



Aviation (Offences) Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 19

U.K.

An Act to make provision about the enforcement of certain offences connected with aviation. [10th July 2003]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Arrest without warrant **U.K.**

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(3) The following shall be inserted after section 82(3) of the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (c. 24) (aviation security: arrest in Scotland without warrant)—

“(3A) Where, in Scotland, a constable has reasonable grounds for suspecting that a person has committed an offence of contravening a provision of an Order in Council made under section 60 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 (Air Navigation Orders) and the offence relates to—

- (a) a provision which prohibits specified behaviour by a person in an aircraft towards a member of the crew of the aircraft,
- (b) a provision which prohibits a person from being drunk in an aircraft, in so far as the provision applies to passengers, or
- (c) a provision which prohibits specified behaviour by a person, being behaviour which is likely to endanger an aircraft, or a person in an aircraft,

the constable may arrest that person without warrant.”

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Aviation (Offences) Act 2003. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1(1) repealed (1.1.2006) by [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 178(8)(8), [Sch. 17 Pt. 2](#); [S.I. 2005/3495](#), art. 2(1)(u)
- F2** S. 1(2) repealed (N.I.) (1.3.2007) by [The Police and Criminal Evidence \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/288\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2](#)

2 Penalties **U.K.**

The following shall be inserted after section 61(2) of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 (c. 16) (air navigation order: offence: maximum penalty)—

“(2A) Subsection (2)(c) above shall have effect with the substitution of “ five years ” for “two years” in the case of a provision about endangering an aircraft or a person in an aircraft.”

3 Commencement **U.K.**

This Act shall have effect in relation to an offence committed or alleged to have been committed after the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which it is passed.

4 Extent **U.K.**

This Act extends to Northern Ireland.

5 Short Title **U.K.**

This Act may be cited as the Aviation (Offences) Act 2003.

Changes to legislation:

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