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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2008 No. 188**

**The Dumfries and Galloway Council (Port William) Harbour Empowerment Order 2008**

**PART II**

**HARBOUR REGULATION**

*Byelaws*

**Powers to make byelaws, etc.**

**28.**—(1) The Council may from time to time make byelaws for the efficient management and regulation of the harbour and the harbour undertaking.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1) above, byelaws may be made under this article for all or any of the purposes set out in Schedule 2 to this Order.

(3) Byelaws made under this article may—

- (a) provide for imposing upon persons offending against them, or against any condition, requirement or direction imposed, made or given thereunder on summary conviction, fines not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale;
- (b) relate to the whole of the harbour or to any part thereof;
- (c) make different provisions for different parts of the harbour or in relation to different classes of vessels.

(4) Where a person is charged with an offence against a byelaw in force under this article, it shall be a defence that the offence was not caused or facilitated by any act or neglect on his part or on the part of any person engaged or employed by him and, if he was at the material time the owner or master of a vessel, that all reasonable steps were taken to prevent the commission of the offence.

(5) Where the Scottish Ministers propose to exercise the power of modification conferred on them by subsection (10) of section 202 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973<sup>(1)</sup>, and the modification appears to them to be substantial, they shall inform the Council and require it to take any steps they consider necessary for informing persons likely to be concerned with the modification, and shall not confirm the byelaws until such period has elapsed as they think reasonable for consideration of, and comment upon, the proposed modification by the Council and by other persons who have been informed of it.

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(1) 1973 c. 65.