



# Customs and Excise Management Act 1979

## 1979 CHAPTER 2

### PART XII

#### GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

#### *[<sup>F1</sup>Powers to make regulations about movement of goods*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>166A Regulations about movement of goods**

- (1) The Commissioners may by regulations make provision for the purpose of monitoring, or controlling, the movement of goods that pose, or might pose, a risk to—
  - (a) public health or public safety,
  - (b) national security, or
  - (c) the environment (including the health of animals or plants).
- (2) The Commissioners may by regulations make provision for the purpose of implementing any international obligation of the United Kingdom relating to the movement of goods.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) or (2) may, in particular, include provision—
  - (a) requiring records to be kept or information to be provided,
  - (b) requiring declarations to be made,
  - (c) requiring or authorising persons or vehicles to be searched,
  - (d) requiring or authorising samples of goods to be taken,
  - (e) requiring or authorising goods to be examined, sealed, locked, marked, seized, detained or disposed of, or
  - (f) otherwise imposing restrictions or prohibitions with respect to the movement of goods.

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- (4) A reference in this section to the movement of goods is to their movement into or out of the United Kingdom or within the United Kingdom, and includes a reference to their loading or unloading.
- (5) In this section “international obligation of the United Kingdom” includes any obligation of the United Kingdom that arises under an international agreement or arrangement to which the United Kingdom is a party (whenever the United Kingdom becomes a party to it).
- (6) The power to make regulations under subsection (2) in relation to an international obligation arising under an international agreement or arrangement is capable of being exercised before the international agreement or arrangement comes into effect.]

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 166A-166C and cross-heading inserted (1.3.2021) by [European Union \(Future Relationship\) Act 2020 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 21(2)**, 40(7); S.I. 2020/1662, reg. 3(a)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 95(1A)(1B) inserted by [2023 c. 30 s. 110\(2\)](#)
- s. 119(7) inserted by [S.I. 2022/109 reg. 2\(3\)\(f\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 160(2A) inserted by [2023 c. 30 Sch. 13 para. 26\(3\)](#)