



# Caravan Sites Act 1968

## 1968 CHAPTER 52

### PART III

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### 13 Twin-unit caravans.

- (1) A structure designed or adapted for human habitation which—
- (a) is composed of not more than two sections separately constructed and designed to be assembled on a site by means of bolts, clamps or other devices; and
  - (b) is, when assembled, physically capable of being moved by road from one place to another (whether by being towed, or by being transported on a motor vehicle or trailer),

shall not be treated as not being (or as not having been) a caravan within the meaning of Part I of the <sup>M1</sup>Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 by reason only that it cannot lawfully be so moved on a [<sup>F1</sup>highway][<sup>F1</sup>road] when assembled.

- (2) For the purposes of Part I of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, the expression “caravan” shall not include a structure designed or adapted for human habitation which falls within paragraphs (a) and (b) of the foregoing subsection if its dimensions when assembled exceed any of the following limits, namely—
- (a) length (exclusive of any drawbar): [<sup>F2</sup>60][<sup>F2</sup>65.616] feet ([<sup>F2</sup>18.288][<sup>F2</sup>20] metres);
  - (b) width: [<sup>F3</sup>20][<sup>F3</sup>22.309] feet ([<sup>F3</sup>6.096][<sup>F3</sup>6.8] metres);
  - (c) overall height of living accommodation (measured internally from the floor at the lowest level to the ceiling at the highest level): [<sup>F4</sup>10][<sup>F4</sup>10.006] feet ([<sup>F4</sup>3.048][<sup>F4</sup>3.05] metres).
- (3) The [<sup>F5</sup>Minister][<sup>F5</sup>Secretary of State] may by order made by statutory instrument after consultation with such persons or bodies as appear to him to be concerned substitute for any figure mentioned in subsection (2) of this section such other figure as may be specified in the order.

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- (4) Any statutory instrument made by virtue of subsection (3) of this section shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word “road” substituted (S.) for word “highway” by [Roads \(Scotland\) Act 1984 \(c. 54, SIF 108\)](#), s. 128(1), [Sch. 9 para. 65](#)
- F2** Words in s. 13(2)(a) substituted (E.) (1.10.2006) by [Caravan Sites Act 1968 and Social Landlords \(Permissible Additional Purposes\) \(England\) Order 2006 \(Definition of Caravan\) \(Amendment\) \(England\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2374\)](#), [arts. 1\(1\), 2\(a\)](#); and substituted (W.) (30.11.2007) by [The Caravan Sites Act 1968 \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3163\)](#), [arts. 1, 2\(a\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 13(2)(b) substituted (E.) (1.10.2006) by [Caravan Sites Act 1968 and Social Landlords \(Permissible Additional Purposes\) \(England\) Order 2006 \(Definition of Caravan\) \(Amendment\) \(England\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2374\)](#), [arts. 1\(1\), 2\(b\)](#); and substituted (W.) (30.11.2007) by [The Caravan Sites Act 1968 \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3163\)](#), [arts. 1, 2\(b\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 13(2)(c) substituted (E.) (1.10.2006) by [Caravan Sites Act 1968 and Social Landlords \(Permissible Additional Purposes\) \(England\) Order 2006 \(Definition of Caravan\) \(Amendment\) \(England\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2374\)](#), [arts. 1\(1\), 2\(c\)](#); and substituted (W.) (30.11.2007) by [The Caravan Sites Act 1968 \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3163\)](#), [arts. 1, 2\(c\)](#)
- F5** Words in s. 13(3) substituted (E.W.) (5.11.2013) by [Mobile Homes \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 6\)](#), s. 64(1), [Sch. 4 para. 2\(4\)](#) (with [Sch. 5 para. 7](#)) (this amendment is to be treated as not having effect until 1.10.2014 by virtue of [S.I. 2014/11](#), art. 3(2))

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** [1960 c. 62.](#)

## 14 Offences.

- (1) Where an offence under this Act committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, any director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate or any person who is purporting to act in any such capacity, he as well as the body corporate shall be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (2) Proceedings for an offence under this Act may be instituted by any local authority.

## 15 Financial provision.

There shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament any increase which may arise in consequence of this Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided in respect of rate support grant under the <sup>M2</sup>[Local Government Act 1966](#).

#### Marginal Citations

- M2** [1966 c. 42.](#)

## 16 Interpretation.

[<sup>F6</sup>In this Act the following expressions have the following meanings that is to say—

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“caravan” has the same meaning as in Part I of the <sup>M3</sup>Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, as amended by this Act;

<sup>F7</sup>  
...

“local authority” has the same meaning as in section 24 of the <sup>M4</sup>Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960;

<sup>F8</sup>  
...

“planning permission” means permission under [<sup>F9</sup>Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990].]

[<sup>F6</sup>In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“caravan” has the same meaning as in Part I of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, as amended by this Act;

“local authority” means a local authority within the meaning of the <sup>M5</sup>Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and the regional or district planning authority within the meaning of Part IX of that Act;

“the Minister” means the Secretary of State;

“planning permission” means permission under Part III of the <sup>M6</sup>Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act [<sup>F10</sup>1997] .]

#### Textual Amendments

- F6** S. 16 commencing "In this Act, unless the context" substituted (S.) for s. 16 commencing "In this Act the following expressions" by [Mobile Homes Act 1975 \(c. 49, SIF 46:3\)](#), [Sch. Pt. II para. 3](#)
- F7** Definition in s. 16 repealed (3.11.1994) by [1994 c. 33, ss. 80\(1\)\(3\)\(4\), 168\(3\)](#), [Sch. 11](#)
- F8** Words in s. 16 omitted (E.W.) (5.11.2013) by virtue of [Mobile Homes \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 6\)](#), s. [64\(1\)](#), [Sch. 4 para. 2\(5\)](#) (with [Sch. 5 para. 7](#)) (this amendment is to be treated as not having effect until 1.10.2014 by virtue of [S.I. 2014/11](#), art. 3(2))
- F9** Words substituted by virtue of [Planning \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1990 \(c. 11, SIF 123:1,2\)](#) s. 4, Sch. 2 para. 21(2)
- F10** Word in s. 16 substituted (S.) (27.5.1997) by [1997 c. 11, ss. 4, 56\(2\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 16](#)

#### Marginal Citations

- M3** [1960 c. 62.](#)
- M4** [1960 c. 62.](#)
- M5** [1973 c. 65.](#)
- M6** [1972 c. 52.](#)

## 17 Short title, commencement and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Caravan Sites Act 1968.
- (2) This Act, except Part II, shall come into force at the expiration of the period of one month beginning with the day on which it is passed, and Part II shall come into force on such date as the Minister may by order made by statutory instrument appoint.

[<sup>F11</sup>(3) Part I and sections 13, 14(1), 16 subsection (1) above and this subsection shall extend to Scotland as read with section 8 of and the Schedule to the <sup>M7</sup>Mobile Homes Act 1975, but otherwise this Act does not extend to Scotland or Northern Ireland.]

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**Textual Amendments**

**F11** S. 17(3) substituted by [Mobile Homes Act 1975 \(c. 49, SIF 46:3\)](#), s. 8, **Sch. Pt. I para. I**

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** 1.4.1970 appointed under s. 17(2) by [S.I. 1970/199](#)

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**M7** [1975 c. 49](#).

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