

*Inspection and information*

**19 Powers of entry and inspection**

(2) A person authorised in writing for the purpose by the Authority may require any person appearing to him to be a regulated person to produce to him any documents or other information relating to any matter connected with-

- (a) any licensable conduct which has been or may be engaged in by the person so appearing;
- (b) the provision by the person so appearing of any security industry services;
- (c) any matters in respect of which conditions are imposed on the person so appearing by virtue of a licence or of an approval granted in accordance with arrangements under section 15.

(5) A person is guilty of an offence if-

- (a) he intentionally obstructs any person in the exercise of any power conferred by subsection (1);
- (b) he fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with any requirement imposed by subsection (2); or
- (c) he makes an unauthorised disclosure of any information obtained by him in the exercise of any power conferred by this section, or as a consequence of the exercise of any such power by another.

(6) For the purposes of this section a disclosure of information obtained by any person as mentioned in subsection (5)(c) is authorised if, and only if, it is made-

- (a) for the purposes of the carrying out by the Authority of any of its functions under this Act; or
- (b) for the purposes of any criminal proceedings.

(7) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both.

(8) In this section "regulated person" means-

- (a) the holder of any licence granted under this Act;
- (b) any person who engages in licensable conduct without being the holder of a licence under this Act;
- (c) any person who is for the time being approved in accordance with arrangements under section 15 in respect of any services which regulations under section 17 prohibit him from providing unless so approved; or
- (d) any person who is not so approved but provides security industry services which he is prohibited by any such regulations from providing.