



# Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 23

PART I **U.K.**

COMMUNICATIONS

<sup>F1</sup>CHAPTER I **U.K.**

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.** **U.K.**

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**2 Meaning and location of “interception”** **U.K.**

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**3 Lawful interception without an interception warrant. U.K.**

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**4 Power to provide for lawful interception. U.K.**

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**5 Interception with a warrant. U.K.**

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*Interception warrants*

**6 Application for issue of an interception warrant. U.K.**

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**7 Issue of warrants. U.K.**

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**8 Contents of warrants. U.K.**

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**9 Duration, cancellation and renewal of warrants. U.K.**

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**10 Modification of warrants and certificates. U.K.**

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**11 Implementation of warrants. U.K.**

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*Interception capability and costs*

**12 Maintenance of interception capability. U.K.**

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**13 Technical Advisory Board. U.K.**

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**14 Grants for interception costs. U.K.**

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*Restrictions on use of intercepted material etc.*

**15 General safeguards. U.K.**

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**16 Extra safeguards in the case of certificated warrants. U.K.**

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**17 Exclusion of matters from legal proceedings. U.K.**

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**18 Exceptions to section 17. U.K.**

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**19 Offence for unauthorised disclosures. U.K.**

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*Interpretation of Chapter I*

**20 Interpretation of Chapter I. U.K.**

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**<sup>F2</sup>CHAPTER II U.K.**

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. U.K.**

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**22 Obtaining and disclosing communications data. U.K.**

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**23 Form and duration of authorisations and notices. U.K.**

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**23A Authorisations requiring judicial approval U.K.**

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**23B Procedure for judicial approval U.K.**

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**24 Arrangements for payments. U.K.**

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**25 Interpretation of Chapter II. U.K.**

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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](#)