



Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 20

PART 3

BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE

Police Force

21 Chief Constable

- (1) The Authority shall appoint a Chief Constable of the Police Force.
- (2) An appointment under subsection (1) may be made only—
 - (a) with the approval of the Secretary of State, and
 - (b) in accordance with regulations under section 36.
- (3) In performing his functions the Chief Constable shall have regard to—
 - (a) any relevant code of practice issued or having effect under section 48,
 - (b) any relevant plan issued under section 52, and
 - (c) any relevant plan issued under section 55.
- (4) The Secretary of State may make regulations about the suspension and removal of the Chief Constable.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4)—
 - (a) may apply (with or without modification) or make provision similar to a provision made by or under the Police Act 1996 (c. 16),
 - (b) may confer a function on the Secretary of State (which may include a discretionary function or a function of requiring the Authority to act),
 - (c) may permit the Secretary of State to delegate a function or to confer a function (which may include a discretionary function) on a person or group, and
 - (d) may make provision about costs.

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- (6) Regulations under subsection (4) which deal with a matter addressed by a provision made by or under the Police Act 1996 may differ from that provision only so far as necessary to reflect the structure and circumstances of the Police Force.
- (7) Before making regulations under subsection (4) the Secretary of State shall consult—
- (a) the Authority,
 - (b) the Chief Constable, and
 - (c) such other persons as he thinks fit.
- (8) In this Part “the Chief Constable” means the Chief Constable of the Police Force.

Commencement Information

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