



# Customs and Excise Management Act 1979

## 1979 CHAPTER 2

### [<sup>F1</sup>PART VIII A

#### FREE ZONES

##### Textual Amendments

**F1** Pt. VIII A (ss. 100A–F) inserted by [Finance Act 1984 \(c. 43, SIF 40:1\)](#), s. 8, [Sch. 4 Pt. I](#)

#### **100A Designation of free zones.**

- (1) The Treasury may by order designate any area in the United Kingdom as a special area for customs purposes.
- (2) An area so designated shall be known as a “free zone”.
  - (3) An order under subsection (1) above—
    - (a) shall have effect for such period as shall be specified in the order;
    - (b) may be made so as to take effect, in relation to the area or any part of the area designated by a previous order under this section, on the expiry of the period specified in the previous order;
    - (c) shall appoint one or more persons as the responsible authority or authorities for the free zone;
    - (d) may impose on any responsible authority such conditions or restrictions as may be specified; and
    - (e) may be revoked if the Commissioners are satisfied that there has been a failure to comply with any condition or restriction.
- (4) The Treasury may by order—
  - (a) from time to time vary—
    - (i) the conditions or restrictions imposed by a designation order; or

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(ii) with the agreement of the responsible authority, the area designated;  
or

(b) appoint one or more persons as the responsible authority or authorities for a free zone either in addition to or in substitution for any person appointed as such by a designation order.

(5) In this Act “designation order” means an order made under subsection (1) above.

(6) Any order under this section shall be made by statutory instrument.

**Subordinate Legislation Made**

- P1 [S. 100A](#) power exercised by [S.I.1991/1737](#)
  - [S. 100A](#) power exercised by [S.I.1991/1738](#)
  - [S. 100A](#) power exercised by [S.I.1991/1739](#)
  - [S. 100A](#) power exercised by [S.I.1991/1740](#)
- For previous exercises of this power, see Index to Government Orders

**F2 100B** .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F2 [S. 100B](#) repealed (1.1.1992) by [S.I. 1991/2727](#), [reg.3\(1\)](#) (with saving in [reg. 3\(2\)](#)); [S. 100B](#) is expressed to be repealed (1.9.1994) by [1994 c. 23](#),ss. 100(2), 101(1), Sch. 15

**F3 100C** .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F3 [S. 100C](#) repealed (1.9.1994) by [1994 c. 23](#), ss. 100(2), 101(1), [Sch. 15](#)

**F4 100D** .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F4 [S. 100D](#) repealed (1.1.1992) by [S.I. 1991/2727](#), [reg. 3\(1\)](#) (with saving in [reg. 3\(2\)](#))

**F5 100E** .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F5 [S. 100E](#) repealed (1.1.1992) by [S.I. 1991/2727](#), [reg.3\(1\)](#) (with saving in [reg. 3\(2\)](#))

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**100F Powers of search.**

- (1) Any person entering or leaving a free zone shall answer such questions as any officer may put to him with respect to any goods and shall, if required by the officer, produce those goods for examination at such place as the Commissioners may direct.
- (2) At any time while a vehicle is entering or leaving a free zone, any officer may board the vehicle and search any part of it.
- (3) Any officer may at any time enter upon and inspect a free zone and all buildings and goods within the zone.]

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