



Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 23

PART I

COMMUNICATIONS

^{F1}CHAPTER I

INTERCEPTION

Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 1 Ch. 1 omitted (12.3.2018 for the omission of ss. 12, 13, 14(2)(c), 27.6.2018 for the omission of ss. 1 (for specified purposes), 3, 4, 17, 18, 19, 8.8.2018 for the omission of ss. 6, 9 for specified purposes, 26.9.2018 for the omission of s. 1 so far as not already in force, 7.11.2018 for the omission of ss. 6 (so far as not already in force), 7, 9 (for specified purposes), 27.12.2018 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Investigatory Powers Act 2016 \(c. 25\), s. 272\(1\)](#), [Sch. 10 para. 45](#) (with [Sch. 9 paras. 7, 8, 10](#)); S.I. 2018/341, [reg. 2\(n\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#)); S.I. 2018/652, [regs. 13, 14\(c\)](#) (with [regs. 15\(4\), 16, 19\(1\)\(6\)](#)); S.I. 2018/940, [regs. 3\(h\), 4\(a\), 5\(f\)](#)

Unlawful and authorised interception

1 Unlawful interception.

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2 Meaning and location of “interception”

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3 Lawful interception without an interception warrant.

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4 Power to provide for lawful interception.

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5 Interception with a warrant.

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Interception warrants

6 Application for issue of an interception warrant.

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7 Issue of warrants.

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8 Contents of warrants.

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9 Duration, cancellation and renewal of warrants.

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10 Modification of warrants and certificates.

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11 Implementation of warrants.

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Interception capability and costs

12 Maintenance of interception capability.

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13 Technical Advisory Board.

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14 Grants for interception costs.

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Restrictions on use of intercepted material etc.

15 General safeguards.

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16 Extra safeguards in the case of certificated warrants.

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17 Exclusion of matters from legal proceedings.

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18 Exceptions to section 17.

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19 Offence for unauthorised disclosures.

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Interpretation of Chapter I

20 Interpretation of Chapter I.

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^{F2}CHAPTER II

ACQUISITION AND DISCLOSURE OF COMMUNICATIONS DATA

Textual Amendments

F2 Pt. 1 Ch. 2 omitted (22.7.2020) by virtue of [Investigatory Powers Act 2016 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 272(1), [Sch. 10 para. 54](#) (with [Sch. 9 paras. 7, 8, 10](#)); S.I. 2020/766, reg. 2(e)(ii)

21 Lawful acquisition and disclosure of communications data.

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22 Obtaining and disclosing communications data.

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23 Form and duration of authorisations and notices.

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23A Authorisations requiring judicial approval

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23B Procedure for judicial approval

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24 Arrangements for payments.

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25 Interpretation of Chapter II.

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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. 30(6A)-(6D) inserted by [2016 anaw 6 s. 187\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 16A and cross-heading inserted by [2016 anaw 6 s. 187\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 20H inserted by [2013 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 74](#)