



Deer Act 1991

1991 CHAPTER 54

Enforcement etc.

12 Powers of search, arrest and seizure.

- (1) If a constable suspects with reasonable cause that any person is committing or has committed an offence under this Act, the constable may without warrant—
 - (a) stop and search that person if the constable suspects with reasonable cause that evidence of the commission of the offence is to be found on that person;
 - (b) search or examine any vehicle, animal, weapon or other thing which that person may then be using if the constable suspects with reasonable cause that evidence of the commission of the offence is to be found on that vehicle, animal, weapon or other thing;
 - (c) seize and detain for the purposes of proceedings under this Act anything which is evidence of the commission of the offence and any deer, venison, vehicle, animal, weapon or other thing which is liable to be forfeited under section 13 below.
- (2) For the purposes of—
 - (a) exercising the powers conferred by subsection (1) above, or
 - (b) arresting a person, in accordance with [F1section 24] of the M1Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (general arrest conditions), for an offence under this Act,a constable may enter any land other than a dwelling-house.
- (3) A constable may sell any deer or venison seized under this section and the net proceeds of the sale shall be liable to be detained and forfeited in the same manner as the deer or venison sold; but he shall not be subject to any liability on account of his neglect or failure to exercise the powers conferred on him by this subsection.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 12(2)(b) substituted (1.1.2006) by [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 178(8), [Sch. 7 para. 61](#); S.I. 2005/3495, art. 2(1)(m)

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