



# 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>166B Authorised economic operators**

- (1) Regulations under section 166A may include provision—
  - (a) disapplying or simplifying specified requirements imposed by the relevant legislation in relation to things required or authorised to be done by authorised economic operators, or
  - (b) requiring the Commissioners or the Treasury to have regard to the status of a person as an authorised economic operator when considering whether or not, or how, to exercise any power or other function for the purposes of the relevant legislation.
- (2) In this section—

“authorised economic operators” means persons authorised as such in accordance with provision made by the relevant legislation;

“the relevant legislation” means—

  - (a) this Act and subordinate legislation made under it, and
  - (b) provisions contained in “customs legislation” within the meaning of [Regulation \(EU\) No 952/2013](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 October 2013 laying down the Union Customs Code (see Article 5(2) of that Regulation).
- (3) Regulations made by virtue of this section may, in particular—
  - (a) specify the criteria to be applied in determining whether or not any person should be an authorised economic operator;

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- (b) specify those criteria by reference to professional standards of competence (as set by any specified person) or by reference to anything else (including the judgment of any person as to suitability);
- (c) make provision for a person's status as an authorised economic operator to be subject to compliance with conditions specified in the regulations or in the authorisation;
- (d) establish different classes of authorised economic operator.]

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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\(3\)](#)