

Surveillance Devices Act 1998

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1. Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Surveillance Devices Regulations* 1999¹.

2. Commencement

These regulations come into operation on the day on which the *Surveillance Devices Act 1998* comes into operation¹.

3. Forms

- (1) A warrant issued under section 13, 14, 17, 19 or 22 of the Act is to be in the form of Form 1 in Schedule 1, or such other form as the judge or magistrate approves.
- (2) An application for emergency authorisation under section 21 of the Act is to be in the form of Form 2 in Schedule 1, or such other form as the Commissioner of Police approves.
- (3) An emergency authorisation issued under section 21 of the Act is to be in the form of Form 3 in Schedule 1, or such other form as the authorised person issuing the authorisation approves.
- (4) An application to a magistrate for a tracking device warrant or a tracking device (maintenance/retrieval) warrant is to be in the form of Form 4 in Schedule 1, or such other form as the Commissioner of Police approves.

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[Regulation 3 amended: Gazette 8 Feb 2000 p. 458; 5 May 2006 p. 1735.]

4. Law enforcement officers, classes prescribed

For the purposes of paragraph (d) of the definition of *law enforcement officer* in section 3(1) of the Act, each of the following classes of persons is prescribed —

- (a) conservation and land management officers (as defined in the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* section 3);
- (b) forest officers (as defined in the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* section 3);
- (c) rangers (as defined in the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* section 3);
- (d) wildlife officers (as defined in the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* section 3);
- (e) inspectors (as defined in the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* section 3(1)) who are officers or employees of a department, authority or agency of the State;
- (f) fisheries officers (as defined in the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* section 4(1)) who are employed in the Serious Offences Unit of the Department as defined in section 4(1) of that Act).

[Regulation 4 inserted: Gazette 6 Jul 2010 p. 3225.]

5. Commonwealth agencies, instrumentalities and bodies

The following Commonwealth agencies, instrumentalities and bodies are prescribed for the purposes of section 4(2) of the Act —

(a) Australian Security Intelligence Organization continued by section 6 of the *Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act 1979* of the Commonwealth; and

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- (b) Australian Federal Police established by section 6 of the Australian Federal Police Act 1979 of the Commonwealth; and
- [(c) deleted]
- (d) Australian Competition and Consumer Commission established by section 6A of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* of the Commonwealth; and
- (e) the department of the Commonwealth public service responsible for administering the *Migration Act 1958* of the Commonwealth; and
- (f) each of the armed forces of the Commonwealth.

[Regulation 5 amended: Gazette 1 Dec 2015 p. 4821.]

6. Use of tracking devices without warrant

- (1) For the purposes of section 7(2)(d) of the Act the following circumstances are prescribed, that is, where a tracking device is attached, installed, used or maintained, or caused to be attached, installed, used or maintained
 - (a) by an emergency service to locate the person who is, or object that is, the subject of a search operation;
 - (b) by the person in charge of a hospital or nursing home in relation to a vulnerable patient to enable the person in charge to locate the vulnerable patient if he or she gets lost or goes missing;
 - (c) by the superintendent of a prison in relation to a prisoner to enable the superintendent to locate the prisoner if he or she escapes from legal custody;
 - (d) by a researcher in relation to an object the geographical location of which is relevant to research being carried out by that person;
 - (da) by a public authority for the purposes of monitoring traffic on a highway or main road;

