



# Licensing Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 17

### PART 3

#### PREMISES LICENCES

##### *Introductory*

### **13 Authorised persons, interested parties and responsible authorities**

- (1) In this Part in relation to any premises each of the following expressions has the meaning given to it by this section—
- “authorised person”,
  - “interested party”,
  - “responsible authority”.
- (2) “Authorised person” means any of the following—
- (a) an officer of a licensing authority in whose area the premises are situated who is authorised by that authority for the purposes of this Act,
  - (b) an inspector appointed under section 18 of the Fire Precautions Act 1971 (c. 40),
  - (c) an inspector appointed under section 19 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (c. 37),
  - (d) an officer of a local authority, in whose area the premises are situated, who is authorised by that authority for the purposes of exercising one or more of its statutory functions in relation to minimising or preventing the risk of pollution of the environment or of harm to human health,
  - (e) in relation to a vessel, an inspector, or a surveyor of ships, appointed under section 256 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (c. 21),
  - (f) a person prescribed for the purposes of this subsection.
- (3) “Interested party” means any of the following—
- (a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises,

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- (b) a body representing persons who live in that vicinity,
  - (c) a person involved in a business in that vicinity,
  - (d) a body representing persons involved in such businesses.
- (4) “Responsible authority” means any of the following—
- (a) the chief officer of police for any police area in which the premises are situated,
  - (b) the fire authority for any area in which the premises are situated,
  - (c) the enforcing authority within the meaning given by section 18 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 for any area in which the premises are situated,
  - (d) the local planning authority within the meaning given by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8) for any area in which the premises are situated,
  - (e) the local authority by which statutory functions are exercisable in any area in which the premises are situated in relation to minimising or preventing the risk of pollution of the environment or of harm to human health,
  - (f) a body which—
    - (i) represents those who, in relation to any such area, are responsible for, or interested in, matters relating to the protection of children from harm, and
    - (ii) is recognised by the licensing authority for that area for the purposes of this section as being competent to advise it on such matters,
  - (g) any licensing authority (other than the relevant licensing authority) in whose area part of the premises is situated,
  - (h) in relation to a vessel—
    - (i) a navigation authority (within the meaning of section 221(1) of the Water Resources Act 1991 (c. 57) having functions in relation to the waters where the vessel is usually moored or berthed or any waters where it is, or is proposed to be, navigated at a time when it is used for licensable activities,
    - (ii) the Environment Agency,
    - (iii) the British Waterways Board, or
    - (iv) the Secretary of State,
  - (i) a person prescribed for the purposes of this subsection.
- (5) For the purposes of this section, “statutory function” means a function conferred by or under any enactment.