



# Terrorism Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 11

### PART V

#### COUNTER-TERRORIST POWERS

##### *Suspected terrorists [F1 etc.]*

#### 43 Search of persons.

- (1) A constable may stop and search a person whom he reasonably suspects to be a terrorist to discover whether he has in his possession anything which may constitute evidence that he is a terrorist.
- (2) A constable may search a person arrested under section 41 to discover whether he has in his possession anything which may constitute evidence that he is a terrorist.

<sup>F1</sup>(3) .....

- (4) A constable may seize and retain anything which he discovers in the course of a search of a person under subsection (1) or (2) and which he reasonably suspects may constitute evidence that the person is a terrorist.

<sup>F2</sup>(4A) Subsection (4B) applies if a constable, in exercising the power under subsection (1) to stop a person whom the constable reasonably suspects to be a terrorist, stops a vehicle (see section 116(2)).

(4B) The constable—

- (a) may search the vehicle and anything in or on it to discover whether there is anything which may constitute evidence that the person concerned is a terrorist, and
- (b) may seize and retain anything which the constable—
  - (i) discovers in the course of such a search, and
  - (ii) reasonably suspects may constitute evidence that the person is a terrorist.

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- (4C) Nothing in subsection (4B) confers a power to search any person but the power to search in that subsection is in addition to the power in subsection (1) to search a person whom the constable reasonably suspects to be a terrorist.]
- (5) A person who has the powers of a constable in one Part of the United Kingdom may exercise a power under this section in any Part of the United Kingdom.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 43(3) repealed (10.7.2012) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), ss. 60(1), 120, [Sch. 10 Pt. 4](#) (with s. 97); [S.I. 2012/1205](#), art. 4(d)(l)
- F2** S. 43(4A)-(4C) inserted (10.7.2012) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), ss. 60(2), 120 (with s. 97); [S.I. 2012/1205](#), art. 4(d)
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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 43(4): power(s) of seizure extended (1.4.2003) by [2001 c. 16](#), ss. 51-54, 68, [Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 82](#); [S.I. 2003/708](#), [art. 2](#)

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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):

- Sch. 4 para. 11(1)(aa) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 36 para. 14\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 11(2A) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 36 para. 14\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 11(1)(aa) words substituted by [2015 c. 2 Sch. 11 para. 17\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 11(2A) words substituted by [2015 c. 2 Sch. 11 para. 17\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 8 para. 14(2A) inserted by [2008 c. 28 s. 16\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 16 repealed (31.10.2013) by 2012 c. 9, Sch. 10 Pt. 1; S.I. 2013/2104, art. 3(d))
- Sch. 8 para. 14(4)(ba) inserted by [2008 c. 28 s. 16\(5\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 16 repealed (31.10.2013) by 2012 c. 9, Sch. 10 Pt. 1; S.I. 2013/2104, art. 3(d))
- Sch. 8 para. 15(1)(aa)(ab) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 17\(4\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-19 repealed (31.10.2013) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, Sch. 9 para. 4(2), Sch. 10 Pt. 1; S.I. 2013/2104, art. 3(c)(d))
- Sch. 8 para. 15(2A) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 17\(7\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-19 repealed (31.10.2013) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, Sch. 9 para. 4(2), Sch. 10 Pt. 1; S.I. 2013/2104, art. 3(c)(d))
- Sch. 8 para. 15(4) inserted by [2010 c. 17 s. 17\(8\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-19 repealed (31.10.2013) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, Sch. 9 para. 4(2), Sch. 10 Pt. 1; S.I. 2013/2104, art. 3(c)(d))
- Sch. 8 para. 14F(3)(b) and word omitted by [2012 c. 10 Sch. 24 para. 22](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The substitution of Sch. 8 para. 14F was repealed (31.10.2013) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, Sch. 9 para. 4(2), Sch. 10 Pt. 1; S.I. 2013/2104, art. 3(c)(d))
- Sch. 8 para. 14-14I substituted for Sch. 8 para. 14 by [2010 c. 17 s. 17\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-19 repealed (31.10.2013) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, Sch. 9 para. 4(2), Sch. 10 Pt. 1; S.I. 2013/2104, art. 3(c)(d))
- Sch. 8 para. 20(3)-(3C) substituted for Sch. 8 para. 20(3) by [2010 c. 17 s. 18\(2\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-19 repealed (31.10.2013) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, Sch. 9 para. 4(2), Sch. 10 Pt. 1; S.I. 2013/2104, art. 3(c)(d))
- Sch. 8 para. 20F(3) words omitted by [2012 c. 10 Sch. 24 para. 23](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of Sch. 8 para. 20F was repealed (31.10.2013) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, Sch. 9 para. 4(2), Sch. 10 Pt. 1; S.I. 2013/2104, art. 3(c)(d))