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**CRIMINAL LAW, ENGLAND AND WALES**

The Prosecution of Offences Act 1985  
(Specified Police Forces) Order 1985

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>11th December 1985</i>
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>1st April 1986</i>

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3(3) of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985, I hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 (Specified Police Forces) Order 1985 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1986.
2. The bodies of constables listed in the Schedule to this Order are hereby specified for the purposes of section 3 of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 (which, amongst other things, places a duty on the Director of Public Prosecutions to take over the conduct of criminal proceedings and binding over proceedings instituted on behalf of a body so specified).

11th December 1985

*Douglas Hurd*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of  
State  
Home Office

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## SCHEDULE

Article 2

British Transport Police Force  
City of London Police  
Dover Harbour Board Police  
Falmouth Docks Police  
Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company Police  
Manchester Dock Police Force  
Mersey Tunnel law enforcement officers  
Metropolitan Police Force  
Milford Docks Police  
Ministry of Defence Police  
Port of Bristol Police  
Port of Liverpool Police  
Port of London Authority Police  
Royal Parks Constabulary (England)  
Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Harbour Police  
United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Constabulary

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order specifies the police forces set out in the Schedule for the purposes of section 3 of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985. The effect is that the duties of the Director of Public Prosecutions as head of the Crown Prosecution Service will include the taking over of the conduct of all criminal proceedings (other than “specified proceedings” as defined in section 3(3) of that Act) and all binding over proceedings instituted on behalf of one of those forces.