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((e)) for the	purposes	of anv	of the	following -	
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- (i) *Bail Act 1982* section 50L(1)(a);
- (iia) Dangerous Sexual Offenders Act 2006 section 19A(2);
- (ii) Sentence Administration Act 2003 section 30(c) or (e)(i), 57(2)(a) or 74G(c), (d) or (e);
- (iii) Sentencing Act 1995 section 33H(2)(b), 75(2)(b) or 84C(2)(b);
- (iv) Young Offenders Act 1994 section 109B(1)(a) or 136B(1)(a).
- (2) For the purposes of section 7(2)(d) of the Act the following circumstance is prescribed where a person uses, or causes to be used, a tracking device in relation to an object that
 - (a) was in the person's possession or under the person's control when the device was attached or installed; and
 - (b) is no longer in the person's possession or under the person's control; and
 - (c) the person reasonably believes to have been stolen.
- (3) As soon as practicable after a tracking device is attached, installed or used in relation to a vulnerable patient in circumstances described in subregulation (1)(b) the person in charge of the hospital or nursing home must give written notice of the attachment, installation or use to —
 - (a) if a guardian has been appointed for the patient under the *Guardianship and Administration Act 1990*, the guardian; or
 - (b) otherwise
 - (i) the patient's next of kin; or
 - (ii) if the patient's next of kin is not known, the Public Advocate under the *Guardianship and Administration Act 1990*.

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(4) In this regulation —

emergency service means —

- (a) the police force of the State or of another State or a Territory; or
- (b) the department of the Public Service principally assisting in the administration of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998* or an equivalent department, authority or agency of another State or a Territory; or
- (c) a voluntary or community rescue organisation; or
- (d) the Australian Maritime Safety Authority established under the *Australian Maritime Safety Authority Act 1990* (Commonwealth) section 5;

hospital has the meaning given in the *Health Services Act 2016* section 8(4);

nursing home means a facility at which an approved provider (as defined in the *Aged Care Act 1997* of the Commonwealth) provides residential care (as defined in that Act);

prison has the same meaning as in the Prisons Act 1981;

public authority has the meaning given in the *Criminal Procedure Act 2004* section 3(1);

researcher means —

- (a) a member of the staff of, or a student at, a school, college, university or other educational or training institution; or
- (b) a member of the staff of, or person working for, a government agency, instrumentality or body;

superintendent has the same meaning as in the *Prisons Act 1981*;

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- (a) is likely, due to illness, lack of awareness or other incapacity, to leave the hospital or nursing home without having due regard to his or her health and safety; or
- (b) being under a legal obligation to remain in the hospital or nursing home, is likely to attempt to leave; or
- (c) is likely to be taken away from the hospital or nursing home without the consent of the patient or the person in charge.

[Regulation 6 amended: Gazette 21 Sep 2007 p. 4734; 4 Jan 2013 p. 10; 19 Feb 2013 p. 992; 24 Jun 2016 p. 2340; 16 Sep 2016 p. 3941; 23 Dec 2016 p. 5906; 18 Aug 2017 p. 4448.]

7. Storage and destruction of Part 5 records

- (1) The Commissioner of Police, the Corruption and Crime Commission, a designated Commission and the Australian Crime Commission must —
 - (a) keep every Part 5 record in a secure place in accordance with section 41(1)(a) of the Act as if it were a record obtained under a warrant; and
 - (b) destroy a Part 5 record when it would be required to do so under section 41(1)(b) of the Act if the Part 5 record were a record obtained under a warrant.
- (2) The Commissioner of Police, the Corruption and Crime Commission, a designated Commission and the Australian Crime Commission must keep such records concerning Part 5 records as are necessary to enable documents and information to be identified and obligations under this Act to be complied with.
- (3) In this regulation —

Part 5 record means a record or report delivered to the police force, the Corruption and Crime Commission, a designated

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Commission or the Australian Crime Commission in accordance with an order under section 31(3)(b) of the Act.

[Regulation 7 amended: Act No. 74 of 2004 s. 73(2); Gazette 5 May 2006 p. 1736; 21 Sep 2007 p. 4735.]

8. Annual reports

- (1) The information relating to applications for warrants and extensions of warrants required by section 43 of the Act to be contained in an annual report is to include the number of such applications that were
 - (a) withdrawn; and
 - (b) made by the applicant on behalf of another law enforcement officer; and
 - (c) made by means other than filing a written application at the court.
- (2) The information relating to applications for emergency authorisations required by section 43 of the Act to be contained in an annual report is to include the number of such applications that were withdrawn.

8A. Reports by designated Commission

The information relating to applications for warrants, extensions of warrants and emergency authorisations included in a report under section 43A of the Act may include information of the kind described in regulation 8.

