



# Customs and Excise Management Act 1979

## 1979 CHAPTER 2

### PART XI

#### DETENTION OF PERSONS, FORFEITURE AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

##### *General provisions as to legal proceedings*

#### **147 Proceedings for offences.**

- (1) <sup>F1</sup> ...
- (2) Where, in England or Wales, a magistrates' court has begun to inquire into an information charging a person with an offence under the customs and excise Acts as examining justices the court shall not proceed under [<sup>F2</sup>section 25(3) of the <sup>M1</sup>Magistrates' Courts Act 1980] to try the information summarily without the consent of—
  - (a) the Attorney General, in a case where the proceedings were instituted by his order and in his name; or
  - (b) the Commissioners, in any other case.
- (3) In the case of proceedings in England or Wales, without prejudice to any right to require the statement of a case for the opinion of the High Court, the prosecutor may appeal to the Crown Court against any decision of a magistrates' court in proceedings for an offence under the customs and excise Acts.
- (4) In the case of proceedings in Northern Ireland, without prejudice to any right to require the statement of a case for the opinion of the High Court, the prosecutor may appeal to the county court against any decision of a court of summary jurisdiction in proceedings for an offence under the customs and excise Acts.
- (5) <sup>F3</sup> ...

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 147(1) repealed by [Finance Act 1989](#) (c. 26, SIF 40:1), ss. 16(2)(4), 187(1), **Sch. 17 Pt. I**
- F2** Words substituted by [Magistrates' Courts Act 1980](#) (c. 43, SIF 82), s. 154, **Sch. 7 para. 176**
- F3** S. 147(5) repealed by [Criminal Justice Act 1982](#) (c. 48, SIF 39:1), s. 77, **Sch. 14 para. 42**

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 147, 148 extended by [Car Tax Act 1983](#) (c. 53, SIF 40:2), s. 1(4), **Sch. 1 para. 8(8)**, [Value Added Tax Act 1983](#) (c. 55, SIF 40:2), **s. 39(9)**, S.I. 1987/2105, reg. 5(2) and 1988/1476, art. 5(2)
- C2** Ss. 144-148, 150-155 applied (01.01.1992) by S.I. 1991/2724, **reg. 10(2)**  
Ss. 144-148, 150-155 applied (01.01.1992) by S.I. 1991/2725, **reg. 6(2)**
- C3** Ss. 144-148, 150-155 applied (01.01.1992) by S.I. 1991/2727, **reg. 7(2)**
- C4** Ss. 145-152, extended (27.9.1993) by 1993 c. 36, **ss. 71(7)**, 78.
- C5** Ss. 144-148, 150-155 applied (23.6.1993) by S.I. 1993/1353, **reg. 4(2)**
- C6** Ss. 145-155 applied (3.5.1994) by 1994 c. 9, s. 64, **Sch. 7 Pt. IV para. 11**  
Ss.145-155 applied (with modifications) (1.9.1994) by 1994 c. 23, ss. 72(12), 101(1), **Sch. 13 para. 13** (with s. 57(4))  
Ss. 145-155 applied (29.4.1996) by 1996 c. 8, s. 60, **Sch. 5 Pt. III para. 17**
- C7** Ss. 145-148 applied (1.3.1995) by S.I. 1995/271, **reg. 12(2)(3)**  
Ss. 145-148 applied (15.11.1996) by S.I. 1996/2721, **reg. 12(2)**  
Ss. 145-148 applied (1.5.1999) by S.I. 1999/1261, **reg. 4(4)**  
Ss. 145-148 applied (14.10.1999) by S.I. 1999/2821, **reg. 4(4)**  
Ss. 145-148 applied (14.10.1999) by S.I. 1999/2822, **reg. 4(4)**  
Ss. 145-148 applied (with modifications) (15.7.1998) by S.I. 1998/1531, **reg. 4(4)(5)**  
Ss. 145-148 applied (25.5.2000) by S.I. 2000/1408, **reg. 3(4)**  
Ss. 145-155 applied (28.7.2000) by 2000 c. 17, s. 30(1), **Sch. 6 Pt. VIII para. 96**  
Ss. 145-148 applied (28.9.2000) by S.I. 2000/2620, **reg. 12(2)**  
Ss. 145-155 applied (11.5.2001) by 2001 c. 9, **s. 26(5)**  
Ss. 145-155 applied (11.5.2001) by 2001 c. 9, s. 28, **Sch. 6 para. 5**  
Ss. 145-148 applied (31.3.2002) by S.I. 2002/868, **reg. 4(4)**
- C8** Ss. 145-148 applied (6.2.2004) by [The Democratic Republic of Congo \(Financing and Financial Assistance and Technical Advice, Assistance and Training\) \(Penalties and Licences\) Regulations 2004](#) (S.I. 2004/221), regs. 1(1), **4(4)** (with reg. 4(5))
- C9** Ss. 145-148 applied (19.2.2004) by [The Sudan \(Technical Assistance and Financing and Financial Assistance\) \(Penalties and Licences\) Regulations 2004](#) (S.I. 2004/373), regs. 1(1), **4(4)** (with reg. 4(5))
- C10** Ss. 145-148 applied (26.2.2004) by [The Liberia \(Technical Assistance and Financing and Financial Assistance\) \(Penalties and Licences\) Regulations 2004](#) (S.I. 2004/432), regs. 1(1), **4(4)** (with reg. 4(5))
- C11** Ss. 145-148 applied (3.3.2004) by [The Trade in Controlled Goods \(Embargoed Destinations\) Order 2004](#) (S.I. 2004/318), arts. 1, **11(2)** (with art. 11(3))
- C12** Ss. 145-148 applied (1.5.2004) by [Export of Goods, Transfer of Technology and Provision of Technical Assistance \(Control\) Order 2003](#) (S.I. 2003/2764), arts. 1, **21(4)**
- C13** Ss. 145-148 applied (1.5.2004) by [The Trade in Goods \(Control\) Order 2003](#) (S.I. 2003/2765), arts. 1(1), **12(2)**
- C14** Ss. 145-148 applied (17.5.2004) by [The Burma \(Sale, Supply, Export, Technical Assistance, Financing and Financial Assistance and Shipment of Equipment\) \(Penalties and Licences\) Regulations 2004](#) (S.I. 2004/1315), regs. 1(1), **4(4)**
- C15** Ss. 145-148 applied (9.2.2005) by [The Export Control \(Iraq and Ivory Coast\) Order 2005](#) (S.I. 2005/232), arts. 1(1), **5(4)**
- C16** Ss. 145-148 applied (27.6.2005) by [The Export Control \(Democratic Republic of Congo\) Order 2005](#) (S.I. 2005/1677), arts. 1(1), **7(3)**
- C17** Ss. 145-148 applied (26.11.2005) by [The Export Control \(Uzbekistan\) Order 2005](#) (S.I. 2005/3257), arts. 1(1), **6(3)**

