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**REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS  
(AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2016**

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An Ordinance to amend the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Ordinance 2012

**M. Wigston**  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

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BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

**Short title and commencement**

**1.**—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Ordinance 2016.

(2) It comes into force on 1 November 2016.

**Amendment of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Ordinance 2012**

**2.** The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Ordinance 2012(**a**) is amended as follows.

**New section 5A**

**3.**—(1) After section 5 (meaning of authorising officer: applications by customs officers) insert—

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(a) Ordinance 26/2012.

**“Applications by customs officers: period within which authorisations can be granted and have effect**

**5A.**—(1) Where a customs officer applies for an authorisation, an authorising officer may grant such authorisation only during a relevant period.

(2) On the expiry of a relevant period, an authorisation granted on the application of a customs officer ceases to have effect.

(3) In this section, “relevant period” means a period designated by the Administrator by order.

(4) An order under subsection (3) may designate a period by—

- (a) specifying both the times at which the period begins and ends; or
- (b) specifying the time at which the period begins only, in which case the period continues until the Administrator, by further order, specifies a time at which it ends.

(5) An order under this section must be made as a public instrument.”.

**Amendment of section 26**

**4.** At the end of section 26 (taking effect and duration of authorisations) insert—

“(7) Despite subsections (4) and (5) an authorisation may cease to have effect under section 5A(2) before it would otherwise do so under this section.”.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

1. This explanatory note relates to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 (the “Ordinance”). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Ordinance. It does not form part of the Ordinance.
2. The Ordinance amends the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Ordinance 2012. It inserts a new section 5A to provide that an application for any authorisation under this Ordinance made by a customs officer may only be granted during a “relevant period”. A relevant period is a period of time designated by the Administrator in a public instrument. Any authorisations granted on the application of a customs officer which are still valid when the relevant period expires will cease to have effect at that time.
3. A consequential amendment is made to section 26 of the 2012 Ordinance.

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