



Ivory Act 2018

2018 CHAPTER 30

Powers of entry, search and seizure

16 Power to board and search vessels and aircraft

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) a police or customs officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that there is relevant evidence in or on any vessel or aircraft, and
 - (b) the vessel or aircraft is not a dwelling.
- (2) The officer may at any time—
 - (a) board the vessel or aircraft;
 - (b) search it for relevant evidence.
- (3) For the purposes of exercising the power conferred by subsection (2), the officer may require a vessel or aircraft—
 - (a) to stop, or
 - (b) to do anything else that would facilitate the boarding of that or any other vessel or aircraft.
- (4) A police or customs officer who has boarded a vessel or aircraft may, for the purposes of disembarking from the vessel or aircraft, require that or any other vessel or aircraft—
 - (a) to stop, or
 - (b) to do anything else that would enable the officer to disembark from the vessel or aircraft.
- (5) A police or customs officer may require any person on board a vessel or aircraft to provide any help and facilities, with respect to matters under that person's control, that the officer considers would facilitate the exercise of a power conferred by this section.
- (6) The powers conferred by this section may be exercised in any place to which the officer lawfully has access (whether or not it is a place to which the public has access).

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (7) For provision conferring additional powers on police or customs officers to enter and search vessels and aircraft, see section 17.