STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 729

PROCEEDS OF CRIME, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations: Code of Practice) (England and Wales) Order 2015

Made - - - -	*12th March 2015*
Coming into force - -	*1st June 2015*

This Order is made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 377(4) and (8) and 459(2) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002(**1**) ("the Act").

The Secretary of State:

(1) has, in accordance with section 377(8) of the Act, revised the code of practice in relation to England and Wales in connection with the exercise by the Director General of the National Crime Agency, other National Crime Agency officers, officers of Revenue and Customs, immigration officers, accredited financial investigators and constables of the functions conferred by virtue of Chapter 2 of Part 8 of the Act ("the revised code of practice")(**2**);

(2) has, in accordance with section 377(2) of the Act, published a draft of the revised code of practice, considered any representations made to her about the draft and, as she thought appropriate, modified the draft accordingly; and

(3) has, in accordance with section 377(3) of the Act, laid a draft of the revised code of practice before Parliament.

In accordance with section 459(6)(a) of the Act a draft of this instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Accordingly, the Secretary of State makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations: Code of Practice) (England and Wales) Order 2015 and comes into force on 1st June 2015.

(2) This Order extends to England and Wales only.

(**1**) 2002 c. 29. Section 377 is amended by paragraph 114 of Schedule 8 to the Serious Crime Act 2007 (c. 27), paragraph 143 of Schedule 8, and paragraph 37 of Schedule 21, to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22), paragraph 17 of Schedule 48 to the Finance Act 2013 (c. 29) and S.I. 2010/976.

(**2**) The code of practice was previously brought into operation on 23rd February 2003 in accordance with S.I. 2003/334, and the revised code was brought into force by S.I. 2008/946.