[Regulation 8A inserted: Gazette 21 Sep 2007 p. 4735.]

9. Unlawful possession of surveillance information

(1) A person who is unlawfully in possession of surveillance information commits an offence.

Penalty: \$5 000.

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(a) (b) (c)	possessi of his or the perse exercise surveilla assistant the surve	on is a law enforcement officer and has on of the surveillance information in the course her duty; or on is assisting a law enforcement officer in the of the officer's duty and has possession of the ance information in the course of providing that ce; or eillance information was obtained in accordance
	exercise surveilla assistand the surve	of the officer's duty and has possession of the ince information in the course of providing that ce; or
(c)		eillance information was obtained in accordance
	with Par	t 5 of the Act; or
(d)		eillance information was obtained by the
	• •	rom a person who was lawfully in possession of hat information; and
	c t	n circumstances where the publication or communication of the surveillance information to he person was not an offence under section 9 of he Act.
		person – (i) f t (ii) i c t

surveillance information means a report or record of a private conversation or private activity of a person, or of the geographical location of a person or object, that was obtained, directly or indirectly, through the use of a surveillance device.

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Schedule 1 — Forms

		[r. 3]
No.	Form	Section of Act
1	Warrant	13, 14, 17, 19 and 22
2	Application for emergency authorisation	21
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4	 Application for — tracking device warrant tracking device (maintenance/retrieval) warrant 	15 and 19

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Surveillance Devices Act 1998, s. 13, 14, 17, 19 and 22	Supreme Court judge
Warrant	At

Strike out any parts of this form that are not applicable Person to Name whom warrant Member of police force is issued Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission Officer of a designated Commission Member of staff of Australian Crime Commission Warrant issued on behalf of another law enforcement officer (Name) Ū Person, object Person or premises Unknown person under Object_ Premises surveillance Offence Offence Act or Regulations Section or regulation no. Authority to This warrant authorises you ---to attach or install, use, maintain and retrieve a ----use listening device surveillance optical surveillance device device tracking device in relation to a tracking device attached to, or installed in, a vehicle, to --maintain the device retrieve the device maintain and retrieve the device to retrieve a – listening device optical surveillance device tracking device attached or installed under an emergency authorisation The surveillance device may be attached or installed, used or maintained -in, on or at the premises under surveillance in or on the object under surveillance in respect of the private conversations, private activities or geographical location of the person under surveillance, at premises where the person is reasonably believed to be or is likely to be

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	□ Where practicable the surveillance device should be retrieved or			
	rendered inoperable during the period that the warrant is in force			
Authority to	This warrant authorises you to enter, by force if necessary —			
enter premises	□ (specified premises)			
	any premises where the object or person under surveillance			
	is reasonably believed to be or is likely to be and any premises adjoining or providing access to those premises			
	any premises where the vehicle on or in which the device is			
	attached or installed may for the time being be			
	\square any premises where the surveillance device to be retrieved			
	may for the time being be			
Authority to	□ This warrant authorises you to connect the surveillance device			
use electricity	to an electricity supply system and to use electricity from that system			
supply	to operate the device			
Authority to	This warrant authorises you to temporarily remove this vehicle			
remove vehicle	from this premises for the purpose of — attaching			
	□ attaching □ installing □ maintaining □ retrieving			
	a tracking device			
	Vehicle			
	Premises			
	You must return the vehicle to the premises when the device has			
	been attached, installed, maintained or retrieved			

Period of	//to//, being	days
warrant	The warrant may be used at any time of the day or night	

Conditions	This warrant is subject to these conditions

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Issue of	Signature	
warrant		
		Judge / Magistrate
	Date	Time

[Form amended: Act No. 74 of 2004 s. 73(3); Gazette 5 May 2006 p. 1736; 21 Sep 2007 p. 4735.]

