

## **ELECTRONIC AND COMPUTER BASED EVIDENCE POLICY**

### **1.0 Policy Statement**

- 1.1 British Transport Police (BTP) will employ methods to obtain and secure computer based and other electronic evidence (including that from mobile phones) in such a way as to make it admissible in a court of law. All BTP officers and relevant staff are responsible for ensuring that their actions comply with all relevant legislation and ACPO Guidelines.

### **2.0 Overview**

- 2.1 This policy replaces the previous document reference D59195.
- 2.2 This policy stems from ACPO Best Practice Guide for Computer based Electronic Evidence.
- 2.3 This policy will apply to all police officers, PCSOs and other relevant Police Staff mentioned in the procedures.
- 2.4 This policy applies in England, Wales, and Scotland.

### **3.0 Applicable Date, Monitoring and Review**

- 3.1 This policy is applicable from 15 May 2006.
- 3.2 This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.



#### **4.0 Ownership**

- 4.1 This policy is owned by ACC Crime.
- 4.2 Any queries related to this policy should be directed to the Detective Sergeant (Hi-Tech Crime Unit, FHQ).

#### **5.0 Associated Documents**

- 5.1 BTP HI-TECH CRIME STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES.
- 5.2 D9657 SEIZURE - RETENTION OF PROPERTY SEIZED BY POLICE.
- 5.3 D1937 COMPUTER MISUSE - INTRODUCTION AND INDEX.