



Customs and Excise Management Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 2

PART XI

DETENTION OF PERSONS, FORFEITURE AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

General provisions as to legal proceedings

148 Place of trial for offences.

- (1) Proceedings for an offence under the customs and excise Acts may be commenced—
- (a) in any court having jurisdiction in the place where the person charged with the offence resides or is found; or
 - (b) if any thing was detained or seized in connection with the offence, in any court having jurisdiction in the place where that thing was so detained or seized or was found or condemned as forfeited; or
 - (c) in any court having jurisdiction anywhere in that part of the United Kingdom, namely—
 - (i) England and Wales,
 - (ii) Scotland, or
 - (iii) Northern Ireland,in which the place where the offence was committed is situated.
- (2) Where any such offence was committed at some place outside the area of any commission of the peace, the place of the commission of the offence shall, for the purpose of the jurisdiction of any court, be deemed to be any place in the United Kingdom where the offender is found or to which he is first brought after the commission of the offence.
- (3) The jurisdiction under subsection (2) above shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any jurisdiction or power of any court under any other enactment.

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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. 145-52 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](#)
 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 (with modifications) (15.7.1998) by [S.I. 1998/1531](#), [reg. 4\(4\)](#)
 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 (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\(3\)](#)
- 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\(3\)](#)

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- 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. 148 applied (27.4.2007) by The Export Control (North Korea) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1334), arts. 1(1), **7(4)**
- C23** S. 148 applied (26.5.2007) by The Export Control (Iran) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1526), arts. 1(1), **6(4)**
- C24** S. 148 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. 148 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. 148 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**)
- C30** S. 148 applied (17.2.2011) by The Export Control (Somalia) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/146), arts. 1(1), **5(4)**
- C31** S. 148 applied (17.2.2011) by The Export Control (Liberia) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/145), arts. 1(1), **6(4)**
- C32** S. 148 applied (18.3.2011) by The Export Control (Libya) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/825), arts. 1(1), **7(4)**
- C33** S. 148 applied (25.5.2011) by The Export Control (Syria and Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1304), arts. 1(1), **7(4)**
- C34** S. 148 applied (13.6.2011) by The Export Control (Eritrea and Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1296), arts. 1(1), **6(4)**
- C35** S. 148 applied (13.6.2011) by The Export Control (Iran) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1297), arts. 1, **14(4)** (with art. 4)
- C36** S. 148 applied (5.9.2011) by The Export Control (Belarus) and (Syria Amendment) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2010), arts. 1(1), **7(4)**
- C37** S. 148 applied (30.11.2011) by The Export Control (Al-Qaida and Taliban Sanctions) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/2649), regs. 1(1), **8(3)**
- C38** S. 148 applied (30.12.2011) by The Export Control (Sudan and South Sudan Sanctions) and (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/2925), regs. 1(1), **7(3)**
- C39** S. 148 applied (5.4.2012) by The Export Control (Syria Sanctions) and (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/810), arts. 1(1), **15(4)**
- C40** S. 148 applied (1.6.2012) by The Export Control (Iran Sanctions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/1243), arts. 1(1), **19(4)**
- C41** S. 148 applied (28.8.2013) by The Export Control (Burma Sanctions) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/1964), arts. 1(1), **9(4)**
- C42** S. 148 applied (6.9.2013) by The Export Control (Syria Sanctions) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/2012), arts. 1(1), **18(4)**
- C43** S. 148 applied (7.1.2014) by The Export Control (North Korea and Ivory Coast Sanctions and Syria Amendment) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/3182), arts. 1(1), **13(4)**
- C44** S. 148 applied (26.9.2014) by The Export Control (Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol Sanctions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/2357), arts. 1(1), **12(4)**
- C45** S. 148 applied (31.12.2014) by The Export Control (Sudan, South Sudan and Central African Republic Sanctions) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/3258), regs. 1(1), **10(3)**
- C46** S. 148 applied (11.8.2015) by The Export Control (Democratic Republic of Congo Sanctions and Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/1546), arts. 1(1), **8(4)**
- C47** S. 148 applied (27.8.2015) by The Export Control (Yemen Sanctions) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1586), regs. 1(1), **6(3)**

