



Immigration Act 1971

1971 CHAPTER 77

[^{F1}PART 3A U.K.]

MARITIME ENFORCEMENT

[^{F1}28P Hot pursuit of ships in United Kingdom waters U.K.]

- (1) An immigration officer, an English and Welsh constable or an enforcement officer may exercise Part 1 powers in relation to a ship in Scotland waters or in Northern Ireland waters if—
 - (a) the ship is pursued there,
 - (b) immediately before the pursuit of the ship, the ship was in England and Wales waters, and
 - (c) the condition in subsection (7) is met.
- (2) Part 1 powers may be exercised under subsection (1) only—
 - (a) for the purpose mentioned in subsection (2)(a) of section 28M, and
 - (b) (if relevant) in accordance with subsections (3) and (4) of that section.
- (3) An immigration officer, a Scottish constable or an enforcement officer may exercise Part 2 powers in relation to a ship in England and Wales waters or in Northern Ireland waters if—
 - (a) the ship is pursued there,
 - (b) immediately before the pursuit of the ship, the ship was in Scotland waters, and
 - (c) the condition in subsection (7) is met.
- (4) Part 2 powers may be exercised under subsection (3) only—
 - (a) for the purpose mentioned in subsection (2)(a) of section 28N, and
 - (b) (if relevant) in accordance with subsections (3) and (4) of that section.
- (5) An immigration officer, a Northern Ireland constable or an enforcement officer may exercise Part 3 powers in relation to a ship in England and Wales waters or in Scotland waters if—

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- (a) the ship is pursued there,
 - (b) immediately before the pursuit of the ship, the ship was in Northern Ireland waters, and
 - (c) the condition in subsection (7) is met.
- (6) Part 3 powers may be exercised under subsection (5) only—
- (a) for the purpose mentioned in subsection (2)(a) of section 28O, and
 - (b) (if relevant) in accordance with subsections (3) and (4) of that section.
- (7) The condition referred to in subsection (1)(c), (3)(c) and (5)(c) is that—
- (a) before the pursuit of the ship, a signal is given for it to stop, and
 - (b) the pursuit of the ship is not interrupted.
- (8) The signal referred to in subsection (7)(a) must be given in such a way as to be audible or visible from the ship.
- (9) For the purposes of subsection (7)(b), pursuit is not interrupted by reason only of the fact that—
- (a) the method of carrying out the pursuit, or
 - (b) the identity of the ship or aircraft carrying out the pursuit,
- changes during the course of the pursuit.
- (10) Nothing in this Part affects any other legal right of hot pursuit that a constable or an enforcement officer may have.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Pt. 3A inserted (31.5.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), **Sch. 14 para. 7**; S.I. 2016/603, reg. 2(d)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/981\)](#), **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1** (with art. 6)

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