The Administrator makes the following Order in exercise of the power in section 28(1) of the Counter-Terrorism Ordinance 2016(a).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Counter-Terrorism (Code of Practice) Order 2016 and comes into force on 1 July 2016.

Code of practice

2. The code of practice entitled “Code of practice for authorisation and exercise of stop and search powers in sections 24 to 26 of, and the Schedule to, the Counter-Terrorism Ordinance 2016” comes into force on the day this Order comes into force.

Dated this 12 day of June 2016

M. Wigston,
Administrator,
Sovereign Base Areas.

(a) Ordinance 12/2016.
EXPLANATORY NOTE
(This note is not part of the Order)

1. This explanatory note relates to the Counter-Terrorism (Code of Practice) Order 2016 (the “Order”). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Order.

2. This note should be read in conjunction with the Order. It is not, and is not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Order.

3. Section 27 of the Counter-Terrorism Ordinance 2016 (the “Ordinance”) requires the Administrator to prepare a code of practice in connection with powers to give an authorisation and the exercise of stop and search powers in sections 24 to 26 of, and the Schedule to, the Ordinance. The Order brings the code of practice into force in accordance with section 28 of the Ordinance.

4. Sections 24 and 25 provide powers for a police officer to stop and search a person on reasonable suspicion that the person is a terrorist and a vehicle on reasonable suspicion that it is being used for the purposes of terrorism.

5. An authorisation is made by the Chief Constable for a maximum period of 14 days under section 26. It allows a police officer to stop and search a person or vehicle in the area covered by the authorisation for the purpose of discovering whether the person is concerned in the commission, instigation or acts of terrorism, or the vehicle is being used for the purposes of terrorism.

6. The code of practice may be downloaded from the Sovereign Base Areas Administration website: www.sbaadministration.org/.