

*These notes refer to the Protection of Freedoms Act
2012 (c.9) which received Royal Assent on 1 May 2012*

PROTECTION OF FREEDOMS ACT 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Commentary on Sections

Part 1: Regulation of biometric data

Chapter 1: Destruction, retention and use of fingerprints etc.

Section 15: Destruction of impressions of footwear

103. [Section 15](#) inserts new section 63S into PACE, which governs the retention and destruction of impressions of footwear. Where a footwear impression has been taken under section 61A of PACE or otherwise is obtained in connection with the investigation of an offence, it must be destroyed unless it is necessary to retain it for any of the purposes set out in new section 63S(3).