



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

AUTHORITY TO ENTER AND SEARCH PREMISES UNDER SECTION 88 or SECTION 91 OF THE ARMED FORCES ACT 2006 (THE ACT)

Commanding Officers Authorisation

Premises to be searched:

For **s88 of the Act** the Commanding Officer can only authorise entry and search of property that is the 'service living accommodation' (SLA) of a person who is within his command and; either a person subject to service law (PSSL) or a civilian subject to service discipline (CSSD). For this purpose SLA is limited to; a room, structure or area (whether on land or ship) which are occupied by any of HM Forces and are used for the provision of sleeping accommodation for one or more PSSL or CSSD; and any lockers that are not part of such premises but are provided by any of HM Forces for personal use by a PSSL or CSSD in connection with his sleeping accommodation.

For **s91 of the Act** the Commanding Officer can only authorise entry to property that is SLA of a PSSL or CSSD within his command; or premises (any place including any vehicle, ship or aircraft and any tent or movable structure) that are, or which he reasonably believes to be, occupied as a residence (alone or with others) by such a person. For this section SLA includes any building or part of a building occupied for the purpose of HM Forces but provided for the exclusive use of a PSSL or CSSD (or such a person and his family) as living accommodation or as a garage. This is in addition to any room, structure or area (on land or on a ship) which is occupied by any of HM Forces and used for the provision of sleeping accommodation for one or more PSSL or CSSD and lockers that are not part of such premises but are provided by any of HM Forces for personnel use by such a person in connection with his sleeping accommodation.

Description/details of items/person sought:

Details of the Service Offence suspected including; place, date and time of alleged incident.

Reason for proceeding (delete as applicable):

[Empty rectangular box for providing details of the service offence and reasons for proceeding.]

In accordance with Section 88 91 of the Act

I (insert name):

herby AUTHORISE (list all those authorised):

- to enter the premises above and to search for and seize property
- conduct arrest of the individual described

The occupier of the premises, namely:

- Is a Person Subject to Service Law
- Civilian Subject to Service Discipline who is under my command

Signed

Date

Name

Service number

Rank

Unit / ship / establishment address

Notes:

The Commanding Officer is to sign and retain the original Authority to Search (this form).

Two copies are to be handed to the person authorised to undertake the entry and search.

- One copy is to be handed to the occupier of the premises searched, or if unoccupied, left on the premises.
- The remaining copy is to be retained by the authorised person for the duration of the entry and search.