



Serious Crime Act 2007

2007 CHAPTER 27

PART 3

OTHER MEASURES TO PREVENT OR DISRUPT SERIOUS AND OTHER CRIME

CHAPTER 1

PREVENTION OF FRAUD

Sharing information with anti-fraud organisations

71 Code of practice for disclosure of information to prevent fraud

- (1) The Secretary of State must prepare, and keep under review, a code of practice with respect to the disclosure, for the purposes of preventing fraud or a particular kind of fraud, of information by public authorities as members of specified anti-fraud organisations or otherwise in accordance with any arrangements made by such organisations.
- (2) Before preparing or altering the code, the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) any specified anti-fraud organisation;
 - (b) the Information Commissioner; and
 - (c) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (3) A public authority must have regard to the code in (or in connection with) disclosing information, for the purposes of preventing fraud or a particular kind of fraud, as a member of a specified anti-fraud organisation or otherwise in accordance with any arrangements made by such an organisation.

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- (5) The Secretary of State must—
 - (a) lay a copy of the code, and of any alterations to it, before Parliament; and

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(b) from time to time publish the code as for the time being in force.

(6) In this section—

“information” and “public authority” have the same meaning as in section 68;

[^{F2}“relevant public authority” has the meaning given by section 68(6); and]
“specified anti-fraud organisation” means any person which is a specified anti-fraud organisation for the purposes of section 68.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 71(4) repealed (8.11.2021) by Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 13), ss. **98(c)(i)**, 206(1); S.S.I. 2021/355, art. 2
- F2** Words in s. 71(6) repealed (S.) (8.11.2021) by Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 13), ss. **98(c)(ii)**, 206(1); S.S.I. 2021/355, art. 2
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 71(1)(2)(4)(5) in force at 1.3.2008 by S.I. 2008/219, art. 3(f)
- I2** S. 71(3)(6) in force at 1.10.2008 by S.I. 2008/2504, art. 2(d)

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