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- C48** S. 148 applied (6.5.2016) by The Export Control (Iran Sanctions) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/503), arts. 1(1), **16(4)**
- C49** S. 148 applied (12.8.2016) by The Export Control (Libya Sanctions) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/787), arts. 1, **10(4)**
- C50** S. 148 applied (22.2.2017) by The Export Control (North Korea Sanctions and Iran, Ivory Coast and Syria Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/83), arts. 1, **16(4)**
- C51** S. 148 applied (26.2.2018) by The Export Control (Venezuela Sanctions) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/108), arts. 1(1), **9(4)**
- C52** S. 148 applied (with modifications) (14.3.2018) by The Export Control (North Korea Sanctions) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/200), arts. 1, **24(8)-(10)**
- C53** Ss. 144-156 applied (with modifications) (6.4.2018) by The Soft Drinks Industry Levy (Enforcement) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/264), regs. 1(1), 2, **Sch.** (with regs. 3-5)
- C54** S. 148 applied (with modifications) (13.8.2018) by The Export Control (Burma Sanctions) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/871), arts. 1, **10(8)-(10)**
- C55** S. 148 applied (with modifications) (14.8.2018) by The Export Control (Burma Sanctions) (No. 2) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/894), arts. 1, **10(8)-(10)** (as amended (1.10.2019) by The Export Control (Sanctions) (Amendment) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/1236), arts. 1(2), 7)
- C56** Ss. 145-155 applied (with effect in accordance with s. 85(1)(b) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 2021 (c. 26), **ss. 81**, 85(1)(a); S.I. 2021/1409, regs. 3, **4**
- C57** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Burma (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (revoked) 2019 (S.I. 2019/136), regs. 1(2), **56(5)(6)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 4(2)2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C58** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Venezuela (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/135), regs. 1(2), **56(5)(6)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 3(2)2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C59** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/792), regs. 1(3), **84(5)(6)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C60** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Sudan (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/753), regs. 1(2), **55(5)(6)**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 15(2)
- C61** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The South Sudan (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/438), regs. 1(2), **54(5)(6)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 6(2)2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C62** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Syria (United Nations Sanctions) (Cultural Property) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1233), regs. 1(2), **24(5)(6)**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 19
- C63** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/433), regs. 1(2), **54(5)(6)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 5(2)2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C64** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Zimbabwe (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/604), regs. 1(2), **54(5)(6)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 13(2)2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C65** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Counter-Terrorism (International Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/573), regs. 1(2), **47(5)(6)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 11(2)2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C66** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Central African Republic (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/616), regs. 1(2), **54(5)(6)**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 10(2)
- C67** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/411), regs. 1(2), **115(5)(6)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 7(2)2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C68** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Yemen (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1278), regs. 1(2), **54(5)(6)**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 20(2)
- C69** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Somalia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/642), regs. 1(2), **68(5)(6)**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 12(2)

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- C70** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida (United Nations Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/466), regs. 1(2), **44(5)(6)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 9(2)2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C71** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Afghanistan (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/948), regs. 1(2), **43(5)(6)**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 16(2)
- C72** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Republic of Belarus (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/600), regs. 1(2), **53(5)(6)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 12(2)2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C73** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Libya (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1665), regs. 1(3), **71(5)(6)**
- C74** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Lebanon (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/612), regs. 1(2), **29(5)(6)**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 9
- C75** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Iraq (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/707), regs. 1(2), **55(5)(6)**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 14(2)
- C76** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Iran (Sanctions) (Nuclear) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/461), regs. 1(2), **61(5)(6)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 8(2)2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C77** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/855), regs. 1(2), **85(5)(6)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C78** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Iran (Sanctions) (Human Rights) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/134), regs. 1(2), **56(5)(6)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 2(2)2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C79** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (29.4.2021 at 5.00 pm) by The Myanmar (Sanctions) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/496), regs. 1(3), **65(5)(6)**
- C80** S. 148(1) applied (with modifications) (28.12.2022) by The Haiti (Sanctions) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/1281), regs. 1(2), **45(5)(6)**

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