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# Criminal Justice Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 33

### PART XI

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### *Articles with blades or points and offensive weapons*

PROSPECTIVE

#### **Prohibition on importation of offensive weapons: exceptions**

**141ZC**

- (1) The importation of a weapon is not prohibited by section 141ZB if one of the following exceptions applies.
- (2) Exception 1 is that the weapon is imported for the purposes only of functions carried out on behalf of—
  - (a) the Crown, or
  - (b) a visiting force.
- (3) Exception 2 is that the weapon is imported for the purposes only of making it available to a museum or gallery which does not distribute profits.
- (4) Exception 3 is that the weapon is imported for the purposes only of making it available for one or more of the following—
  - (a) theatrical performances;
  - (b) rehearsals of theatrical performances;
  - (c) the production of films;
  - (d) the production of television programmes.
- (5) In subsection (4)—

“ films ” has the meaning given by section 5B of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988;

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“ television programmes ” has the meaning given by section 405 of the Communications Act 2003.

- (6) The Secretary of State may by order provide for further exceptions from the prohibition on importation of weapons under section 141ZB.
- (7) Orders under this section are to be made by statutory instrument.
- (8) A statutory instrument containing an order under this section may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (9) Expressions used in this section and in section 141 have the same meaning in this section as in that section.]]]]]]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 139A(5)(6) substituted (5.5.2011) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 52**, 111(1) (with [Sch. 6 para. 4\(2\)](#))
- F2** S. 139A(7)(b) repealed (N.I.) (5.5.2011) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 111(1), **Sch. 8 Pt. 5**
- F3** Words in s. 139A(6)(7) substituted (1.11.1996) by [1996 c. 56](#), ss. 582(1), 583(2), **Sch. 37 Pt. I para.69** (with [ss. 1\(4\)](#), [582\(3\)](#), [Sch. 39](#))
- F4** Ss. 141ZB-141ZD inserted (prosp.) by [Policing and Crime Act 2009 \(c. 26\)](#), **ss. 102**, 116

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 141ZB-141ZD inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 102](#)

**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. 36(2)(b)(v) and word inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 13\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 36(3A)(3B) substituted for s. 36(3A) by [2008 c. 4 s. 46\(2\)](#)
- s. 41(4A) inserted by [2004 c. 28 Sch. 10 para. 28](#)
- s. 139AZA(1)(a)(iii) and word inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 13\(4\)\(b\)](#)