

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000

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The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000 regulates the use of covert activities by local authorities. The legal requirements are supplemented by codes of practice issued by the Home Office. Special authorisation is required for surveillance and any such activity must be both necessary and proportionate. For Oxfordshire County Council, authorisation must be obtained from the County Solicitor or the designated officer in Trading Standards, as appropriate. All authorisations are recorded centrally by the County Solicitor.

The authorisations occurring up to the end of May 2011 are set out in this schedule.

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act – Directed Surveillance Authorisations – Non-Trading Standards

No. in Register	Date of Authorisation	Department/Directorate making application	Type of Request	Reason/Purpose	Refused Authorisations
1	23.10.03	County Facilities Management	Surveillance	Observation of kitchen staff to ascertain whether food is being taken	
2.	05.11.02	ICT	Investigation of PC	To ascertain the extent of private use of computer	
3.	16.03.05	County Facilities Management	Surveillance	Observation of kitchen staff to ascertain whether thefts were taking place	
4.	07.06.06	Children, Young People & Families	Surveillance	To gather evidence of contact within Care Proceedings	
5.	30.06.08	Children and Families	Surveillance of private address	Intelligence suggested breach of Court Order relating to child protection	
6.	28.01.10	Countryside Service	Surveillance	To gather evidence of criminal	

damage.

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act – Directed Surveillance Authorisations – Trading Standards

Date of Authorisation	Department/Directorate making application	Type of Request	Reason/Purpose	Refused Authorisations
19.06.01	Trading Standards	To record poster details and conversations re: pre-paid phone cards	To conduct an audit of rates quoted and compliance with the code of practice.	
15.08.01	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Intelligence suggested selling counterfeit goods	
26.09.01	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchase - private DVDs	
16.10.01	Trading Standards	Surveillance in shops	Test purchases regarding sales of cigarettes, fireworks and videos to underage children.	
18.02.02	Trading Standards	Tape recording telephone conversations	To ascertain if advertised price is actual price.	
12.03.02	Trading Standards	Surveillance of trader selling goods at local hotel	Intelligence suggested breaches of consumer protection laws	
22.03.02	Trading Standards	Surveillance of individual	To ascertain identity and check trade description issues	
24.09.02	Trading Standards	To record phone conversations	Checks on full services of cars to see what is covered and what is done	
11.03.03	Trading Standards	Surveillance of individuals and vehicles	False trade descriptions, misleading pricing	
28.04.03	Trading Standards	Surveillance of individual to establish identity and where stocks are kept	Counterfeit goods	
28.07.04	Trading Standards	Surveillance of	To establish whether transactions	

27.05.05	Trading Standards	transactions Surveillance of trader	are illegal – imperial weights. To identify address re: counterfeit DVDs.	
03.08.07	Trading Standards	Assist an investigation	Establish likely timing of possible future offences.	CHIS
11.10.07	Trading Standards	Surveillance of individual	Alleged illegal sales and storage of fireworks.	
31.07.08	Trading Standards	Surveillance on location	To identify a rogue trader obtaining money from a vulnerable person	
29.10.08	Trading Standards	Surveillance on individual	Alleged illegal sales and storage of fireworks.	
30.10.08	Trading Standards	Surveillance of individual	Alleged illegal sales and storage of fireworks.	
16.01.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (10)	Test purchasing of underage sales of alcohol	
30.01.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (13)	Test purchasing of underage sales of alcohol	
13.02.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (14)	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives	
16.02.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (13)	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives	
16.02.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (14)	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives	
16.02.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of car boot	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives	
11.03.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of a property	To ascertain evidence of trading name	
17.03.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (9)	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives	
17.03.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops/garden centre (9)	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives	

16.04.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (10)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes
24.04.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (13)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes
14.05.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (12)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes
10.06.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (18)	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives
03.07.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (4)	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives
03.07.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (7)	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives
10.06.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives
09.07.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (9)	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives
09.07.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (3)	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives
09.07.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (3)	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives
09.07.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (3)	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives
09.07.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes
09.07.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes
09.07.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (7)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes
09.07.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes
09.07.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes

