



Police Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 50

PART VII

GENERAL

[^{F1}133A Meaning of “prevention” and “detection”].

Section 81(5) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (meaning of “prevention” and “detection”) shall apply for the purposes of this Act as it applies for the purposes of [^{F2}that Act].

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 133A inserted (25.9.2000) by 2000 c. 23, s. 82(1), **Sch. 4 para. 8(13)** (with s. 82(3)); S.I. 2000/2543, **art. 2**
- F2** Words in s. 133A substituted (27.12.2018) by Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (c. 25), s. 272(1), **Sch. 10 para. 40** (with Sch. 9 paras. 7, 8, 10); S.I. 2018/940, reg. 5(e)

134 Amendments and repeals.

- (1) Schedule 9 (minor and consequential amendments) shall have effect.
- (2) The enactments mentioned in Schedule 10 are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 134 partly in force; s. 134 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 135(1); s. 134 in force for certain purposes at: 23.7.1997 by S.I. 1997/1377, **art. 4(2)(o)**; 1.9.1997 by S.I. 1997/1930, **art. 2(2)(w)**; 31.10.1997 by S.I. 1997/2390, **art. 2** (with **arts. 3-7** (of which **arts. 4-7** were revoked (1.4.1998) by S.I. 1998/354, **art. 7**); 1.4.1998 by S.I. 1998/354, **art. 2**; 1.3.2002 for E.W. by S.I. 2002/413, **art. 2**

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135 Commencement.

- (1) The preceding provisions of this Act shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument appoint.
- (2) An order under this section may—
 - (a) appoint different days for different purposes or different areas, and
 - (b) make transitional provision and savings (including provision modifying this Act).
- (3) An order under this section may, in relation to Part I, II or IV make provision—
 - (a) for the transfer and apportionment of property and for the transfer, apportionment and creation of rights and liabilities;
 - (b) for the transfer of members of police forces in Great Britain, members of the [^{F3}Police Service of Northern Ireland] and other persons;
 - (c) for the Secretary of State, or any other person nominated by or in accordance with the order, to determine any matter requiring determination under or in consequence of the order;
 - (d) as to the payment of fees charged, or expenses incurred, by any person nominated to determine any matter by virtue of paragraph (c).
- (4) Any day appointed by an order under this section for the coming into force of section 93, 94 or 95 of this Act shall not be earlier than the day on which a code of practice issued under section 101 comes into operation.
- (5) A statutory instrument containing provisions made by virtue of subsection (2)(b) or (3) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** S. 135 power partly exercised: different dates appointed for specified provisions by [S.I. 1997/1377](#)
 S. 135 power partly exercised: 22.2.1999 appointed for specified provisions by [S.I. 1999/151](#), [art. 2](#)
 S. 135 power partly exercised: different dates appointed for specified provisions by [S.S.I. 2001/482](#), [art. 2](#)
 S. 135 power partly exercised: 1.3.2002 appointed for specified provisions by [{S.I. 2002/413}](#), art. 2
- P2** S. 135(1)(2)(a) power partly exercised: different dates appointed for specified provisions by [{S.S.I. 2002/124}](#), arts. 3-5

Textual Amendments

- F3** Words in s. 135(3)(b) substituted (4.11.2001) by [2000 c. 32, s. 78\(1\)](#), [Sch. 6 para. 20\(2\)\(b\)](#); [S.R. 2001/396, art. 2](#), [Sch.](#)

136 Police: co-operation on implementation.

It shall be the duty of police authorities for areas in Great Britain, and the [^{F4}Northern Ireland Policing Board], and their staff to co-operate with each other, and generally to exercise their functions, so as to facilitate the implementation of Parts I and II of this Act and any transfer of property or staff made by an order under section 135.

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Textual Amendments

- F4** Words in s. 136 substituted (4.11.2001) by 2000 c. 32, s. 78(1), **Sch. 6 para. 20(3)**; S.R. 2001/396, art. 2, **Sch.**

137 Extent.

(1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), this Act extends throughout the United Kingdom.

