Sch. 12 para. 8(1) inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 75(3), [Sch. 9 para. 12\(3\)\(b\)\(i\)](#); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(cc)
- F8** Words in Sch. 12 para. 8(2) inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 75(3), [Sch. 9 para. 12\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(cc)

*[<sup>F9</sup>Prison officers and prisoner custody officers*

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**Textual Amendments**

- F9** Sch. 12 para. 9 and cross-heading added (10.2.2003) by [Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(c. 41\)](#), [ss. 65\(3\), 162\(1\)](#) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, art. 2, Sch.

- 9 A reference in this Schedule to a detainee custody officer includes a reference to a prison officer or prisoner custody officer exercising custodial functions.]

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 10(12) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(6\)](#)
- s. 40(1)-(1C) substituted for s. 40(1) by [2022 c. 36 s. 76\(2\)](#)
- s. 40(4A)(4B) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 76\(5\)](#)
- s. 72(10) repealed by [2004 c. 19 Sch. 4](#)
- s. 94(2A)-(2C) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- s. 94(2D) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 7\(4\)](#)
- s. 94(3)(3A) substituted for s. 94(3) by [2002 c. 41 s. 44\(4\)](#) (This amendment is repealed (prosp.) by [2016 c. 19, Sch. 11 para. 41](#))
- s. 94(3A)-(3D) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 3\(5\)](#)
- s. 95A inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 9](#)
- s. 96(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 10\(3\)](#)
- s. 97(3A)(b)(iv) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 13\(2\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 97(8)(9) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 11\(4\)](#)
- s. 98A inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 13](#)
- s. 98A(5) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 13\(4\)](#)
- s. 103(4)(a) words substituted by [2004 c. 19 s. 10\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 103(5)(b) word substituted by [S.I. 2008/2833 Sch. 3 para. 183\(ii\)](#)
- s. 103A(1) words substituted by [2004 c. 19 s. 10\(5\)](#)
- s. 103A(1) heading words substituted by [2004 c. 19 s. 10\(5\)](#)
- s. 103A(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2008/2833 Sch. 3 para. 184](#)
- s. 125(2)(ba) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 22\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 146(2)(za) inserted by [2016 c. 19 s. 44\(9\)](#)
- s. 166(5)(ca) substituted for word in s. 166(5)(c) by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 24\(2\)](#)
- s. 166(5A)(5B) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 24\(3\)](#)
- s. 166(6)(aa) substituted for word in s. 166(6)(a) by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 24\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 21 modified by [2002 c. 41 s. 23\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 2(5) modified by [2002 c. 41 s. 23\(2\)\(b\)](#)