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- C18** Ss. 145-148 applied (27.7.2006) by [The Export Control \(Liberia\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2065\)](#), arts. 1(1), **7(3)**
- C19** Ss. 145-148 applied (30.7.2006) by [The Technical Assistance Control Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1719\)](#), regs. 1(1), **6(3)**
- C20** Ss. 145-148 applied (11.10.2006) by [The Burma \(Sale, Supply, Export, Technical Assistance, Financing and Financial Assistance\) \(Penalties and Licences\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2682\)](#), art. 1(1), **reg. 6(3)**
- C21** Ss. 145-148 applied (11.10.2006) by [The Lebanon \(Technical Assistance, Financing and Financial Assistance\) \(Penalties and Licences\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2681\)](#), regs. 1(1), **5(3)**
- C22** S. 147 applied (27.4.2007) by [The Export Control \(North Korea\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1334\)](#), arts. 1(1), **7(4)**
- C23** S. 147 applied (26.5.2007) by [The Export Control \(Iran\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1526\)](#), arts. 1(1), **6(4)**
- C24** S. 147 applied (23.4.2008) by [The Export Control \(Burma\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1098\)](#), arts. 1(1), **11(4)**
- C25** Ss. 146-148 applied (6.4.2009) by [The Export Control Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/3231\)](#), arts. 1, **41(4)**
- C26** Ss. 145-148 applied by 1983 c. 18, s. 1D(3) (as inserted (30.11.2009) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 153(7), **Sch. 17 para. 3**; S.I. 2009/3074, art. 2(q))
- C27** S. 147 applied by SI 2009/1749, art. 13(3) (as substituted (11.12.2009) by [The North Korea \(United Nations Sanctions\) \(Amendment\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/3213\)](#), arts. 1(1), **11**)
- C28** S. 147 applied (20.2.2010) by [The Export Control \(Guinea\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/364\)](#), arts. 1(1), **7(4)**
- C29** Ss. 147, 148 applied by S.I. 2009/886, art. 11(3) (as substituted (17.12.2010) by [The Iran \(United Nations Sanctions\) \(Amendment\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/2978\)](#), arts. 1(1), **15**)

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1980 c. 43.

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