(2) The following provisions of this Act extend to England and Wales only—

- (a) Part II;
- ^{F5}(b)
- ^{F6}(c)
- ^{F7}(d)
- (e) sections 128 and 129.

^{F8}(3)

(4) The amendments in Schedules 6 and 9, and the repeals in Schedule 10, have the same extent as the enactments to which they refer.

Textual Amendments

- F5** S. 137(2)(b) repealed (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), s. 178(8), **Sch. 4 para. 105, Sch. 17 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), Sch. paras. 10, 13(dd)
- F6** S. 137(2)(c) repealed (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), s. 178(8), **Sch. 4 para. 105, Sch. 17 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), Sch. paras. 10, 13(dd)
- F7** S. 137(2)(d) repealed (1.8.2001) by 2001 c. 16, s. 137, **Sch. 7 Pt. 5(I)**; S.I. 2001/2223, **art. 3(j)(I)(ii)**
- F8** S. 137(3) repealed (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 32, ss. 74(2)(3), **Sch. 6** (with Sch. 5 para. 1); S.R. 1999/176, **art. 3**

138 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Police Act 1997.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 112(2A) inserted by [2011 c. 24 \(N.I.\) s. 101](#)
- s. 112(2A) inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 93](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 93 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, ss. 79(1), 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 6; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(cc))
- s. 113(3)(e) words inserted by [S.S.I. 2006/50 art. 2\(2\)](#)
- s. 113(3G) inserted by [2002 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 14](#)
- s. 113(3G) inserted by 2002 c. 32, Sch. 12 para. 14 (as extended) by [2003 asp 5 s. 12\(1\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 113(3EA)(3EB) inserted by [S.I. 2003/417 \(N.I.\) art. 17\(4\)](#)
- s. 113(3EC)(3ED) inserted by [S.I. 2003/417 \(N.I.\) art. 47\(3\)](#)
- s. 113(4A) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 35 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- s. 113(4A) insertion by 2003 c. 44, Sch. 35 para. 3(3) extended to N.I. by [2005 c. 15 s. 167\(a\)](#)
- s. 113A(6A)-(6C) inserted by [2011 asp 1 s. 188\(b\)](#)
- s. 115(5)(ec) inserted by [2002 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 15\(2\)](#)
- s. 115(5)(ec) inserted by 2002 c. 32, Sch. 12 para. 15(2) (as extended) by [2003 asp 5 s. 12\(1\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 115(5)(ga) inserted by [2001 c. 12 s. 21](#) (Amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 21 repealed (6.4.2006 for E.W.) by 2003 c. 44, Sch. 37 Pt. 11; S.I. 2006/751, art. 2(d))
- s. 115(6BB) inserted by [2002 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 15\(3\)](#)
- s. 115(6BB) inserted by 2002 c. 32, Sch. 12 para. 15(3) (as extended) by [2003 asp 5 s. 12\(1\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 115(6EA) inserted by [S.I. 2003/417 \(N.I.\) art. 17\(5\)](#)
- s. 115(6EB) inserted by [S.I. 2003/417 \(N.I.\) art. 47\(4\)](#)
- s. 115(9A)(9B) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 35 para. 4\(5\)](#)
- s. 115(9A)(9B) insertion by 2003 c. 44, Sch. 35 para. 4(5) extended to N.I. by [2005 c. 15 s. 167\(a\)](#)
- s. 118(2ZA) inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 95](#)
- s. 118(2ZA) words substituted by [S.I. 2012/3006 art. 37\(j\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The insertion of s. 118(2ZA) by 2009 c. 26, s. 95 is still prospective)
- s. 121(a) inserted by [2006 asp 10 s. 3\(8\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 8A para. 34G inserted by [S.I. 2024/374 Sch. 5 para. 3](#)
- Sch. 8B para. 102(ea) inserted by [2023 c. 47 s. 3\(2\)](#)