



# Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

## 2005 CHAPTER 15

### PART 1

#### THE SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME AGENCY

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#### SOCA: ESTABLISHMENT AND ACTIVITIES

##### *Use and disclosure of information*

#### **34 Disclosure of information to SOCA**

- (1) Any person may disclose information to SOCA if the disclosure is made for the purposes of the exercise by SOCA of any of its functions.
- (2) A disclosure under this section does not breach—
  - (a) any obligation of confidence owed by the person making the disclosure, or
  - (b) any other restriction on the disclosure of information (however imposed).
- (3) But nothing in this section authorises—
  - (a) a disclosure, in contravention of any provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998, of personal data which are not exempt from those provisions, or
  - (b) a disclosure which is prohibited by Part 1 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.
- (4) Information may not be disclosed under subsection (1) on behalf of the Commissioners unless the disclosure is authorised by the Commissioners or by an authorised officer of theirs.