



Customs and Excise Management Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 2

PART III

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE CONTROL AREAS

27 Officers' powers of boarding.

- (1) At any time while a ship is within the limits of a port, or an aircraft is at a customs and excise airport, or ^[F1]a vehicle is—
- entering, leaving or about to leave the United Kingdom,
 - within the prescribed area,
 - within the limits of or entering or leaving a port or any land adjacent to a port and occupied wholly or mainly for the purpose of activities carried on at the port,
 - at, entering or leaving an aerodrome,
 - at, entering or leaving an approved wharf, transit shed, customs warehouse or free zone, or
 - at, entering or leaving any such premises as are mentioned in subsection (1) of section 112 below,

any officer] and any other person duly engaged in the prevention of smuggling may board the ship, aircraft or vehicle and remain therein and rummage and search any part thereof.

[F2(1A) For the purposes of subsection (1) above “customs warehouse” means a victualling warehouse or a place approved by the Commissioners under Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 2561/90.]

- (2) The Commissioners may station officers in any ship at any time while it is within the limits of a port, and if the master of any ship neglects or refuses to provide—
- reasonable accommodation below decks for any officer stationed therein; or

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(b) means of safe access to and egress from the ship in accordance with the requirements of any such officer,
the master shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [^{F3}level 2 on the standard scale].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by Finance Act 1987 (c. 16, SIF 40:1), s. 7(1)
F2 S. 27(1A) inserted (01.01.1992) by S.I. 1991/2725, reg. 3(3)
F3 Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), s. 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), s. 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) art. 5
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 27 amended by S.I. 1987/2114, reg. 2 and by S.I. 1990/2167, art. 4, Sch. para. 1

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