



Customs and Excise Management Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 2

PART V

CONTROL OF EXPORTATION

[^{F1}Breach of applicable export provisions etc]

[^{F1}52A Breach of applicable export provisions etc

- (1) This section applies to any goods the export of which is required to be made in accordance with the applicable export provisions.
- (2) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any of the requirements—
 - (a) the person is guilty of an offence, and
 - (b) the goods are liable to forfeiture.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (2) in a case where the goods are dutiable or restricted goods is liable on summary conviction to a penalty of—
 - (a) £20,000, or
 - (b) three times the value of the goods,whichever is the greater.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (2) in any other case is liable on summary conviction to a penalty of level 4 on the standard scale.
- (5) If—
 - (a) in breach of the applicable export provisions, any dutiable or restricted goods fail to be exported from the United Kingdom by the time by which they were required to be exported, and
 - (b) notice of the failure is not immediately given to an officer of Revenue and Customs,

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the goods are (in addition to being liable to forfeiture under subsection (2)) subject to the control of an officer of Revenue and Customs as mentioned in subsection (6) even if the procedure provided for by the applicable export provisions is discharged.

- (6) An officer of Revenue and Customs may—
- (a) require any person to provide such information and documents to the officer as may be specified by the officer, and
 - (b) require the goods to be moved to, and kept in, such place as may be specified by the officer.
- (7) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with a requirement imposed under subsection (6) is liable on summary conviction to a penalty of £20,000.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 52A inserted (13.9.2018 for specified purposes, 31.12.2020 in so far as not already in force) by Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018 (c. 22), s. 57(1)(a), **Sch. 7 para. 48** (with savings and transitional provisions in S.I. 2020/1449, reg. 3 and 2020 c. 26, Sch. 2 para. 7(7)-(9)); S.I. 2020/1642, reg. 4(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\(3\)](#)