



# Policing and Crime Act 2017

## 2017 CHAPTER 3

### PART 4

#### POLICE POWERS

### CHAPTER 6

#### MARITIME ENFORCEMENT: SCOTTISH OFFENCES

##### *Ships in England and Wales waters: hot pursuit*

#### **99 Restriction on exercise of maritime enforcement powers in hot pursuit**

- (1) The authority of the Secretary of State is required before a law enforcement officer exercises any of the maritime enforcement powers, in reliance on section 98 in relation to a foreign ship, or a ship registered under the law of a relevant territory, within the territorial sea adjacent to England and Wales.
- (2) The Secretary of State may give authority under subsection (1) in relation to a foreign ship only if—
  - (a) the home state has requested the assistance of the United Kingdom for the purpose of preventing, detecting or investigating an offence under the law of Scotland,
  - (b) the home state has authorised the United Kingdom to act for that purpose, or
  - (c) the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (Cmnd 8941) otherwise permits the exercise of the powers in relation to the ship.