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Surveillance Devices Act 1998, s. 21 Application for emergency authorisation

Strike out any parts of this form that are not applicable

Applicant	Name		
	Business address		
	Postcode		
	Phone no.		
	Member of police force		
	Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission		
	Officer of a designated Commission		
	Member of staff of Australian Crime Commission		

Person, object	Person
or premises	Unknown person
under	Object
surveillance	Premises

Action for	Authorisation is required to —				
which	\Box attach or install \Box use \Box maintain				
authorisation is required	a listening device to record, monitor, or listen to a private conversation				
	an optical surveillance device to record visually or observe a private activity				
	□ a tracking device to determine the geographical location of a				
	person or object				
	in relation to the —				
	premises under surveillance				
	□ object under surveillance				
	person under surveillance				
	retrieve —				
	□ a listening device				
	□ an optical surveillance device				
	□ a tracking device				

Grounds	Imminent threat		
	Threat of serious violence to a person		
	Name		
	Threat of substantial damage to property		
	Description		

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Grounds cont.	Offence				
	 Indictable drug offence 				
	Relevant section of <i>Misuse of Drugs Act 1981</i> —				
	$\Box 6(1) \Box 7(1) \Box 33(1)(a) \Box 33(2)(a)$				
	\Box External indictable drug offence				
	External indicative drug offence External law Corresponding section of <i>Misuse of Drugs Act 1981</i> — $\Box 6(1) \Box 7(1) \Box 33(1)(a) \Box 33(2)(a)$				
	Offence Relevant Act				
	Relevant Act				
	The offence —				
	\Box is being committed \Box is about to be committed				
	☐ is likely to be committed				
	Date offence committed or expected to be committed				
	The use of the surveillance device is immediately necessary for the				
	purpose of —				
	\Box dealing with the threat				
	□ investigating the offence				
	□ enabling evidence to be obtained of —				
	□ the commission of the offence				
	the identity of the offender				
	\Box the location of the offender				
	These factors make the circumstances serious				
	These factors make the matter urgent				
	Reasons an application under section 15 or 16 for a warrant is not				
	practicable				
	Retrieval to avoid jeopardizing investigation of drug offence				
	□ Indictable drug offence				
	Relevant section of Misuse of Drugs Act 1981 —				
	$\Box 6(1)$ $\Box 7(1)$ $\Box 33(1)(a)$ $\Box 33(2)(a)$				

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Grounds cont.	External indictable drug offence			
	Corresponding section of <i>Misuse of Drugs Act 1981</i> —			
	$\Box 6(1) \Box 7(1) \Box 33(1)(a) \Box 33(2)(a)$			
	These factors make the circumstances serious			
	These factors make the matter urgent			
	I nese factors make the matter urgent			
	Reasons an application under section 22 for a warrant is not			
	practicable			
Entry to	Entry, by force if necessary, is required to —			
premises	□ (specified premises)			
premises				
	any premises where the object or person under surveillance			
	is reasonably believed to be or is likely to be and any			
	premises adjoining or providing access to those premises			
Use of	Authorisation is required to connect the surveillance device to			
	an electricity supply system and use electricity from that system to			
electricity	operate the device			
supply	operate the device			
Removal of	Authorisation is required to temporarily remove a vehicle			
vehicle	from a premises for the purpose of —			
veniere	□ attaching □ installing			
	\Box maintaining \Box retrieving			
	a tracking device			
	xx 1 + 1			
	Premises			
Period of	Period for which authorisation is required days			
authorisation	a chos for which autorisation is required days			
authorisation	Reason this period is required			
autionisation				
Signature of applicant				

[Form amended: Act No. 74 of 2004 s. 73(3); Gazette 5 May 2006 p. 1736; 21 Sep 2007 p. 4735.]

