

*These notes refer to the Armed Forces Act 2006 (c.52)
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ARMED FORCES ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THIRD GROUP OF PARTS – GENERAL

Part 19 – Supplementary

Chapter 3 – Interpretation

Section 375: Definitions relating to police forces

752. This section contains definitions relating to service, civilian and overseas police forces. One change to be noted is that the “Royal Navy Regulating Branch” has been renamed the “Royal Navy Police”, in order to make it clearer that this is a police force.

Section 376: “Conviction”, “sentence” etc in relation to summary hearings and the SAC

753. This section provides for certain expressions used in the Act, which would normally be used only in relation to the Court Martial and the SCC, to be read as including the corresponding terms in relation to summary hearings and the SAC. For example, a finding by a CO that the charge is proved is to be treated for the purposes of the Act as a “conviction”.
754. Subsection (5) also modifies the expression “in open court”. In the case of a summary hearing, which is not open to the public, this means in the presence of the offender.