12.08.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of individuals to identify vehicles	Investigation into money laundering offences
03.09.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of public houses (8)	Underage sales of cigarettes from vending machines in pubs
14.09.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of properties/vehicles	To gather evidence into possible offences under Consumer Protection Regs and Fraud Act.
25.09.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of public houses (15)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes from vending machines.
09.10.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of public houses (15)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes from vending machines.
26.10.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of property and individual	To establish residence and trading and operating.
28.10.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (12)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes
28.10.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (40)	Test purchasing of underage sales of fireworks.
28.10.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (3)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes.
20.11.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (8)	Test purchasing of underage sales of alcohol
25.11.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (4)	Test purchasing of underage sales of alcohol
09.12.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of public houses (4)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes from vending machines.
09.12.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (13)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes.
22.01.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops	Test purchasing of underage sales

		and public houses (7)	of cigarettes from shops and vending machines.
11.02.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops and garages (9)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes
11.02.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops and garages (12)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes
12.03.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of premises	Surveillance to establish if illegal activities are taking place and to avoid an unwarranted raid and to gather evidence in relation to animals.
27.06.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (9)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes.
27.06.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (8)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes.
03.08.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (9)	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives.
07.09.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of property	Surveillance of property to identify offender in possible criminal activity.
22.09.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of public houses (12)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes from vending machines.
22.09.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes.
22.09.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of property	Surveillance of property to identify offender in possible criminal activity.
27.09.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of property	Surveillance of property to identify offender in possible criminal activity.
25.10.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sale

25.10.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of public houses (6)	of knives. Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes from vending machines.
26.10.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (24)	Test purchasing of underage sales of fireworks.
02.11.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of property	Surveillance of property to identify offender of possible criminal activity.
02.11.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of property	Surveillance of property to identify offender of possible criminal activity.
16.11.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of property	Surveillance of property to identify offers of possible criminal activity.
18.11.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (4)	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives.
18.11.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of public houses (14)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes from vending machines.
18.11.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (5)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes.
08.12.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (10)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes.
17.12.10	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (9)	Test purchasing of underage sales of alcohol or alcoholic gifts.
25.01.11	Trading Standards	Surveillance of property	Surveillance of property to identify evidence of possible criminal activity.
09.02.11	Trading Standards	Surveillance of property	Surveillance of property to identify evidence of possible criminal activity.

15.02.11	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops and pub car park (13)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes.
06.04.11	Trading Standards	Surveillance of property	Surveillance of property to identify evidence of possible criminal activity.
12.04.11	Trading Standards	Surveillance of property	Surveillance of property to identify evidence of possible criminal activity and assist with possible arrest.
26.04.11	Trading Standards	Surveillance of filling stations (11)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes.
26.04.11	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops (5)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes.
19.05.11	Trading Standards	Surveillance of property	Surveillance of property to identify evidence of possible criminal activity.
19.05.11	Trading Standards	Surveillance of property	Surveillance of property to identify evidence of possible criminal activity.
31.05.11	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops and public houses (15)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes.
31.05.11	Trading Standards	Surveillance of car boot sale	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives.
16.06.11	Trading Standards	Surveillance of property	Surveillance of property to identify evidence of possible criminal activity.
13.07.11	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops and public houses (16)	Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes.
13.07.11	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop (1)	Test purchasing of underage sales of alcohol.

Covert use of a Human Intelligence Source (CHIS)

In the financial year 2007/08 the relevant officer within Oxfordshire Trading Standards granted one authorisation under RIPA to use Covert Human Intelligence Services (CHIS). This is shown at row 13 above. The purpose was to assist an investigation into the alleged current activities of a known offender. The nature of the task to be undertaken by the source was to obtain intelligence for use within that investigation.

Before the financial year 2007/08, there are no recorded uses of CHIS.