

ANNEX F

Section Number under the Act and area covered	Absolute or Qualified exemption	Does the qualified exemption require a particular prejudice test to be applied?	Duration	Other bodies* to be consulted by IND Directorates when considering application of the exemption
21 <i>Information accessible to the applicant by other means</i>	Absolute		Unlimited (except where held in the Public Records Office)	Consult with IRSS if unsure whether statistical information may be published. Note- there is no need to seek approval on this exemption from the IND Central FOI Team.
22 <i>Information intended for future publication</i>	Qualified	No	Unlimited (except where held in the Public Records Office)	Consult with IRSS if unsure whether there is an intention that statistical information may be published in the future
23 <i>Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters</i>	Absolute		Unlimited	
24 <i>National security</i>	Qualified	No	Unlimited	
26 <i>Defence</i>	Qualified	Yes	Unlimited	Consult with relevant section in MOD.
27 <i>International Relations</i>	Qualified	Yes (ss (1) and (4)(a) only)	Unlimited	Consult with relevant section in FCO.
28 <i>Relations within the United Kingdom</i>	Qualified	Yes	30 years	Consult with appropriate devolved authority.
29 <i>The Economy</i>	Qualified	Yes	Unlimited	

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30 <i>Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities</i>	Qualified	No	30 years	
31 <i>Law enforcement</i>	Qualified	Yes	100 years	
32 <i>Court records</i>	Absolute		30 years	
33 <i>Audit functions</i>	Qualified	Yes	30 years	
34 <i>Parliamentary privilege</i>	Absolute	Yes	Unlimited	
35 <i>Formulation of government policy</i>	Qualified	No	30 years	
36 <i>Prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs</i>	Qualified	Yes	30 years	Note this can only be applied only when it has been authorised by a Home Office Minister or if the information requested relates to a previous administration of a political party different from the current one, then the exemption should be authorised by the Attorney General.
37(1) <i>Communications with Her Majesty</i>	Qualified	No	30 years	

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38 Health and Safety	Qualified	Yes	Unlimited	
39 Environmental Information	Qualified	No	Unlimited	
40 Personal information	Absolute (ss (1) and part of (2)) Qualified (rest of ss (2))	No	Unlimited	Check with IND Subject Access Bureau if unsure whether request is a subject access request.
41 In confidence breach	Absolute	No	Unlimited	Consult LAB via IND Central FOI Team.
42 Legal Professional Privilege	Qualified	No	30 years	Consult LAB via IND Central FOI Team.
43 Commercial interests	Qualified	Yes	30 years	If the IND Directorate concerned has established procurement expertise then this exemption should be considered in-house and consultation carried out with relevant third parties, including contractors If not, refer the case immediately to the IND Central FOI Team.
44 Prohibitions on disclosure	Absolute		Unlimited	Consult LAB via IND Central FOI Team.

* This table should be read alongside Annex D in Section 2 of this IDI Chapter on authorisation levels in IND Directorates for releasing and withholding non-routine requested information.