



# Computer Misuse Act 1990

## 1990 CHAPTER 18

### *Miscellaneous and general*

#### **14 Search warrants for offences under section 1**

- (1) Where a circuit judge is satisfied by information on oath given by a constable that there are reasonable grounds for believing—
  - (a) that an offence under section 1 above has been or is about to be committed in any premises; and
  - (b) that evidence that such an offence has been or is about to be committed is in those premises;he may issue a warrant authorising a constable to enter and search the premises, using such reasonable force as is necessary.
- (2) The power conferred by subsection (1) above does not extend to authorising a search for material of the kinds mentioned in section 9(2) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (privileged, excluded and special procedure material).
- (3) A warrant under this section—
  - (a) may authorise persons to accompany any constable executing the warrant; and
  - (b) remains in force for twenty-eight days from the date of its issue.
- (4) In executing a warrant issued under this section a constable may seize an article if he reasonably believes that it is evidence that an offence under section 1 above has been or is about to be committed.
- (5) In this section “premises” includes land, buildings, movable structures, vehicles, vessels, aircraft and hovercraft.
- (6) This section does not extend to Scotland.