

SCHEDULE 9

Powers of enforcing authorities

PART 2

Warrants

1. If a justice of the peace, on sworn information in writing, is satisfied—
 - (a) that there are reasonable grounds to enter any premises; and
 - (b) that any of the conditions in paragraph 2 are met,

he may by warrant signed by him authorise an authorised person and any other person to enter the premises, if need be by reasonable force.

2. The conditions referred to in paragraph 1—
 - (a) admission to the premises has been refused, or a refusal is expected, and in either case that notice to apply for a warrant has been given to the occupier;
 - (b) asking for admission, or the giving of such a notice, would defeat the object of the entry;
 - (c) entry is required urgently;
 - (d) the premises are unoccupied or the occupier is temporarily absent.
3. A warrant continues in force for one month.
4. Reference to a justice of the peace—
 - (a) in Scotland includes a sheriff;
 - (b) in Northern Ireland is a reference to a lay magistrate.