



# Psychoactive Substances Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 2

### *Powers of entry, search and seizure*

#### **36 Power to stop and search persons**

- (1) This section applies where a police or customs officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that a person has committed, or is likely to commit, an offence under any of sections 4 to 9 or section 26.
- (2) The officer may—
  - (a) search the person for relevant evidence, and
  - (b) stop and detain the person for the purposes of the search.
- (3) The powers conferred by this section may be exercised in any place to which the officer lawfully has access (whether or not it is a place to which the public has access).
- (4) In this Act—
  - “police or customs officer” means—
    - (a) a constable,
    - (b) a general customs official, or
    - (c) a designated NCA officer authorised by the Director General of the National Crime Agency (whether generally or specifically) to exercise the powers of a police or customs officer under this Act;
  - “relevant evidence” means evidence that an offence has been committed under any of sections 4 to 9 or section 26.