



British Museum Act 1963

1963 CHAPTER 24

5 Disposal of objects.

- (1) The Trustees of the British Museum may sell, exchange, give away or otherwise dispose of any object vested in them and comprised in their collections if—
 - (a) the object is a duplicate of another such object, or
 - (b) the object appears to the Trustees to have been made not earlier than the year 1850, and substantially consists of printed matter of which a copy made by photography or a process akin to photography is held by the Trustees, or
 - (c) in the opinion of the Trustees the object is unfit to be retained in the collections of the Museum and can be disposed of without detriment to the interests of students:

Provided that where an object has become vested in the Trustees by virtue of a gift or bequest the powers conferred by this subsection shall not be exercisable as respects that object in a manner inconsistent with any condition attached to the gift or bequest.

- (2) The Trustees may destroy or otherwise dispose of any object vested in them and comprised in their collections if satisfied that it has become useless for the purposes of the Museum by reason of damage, physical deterioration, or infestation by destructive organisms.
- (3) Money accruing to the Trustees by virtue of an exercise of the powers conferred by this section [^{F1}or section 6 of the Museums and Galleries Act 1992] shall be laid out by them in the purchase of objects to be added to the collections of the Museum.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 5(3) inserted (1.9.1992) by [Museums and Galleries Act 1992 \(c. 44\)](#), s. 11(2), Sch. 8 Pt. 1 para. 5(b); [S.I. 1992/1874](#), [art.2](#).

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the British Museum Act 1963, Section 5.