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Emergency authorisation

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Authorised	Name				
person	D Commissioner of Police				
-	Deputy Commissioner of Police				
	Assistant Commissioner of Police				
	Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission				
	Officer of a designated Commission				
	Person authorised by Chair of Board of Australian Crime				
	Commission				
Person to	Name				
whom	Member of the police force				
authorisation is	Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission				
issued	Officer of a designated Commission				
	Member of staff of Australian Crime Commission				
Person, object	Person				
or premises	Unknown person				
under	Object				
surveillance	Premises				
Authorisation	This authorisation authorises you to —				
to use	□ attach or install □ use □ maintain				
surveillance	a listening device to record, monitor, or listen to a private				
device	conversation				
	□ an optical surveillance device to record visually or observe a				
	private activity				
	□ a tracking device to determine the geographical location of a				
	person or object				
	in relation to the —				
	premises under surveillance				
	object under surveillance				
	person under surveillance				
	□ retrieve —				
	□ a listening device				
	□ an optical surveillance device				
	□ a tracking device				

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Authority to	Entry, by force if necessary, is required to —					
enter premises	(specified premises)					
	□ any premises where the object or person under surveillance is					
	reasonably believed to be or is likely to be and any premises					
	adjoining or providing access to those premises					
Authority to	□ This authorisation authorises you to connect the surveillance					
use electricity	device to an electricity supply system and to use electricity from that					
supply	system to operate the device.					
Authority to	This authorisation authorises you to temporarily remove this					
remove vehicle	vehicle from this premises for the purpose of —					
	\Box attaching \Box installing					
	\Box maintaining \Box retrieving					
	a tracking device					
	Vehicle					
	Premises					
	You must return the vehicle to the premises when the device has been					
	attached, installed, maintained or retrieved					
Period of	// to//, beingdays					
authorisation	The authorisation may be used at any time of the day or night					
Conditions	This authorisation is subject to these conditions					
	3					
Authorised	Signature					
person(s)	orginature					
Person(s)	Date Time					
	Signature					
	orginature					
	Date Time					
	r_{max}					

[Form amended: Act No. 74 of 2004 s. 73(3) and (4); Gazette 5 May 2006 p. 1736; 21 Sep 2007 p. 4735.]

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Surveillance Devices Act 1998, s. 15 and 19

Application for —

• tracking device warrant

• tracking device (maintenance/retrieval) warrant

Strike out any parts of this form that are not applicable

Applicant	Name				
	Business address				
	Postcode				
	Phone no.				
	Member of police force				
	Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission				
	Officer of a designated Commission				
	Member of staff of Australian Crime Commission				
	□ Application is made on behalf of another law enforcement officer				
	(Name)				
Person, object	Person (see note 1)				
or premises	Unknown person				
under	*				
surveillance	Object				
	Premises				
Nature of	□ Tracking device warrant (s. 13)				
warrant	□ Tracking device (maintenance/retrieval) warrant (s. 14) to —				
	 maintain a tracking device 				
	□ retrieve a tracking device				
	 maintain and retrieve a tracking device New warrant Extension of current warrant 				
Period of	Period for which warrant is required days				
warrant	Reason this period is required				

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Cuounda	Treating device warrant (c. 12)						
Grounds	Tracking device warrant (s. 13) Offence						
	Act or Regulations						
	Section or regulation no.						
	The offence —						
	\square has been committed \square may have been committed						
	<u> </u>						
	□ is likely to be committed						
	Date offence committed or expected to be committed						
	The use of a surveillance device would be likely to —						
	assist an investigation into the offence						
	\Box enable evidence to be obtained of —						
	\Box the commission of the offence						
	\Box the identity of the offender						
	\Box the location of the offender						
	Tracking device (maintenance/retrieval) warrant (s. 14)						
	Vehicle						
	Location when device installed						
	Current location						
	Person who installed device						
	□ Member of police force						
	 Officer of the Corruption and Crime Commission 						
	Officer of a designated Commission						
	Member of staff of Australian Crime Commission						
	 Member of prescribed class of persons 						
	Specify class						
	Speeniy ends						
Entry to	Entry, by force if necessary, is required to —						
premises	□ (specified premises)						
	any premises where the object or person under surveillance						
	is reasonably believed to be or is likely to be and any						
	premises adjoining or providing access to those premises						
	any premises where the vehicle on or in which the device is						
	attached or installed may for the time being be						
	any premises where the surveillance device to be retrieved						
	may for the time being be						

