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## **General Information**

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## Background

1. SISII is a European-wide IT system that helps facilitate European cooperation for law enforcement, immigration and border control purposes. The UK connected into SISII on 13 April 2015 but only participates in the law enforcement aspects as we have maintained control of our own borders.
2. SISII enables participating countries to share and receive law enforcement alerts in **real time** for:
  - Persons wanted for arrest for extradition purposes, for which a warrant has been issued (Article 26);
  - Missing persons who need to be placed under police protection or in a place of safety, including minors and adults not at risk (Article 32);
  - Witnesses, absconders, or subjects of criminal judgements to appear before the judicial authorities (Article 34);
  - People or vehicles requiring specific checks or discreet surveillance (Article 36);
  - Objects that are misappropriated, lost, stolen and which may be sought for the purposes of seizure or for use as evidence (e.g. firearms, passports etc) (Article 38).
3. SIRENE Bureaux are set up in all SISII participating countries, to provide supplementary information on alerts and coordinate activities in relation to alerts in SISII. In the UK's case this will be managed by the National Crime Agency. SIRENE stands for Supplementary Information Request at the National Entry.

## Processing personal data

4. Council Decision 2007/533/JHA, in particular, Chapter XI and Chapter XII provide the framework for processing SISII personal data. In the UK, this is governed by the Data Protection Act 1998 and Part 4 of the Criminal Justice and Data Protection (Protocol No.36) Regulations 2014.

## Data ownership

5. The Home Office and the Ministry of Justice are lead departments in the UK for Justice and Home Affairs matters in the EU. The Home Office provides the central infrastructure which supports implementation of SISII within the UK and national law enforcement systems. However, UK law enforcement agencies are each individually responsible as data controllers for compliance with data protection legislation for their processing of SISII personal data.

## How data is managed

6. UK SISII alerts are created by UK law enforcement agencies using information obtained from existing national policing information systems such as the Police National Computer. No new information about an individual is collected or stored for the purpose of creating UK SISII alerts. UK SISII alerts are made available to all SISII participating countries, and the use and retention is governed by Council Decision 2007/533/JHA.
7. SISII data is managed as police information and in accordance with the statutory Code of Practice on the Management of Policing Information. The College of Policing Authorised Professional Practice [website](#) details how police information is managed and how SISII data is [processed](#) by UK law enforcement agencies.

## Subject Access Request

8. All individuals have the right to access information about them. This right exists under EU law and is enshrined domestically in section 7 of the Data Protection Act 1998.
9. UK SISII generated alerts will be considered under domestic processing and the Data Protection Act 1998. Foreign generated SISII alerts will be considered under Part 4 of the Criminal Justice and Data Protection (Protocol No. 36) Regulations 2014.
10. For Subject Access Requests regarding data held on SISII please direct enquiries to ACRO Criminal Records Office ([ACRO](#)) or write to;

**ACRO (SAR)**  
**PO Box 662**  
**FAREHAM**  
**PO14 9LQ**

## Freedom of Information Request

11. For Freedom of Information requests related to SISII please visit the [Home Office](#) website.