

Temporary Seizure of Travel Documents - Consultation

The government introduced the Counter-Terrorism and Security Bill on Wednesday 26 November 2014.

The bill is a direct response to the increased terrorist threat. It includes a power to temporarily seize and retain travel documents at a port where there is reasonable suspicion that the person is travelling for the purpose of involvement in terrorism-related activity outside the United Kingdom. Travel documents can be retained for an initial period of up to 14 days while further investigations take place. The police may apply to the courts to extend the retention period up to a maximum period of 30 days. The responses to this consultation will inform the development of the Code to ensure that the power is exercised appropriately and effectively.

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1) Please tell us the extent to which you agree the code appropriately describes who is subject to the new power:

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments:

2) Please tell us the extent to which you agree the code appropriately describes who can exercise the new power:

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments:

3) Please tell us the extent to which you agree the code appropriately describes the designation and training processes:

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Tend to disagree

Strongly disagree

Comments:

4) Please tell us the extent to which you agree the code appropriately describes the test for exercising the new power:

Strongly agree

Tend to agree

Neither agree or disagree

Tend to disagree

Strongly disagree

Comments:

5) Please tell us the extent to which you agree the code appropriately describes how the exercise of the power is authorised:

Strongly agree

Tend to agree

Neither agree or disagree

Tend to disagree

Strongly disagree

Comments:

6) Please tell us the extent to which you agree the code appropriately describes the power to hold travel documents for up to 14 days or up to 30 days, if approved by a court:

Strongly agree

Tend to agree

Neither agree or disagree

Tend to disagree

Strongly disagree

Comments:

7) Please tell us the extent to which you agree the code appropriately describes how

information is provided to people subject to the power:

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments:

8) Please tell us the extent to which you agree the code appropriately describes the new criminal offence related to this power:

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments:

9) Please tell us the extent to which you agree the code appropriately describes the judicial oversight provisions:

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments:

10) Please tell us the extent to which you agree the code appropriately describes the safeguards against repeated use of the power:

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comments:

11) Please tell us any additional comments you may have about this Code of Practice:

About you

12) The final question is to provide some context to your consultation response and to enable us to assess interest from different stakeholder groups.

Which of the following best describes you or the organisation or sector that you belong to?

- Police
- Border Force
- HM Passport Office
- Devolved Administration
- Travel Industry Group
- Legal profession
- Other Government Department
- Human Rights group
- Charity / Voluntary group
- Member of the public
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify):