



Customs and Excise Management Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 2

PART XI

DETENTION OF PERSONS, FORFEITURE AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

General provisions as to legal proceedings

155 Persons who may conduct proceedings.

- (1) [^{F1}An officer of Revenue and Customs or other person authorised by the Commissioners may conduct criminal proceedings relating to an assigned matter before a court of summary jurisdiction in Scotland or Northern Ireland.] .
- (2) [^{F2}Any person who has been admitted as a solicitor and is employed by the Commissioners may act as a solicitor in any proceedings in England, Wales or Northern Ireland relating to any assigned matter notwithstanding that he does not hold a current practising certificate.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 155(1) substituted (18.4.2005) by [Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act 2005](#) (c. 11), s. 53(1), [Sch. 4 para. 27](#); S.I. 2005/1126, art. 2(2)(h)
- F2** S. 155(2) repealed (18.4.2005) by [Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act 2005](#) (c. 11), s. 53(1), [Sch. 4 para. 21\(j\)](#), [Sch. 5](#); S.I. 2005/1126, art. 2(2)(h)(i)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 152–155 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. 1987/1521, reg. 3(2)(b); 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\(2\)](#)

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- C3** Ss. 144-148, 150-155 applied (01.01.1992) by S.I. 1991/2727, **reg. 7(2)**
- C4** Ss. 144-148, 150-155 applied (23.6.1993) by S.I. 1993/1353, **reg. 4(2)**
 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 **Sch. 13 para. 9**)
 Ss. 145-155 applied (29.4.1996) by 1996 c. 8, s. 60, **Sch. 5 Pt. III para. 17**
 Ss. 150-155 applied (1.3.1995) by S.I. 1995/271, **reg. 12(2)**
 Ss. 150-155 applied (15.11.1996) by S.I. 1996/2721, **reg. 12(2)**
 Ss. 150-155 applied (with modifications) (15.7.1998) by S.I. 1998/1531, **reg. 4(4)**
 Ss. 152-155 applied (1.7.1995) by S.I. 1995/1447, **reg. 4(1)(b)**
 Ss. 150-155 applied (1.5.1999) by S.I. 1999/1261, **reg. 4(4)**
 Ss. 150-155 applied (14.10.1999) by S.I. 1999/2821, **reg. 4(4)**
 Ss. 150-155 applied (14.10.1999) by S.I. 1999/2822, **reg. 4(4)**
 Ss. 152-155 applied (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1618, **regs. 5(1)(b), 6**
 Ss. 150-155 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. 150-155 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. 145-155 applied (31.3.2002) by S.I. 2002/868, **reg. 4(4)**
- C5** Ss. 150-155 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)**
- C6** Ss. 150-155 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)**
- C7** Ss. 150-155 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)**)
- C8** Ss. 153-155 applied (3.3.2004) by The Trade in Controlled Goods (Embargoed Destinations) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/318), **arts. 1, 11(2)**
- C9** Ss. 153-155 applied (1.5.2004) by The Trade in Goods (Control) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2765), **arts. 1(1), 12(2)**
- C10** Ss. 153-155 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)**
- C11** Ss. 150-155 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)**
- C12** Ss. 152-155 applied (1.7.2004) by The Goods Infringing Intellectual Property Rights (Customs) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1473), **regs. 1, 7(1)(b)** (with **reg. 2(3)**)
- C13** Ss. 150-155 applied (9.2.2005) by The Export Control (Iraq and Ivory Coast) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/232), **arts. 1(1), 5(4)**
- C14** Ss. 150-155 applied (27.6.2005) by The Export Control (Democratic Republic of Congo) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/1677), **arts. 1(1), 7(3)**
- C15** Ss. 150-155 applied (26.11.2005) by The Export Control (Uzbekistan) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3257), **arts. 1(1), 6(3)**
- C16** Ss. 150-155 applied (27.7.2006) by The Export Control (Liberia) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/2065), **arts. 1(1), 7(3)**
- C17** Ss. 150-155 applied (30.7.2006) by The Technical Assistance Control Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/1719), **regs. 1(1), 6(3)**
- C18** Ss. 150-155 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)**
- C19** Ss. 150-155 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)**

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- C20** S. 155 applied (27.4.2007) by The Export Control (North Korea) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1334), arts. 1(1), **7(4)**
- C21** S. 155 applied (26.5.2007) by The Export Control (Iran) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1526), arts. 1(1), **6(4)**
- C22** S. 155 applied (23.4.2008) by The Export Control (Burma) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1098), arts. 1(1), **11(4)**
- C23** Ss. 154, 155 applied (6.4.2009) by The Export Control Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/3231), arts. 1, **41(4)**
- C24** Ss. 150-155 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))
- C25** S. 155 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**)
- C26** S. 155 applied (20.2.2010) by The Export Control (Guinea) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/364), arts. 1(1), **7(4)**
- C27** Ss. 154, 155 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**)
- C28** S. 155 applied (17.2.2011) by The Export Control (Liberia) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/145), arts. 1(1), **6(4)**
- C29** S. 155 applied (17.2.2011) by The Export Control (Somalia) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/146), arts. 1(1), **5(4)**
- C30** S. 155 applied (18.3.2011) by The Export Control (Libya) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/825), arts. 1(1), **7(4)**
- C31** S. 155 applied (25.5.2011) by The Export Control (Syria and Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1304), arts. 1(1), **7(4)**
- C32** S. 155 applied (13.6.2011) by The Export Control (Eritrea and Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1296), arts. 1(1), **6(4)**
- C33** S. 155 applied (13.6.2011) by The Export Control (Iran) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1297), arts. 1, **14(4)** (with art. 4)
- C34** S. 155 applied (5.9.2011) by The Export Control (Belarus) and (Syria Amendment) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2010), arts. 1(1), **7(4)**
- C35** S. 155 applied (30.11.2011) by The Export Control (Al-Qaida and Taliban Sanctions) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/2649), regs. 1(1), **8(3)**
- C36** S. 155 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)**
- C37** S. 155 applied (5.4.2012) by The Export Control (Syria Sanctions) and (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/810), arts. 1(1), **15(4)**
- C38** S. 155 applied (1.6.2012) by The Export Control (Iran Sanctions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/1243), arts. 1(1), **19(4)**
- C39** S. 155 applied (28.8.2013) by The Export Control (Burma Sanctions) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/1964), arts. 1(1), **9(4)**
- C40** S. 155 applied (6.9.2013) by The Export Control (Syria Sanctions) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/2012), arts. 1(1), **18(4)**
- C41** S. 155 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)**
- C42** S. 155 applied (26.9.2014) by The Export Control (Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol Sanctions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/2357), arts. 1(1), **12(4)**
- C43** S. 155 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)**
- C44** S. 155 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)**
- C45** S. 155 applied (27.8.2015) by The Export Control (Yemen Sanctions) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1586), regs. 1(1), **6(3)**
- C46** S. 155 applied (6.5.2016) by The Export Control (Iran Sanctions) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/503), arts. 1(1), **16(4)**
- C47** S. 155 applied (12.8.2016) by The Export Control (Libya Sanctions) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/787), arts. 1, **10(4)**
- C48** S. 155 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)**

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- C49** S. 155 applied (26.2.2018) by The Export Control (Venezuela Sanctions) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/108), arts. 1(1), **9(4)**
- C50** S. 155 applied (with modifications) (14.3.2018) by The Export Control (North Korea Sanctions) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/200), arts. 1, **24(8)-(10)**
- C51** 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)
- C52** S. 155 applied (with modifications) (13.8.2018) by The Export Control (Burma Sanctions) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/871), arts. 1, **10(8)-(10)**
- C53** S. 155 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)
- C54** S. 155 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)
- C55** S. 155 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)
- C56** S. 155 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)
- C57** S. 155 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Libya (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1665), regs. 1(3), **71(5)(6)**
- C58** S. 155 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)
- C59** S. 155 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)
- C60** S. 155 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
- C61** S. 155 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. 155 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)
- C63** S. 155 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. 155 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. 155 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)
- C66** S. 155 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)
- C67** S. 155 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)
- C68** S. 155 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
- C69** S. 155 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)
- C70** S. 155 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)

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- C71** S. 155 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)
- C72** S. 155 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)
- C73** S. 155 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)
- C74** S. 155 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)
- C75** S. 155 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)
- C76** Ss. 154, 155 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)**
- C77** 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
- C78** S. 155 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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