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Use of	□ Authority is required to connect the surveillance device to an
electricity	electricity supply system and use electricity from that system to
supply	operate the device

Removal of vehicle	□ Authority is required to temporarily remove a vehicle from a premises for the purpose of —			
		attaching		installing
		maintaining		retrieving
	a tracking device			
	Vehicle			
	Premises			
	1			
Signature of applicant				Date

Note 1 — Identification of person under surveillance		
The person under surveillance may be identified by a numerical reference identifying th relevant law enforcement agency and the year in which the application is made. For example —WAPS 1/1999 (for the first application in 1999 by a member of the WA police force)		
Note 2 — Lodging of Application for warrant		
The application is to be lodged with the magistrate.		

An application must be accompanied by —

• an "Authorisation of surveillance"; and

• an affidavit containing a "Statement of facts in support of application for warrant" in accordance with *Surveillance Devices Act 1998*, s. 15(3)(a), (b), (c) and (f).

An application should also be accompanied by a draft warrant in the form of the warrant being sought.

[Form inserted: Gazette 8 Feb 2000 p. 458-60; amended: Act No. 74 of 2004 s. 73(3); Gazette 5 May 2006 p. 1736; 21 Sep 2007 p. 4735.]

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Surveillance Devices Regulations 1999	18 Nov 1999 p. 5767-86	22 Nov 1999 (see r. 2 and <i>Gazette</i> 22 Nov 1999 p. 5843)		
Surveillance Devices Amendment Regulations 1999	8 Feb 2000 p. 457-60	8 Feb 2000		
Australian Crime Commission (Western Act 2004 s. 73 assented to 8 Dec 2004	n Australia)	1 Feb 2005 (see s. 2 and <i>Gazette</i> 31 Dec 2004 p. 7130)		
Surveillance Devices Amendment Regulations 2005	23 Sep 2005 p. 4363	23 Sep 2005		
Surveillance Devices Amendment Regulations 2006	5 May 2006 p. 1735-6	5 May 2006		
Reprint 1: The <i>Surveillance Devices i</i> (includes amendments listed above)	Regulations 199	9 as at 15 Dec 2006		
Surveillance Devices Amendment Regulations 2007	21 Sep 2007 p. 4734-5	r. 1 and 2: 21 Sep 2007 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 22 Sep 2007 (see r. 2(b))		
Surveillance Devices Amendment Regulations 2010	6 Jul 2010 p. 3224-5	r. 1 and 2: 6 Jul 2010 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 7 Jul 2010 (see r. 2(b))		
Reprint 2: The <i>Surveillance Devices Regulations 1999</i> as at 10 Sep 2010 (includes amendments listed above)				
Surveillance Devices Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2012	4 Jan 2013 p. 10	r. 1 and 2: 4 Jan 2013 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 1 Feb 2013 (see r. 2(b) and <i>Gazette</i> 4 Jan 2013 p. 3)		
Surveillance Devices Amendment Regulations 2012	19 Feb 2013 p. 991-2	r. 1 and 2: 19 Feb 2013 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2:		

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nd 2: 1 Dec 2015 : 2(a)); lations other than r. 1 and 2: : 2015 (see r. 2(b))
nd 2: 24 Jun 2016 : 2(a)); lations other than r. 1 and 2: 2016 (see r. 2(b) and <i>Gazette</i> n 2016 p. 2291)
nd 2: 16 Sep 2016 : 2(a)); lations other than r. 1 and 2: ep 2016 (see r. 2(b))
nd 2: 23 Dec 2016 : 2(a)); lations other than r. 1 and 2: ec 2016 (see r. 2(b))
nd 2: 18 Aug 2017 . 2(a)); lations other than r. 1 and 2: ug 2017 (see r. 2(b))
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amendments listed above)

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Defined terms

Defined terms

[This is a list of terms defined and the provisions where they are defined. The list is not part of the law.]

Defined term	Provision(s)
emergency service	
hospital	
nursing home	
Part 5 record	
prison	
public authority	
researcher	
superintendent	
surveillance information	
vulnerable patient	

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