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The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Tape-recording of Interviews) (Amendment) Order 2001

Made - - - - -	*6th July 2001*
Laid before Parliament	*11th July 2001*
Coming into force - -	*1st August 2001*

Whereas the Secretary of State, in pursuance of section 60(1)(a) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984(**a**), issued a code of practice in connection with the tape-recording of interviews of persons suspected of the commission of criminal offences which are held by police officers at police stations;

And whereas the Secretary of State, in pursuance of section 67(4) of that Act, by order(**b**) brought that code into operation on 29th July 1988;

And whereas the Secretary of State, in pursuance of section 60(1)(b) of that Act, by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Tape-recording of Interviews) (No. 1) Order 1991(**c**) and by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Tape-recording of Interviews) (No. 2) Order 1992(**d**) required the tape-recording of interviews of persons specified in those orders in accordance with the code;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of section 60(1)(b) of that Act, the Secretary of State hereby orders as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Tape-recording of Interviews) (Amendment) Order 2001 and shall come into force on 1st August 2001.

2. This Order shall have effect in relation to interviews of persons suspected of the commission of indictable offences which are held by police officers in any police area in England and Wales and which commence after midnight on 31st July 2001.

3. The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Tape-recording of Interviews) (No. 1) Order 1991 shall be amended as follows—

(a) in article 3(2)(b), for "applies; or" substitute "applies."; and

(b) delete article 3(2)(c).

4. The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Tape-recording of Interviews) (No. 2) Order 1992 shall be amended as follows—

(a) in article 3(2)(b), for "applies; or" substitute "applies."; and

(b) delete article 3(2)(c).

Home Office
6th July 2001

John Denham
Minister of State

(**a**) 1984 c. 60.
(**b**) S.I. 1988/1200.
(**c**) S.I. 1991/2687.
(**d**) S.I. 1992/2803.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Tape-recording of Interviews) (No. 1) Order 1991 and the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Tape-recording of Interviews) (No. 2) Order 1992. These orders together require police officers to carry out tape-recording of interviews at police stations in all police areas in England and Wales for persons suspected of the commission of all indictable offences subject to certain exceptions. Articles 3 and 4 of this Order remove the exception which relates to persons suspected of committing an offence under section 1 of the Official Secrets Act 1911 in all police areas in England and Wales. The amendments set out in this Order will apply to interviews commencing after midnight on 31st July 2001.

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