



# Energy Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 20

### PART 1

#### THE CIVIL NUCLEAR INDUSTRY

### CHAPTER 3

#### CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

##### *Civil Nuclear Constabulary*

## 52 The Civil Nuclear Constabulary

- (1) It shall be the function of the Police Authority to secure the maintenance of an efficient and effective constabulary, to be known as the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (“the Constabulary”).
- (2) The primary function of the Constabulary is—
  - (a) the protection of licensed nuclear sites which are not used wholly or mainly for defence purposes; and
  - (b) safeguarding nuclear material in Great Britain and elsewhere.
- (3) The Police Authority may allocate to the Constabulary the function of carrying on such other activities relating to, or connected with, the security of—
  - (a) nuclear material, or
  - (b) sites where such material is being, has been or is to be used, processed or stored,as the Police Authority thinks fit.
- (4) The Constabulary shall have the function of carrying on such other activities as may be allocated to it by the Police Authority in accordance with directions given to that Authority for the purposes of this section by the Secretary of State.

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- (5) The Secretary of State may give the Police Authority directions restricting the exercise of its powers under subsection (3).
- (6) Subject to the provisions of this Chapter, the Police Authority may do anything which appears to it to be likely to facilitate the carrying out of its functions, or to be incidental to carrying them out.
- (7) Nothing in this section limits what a member of the Constabulary may do in the exercise of the powers and privileges conferred on him by section 56.

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 52(1)(6) in force at 1.3.2005 by S.I. 2005/442, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1**
- I2** S. 52(2)-(5)(7) in force at 1.4.2005 by S.I. 2005/877, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1**

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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. 137(3)(c)-(e) inserted by [2011 c. 16 s. 117\(b\)](#)
- s. 173(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 14 para. 10](#)
- Sch. 22 para. 4(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 14 para. 11\(2\)\(b\)](#)