STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 576

PRISONS, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Prison (Amendment) Rules 2017

Made - - - -	*19th April 2017*
Laid before Parliament	*21st April 2017*
Coming into force - -	*12th May 2017*

The Secretary of State makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by section 47(1) of the Prison Act 1952(**1**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Prison (Amendment) Rules 2017 and come into force on 12th May 2017.

Amendment of the Prison Rules 1999

2.—(1) The Prison Rules 1999(**2**) are amended as follows.

(2) After rule 46 (close supervision centres) insert—

"**Separation centres**

46A.—(1) Where it appears desirable, on one or more of the grounds specified in paragraph (2), the Secretary of State may direct that a prisoner be placed in a separation centre within a prison.

(2) The grounds referred to in paragraph (1) are—

(a) the interests of national security;

(b) to prevent the commission, preparation or instigation of an act of terrorism, a terrorism offence, or an offence with a terrorist connection, whether in a prison or otherwise;

(c) to prevent the dissemination of views or beliefs that might encourage or induce others to commit any such act or offence, whether in a prison or otherwise, or to protect or safeguard others from such views or beliefs, or

(**1**) 1952 c. 52. Section 47(1) was amended by section 6(2) of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (c. 33) and paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 9 to the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 (c. 2).

(**2**) S.I. 1999/728. There have been amendments to these rules but none are relevant.