



Customs and Excise Management Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 2

PART VI

CONTROL OF COASTWISE TRAFFIC

72 Additional powers of officers in relation to coasting ships.

- (1) The proper officer may examine any goods carried or to be carried in a coasting ship—
 - (a) at any time while they are on board the ship; or
 - (b) at any place in the United Kingdom to which the goods have been brought for shipment in, or at which they have been unloaded from, the ship.
- (2) For the purpose of examining any goods in pursuance of subsection (1) above, the proper officer may require any container to be opened or unpacked; and any such opening or unpacking and any repacking shall be done by or at the expense of the proprietor of the goods.
- (3) The proper officer—
 - (a) may board and search a coasting ship at any time during its voyage;
 - (b) may at any time require any document which should properly be on board a coasting ship to be produced or brought to him for examination;and if the master of the ship fails to produce or bring any such document to the proper officer when required, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [^{F1}level 2 on the standard scale].

Textual Amendments

- F1** 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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Changes to legislation:

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