

Manoeuvres Act 1958

1958 CHAPTER 7

1 Power to authorise execution of manoeuvres

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, Her Majesty may from time to time by Order in Council authorise the execution of defence manoeuvres within such area (in this Act referred to as " the manoeuvres area ") and during such period (in this Act referred to as " the manoeuvres period"), being a period not exceeding three months and beginning not less than nine months after the date on which the Order is made, as may be specified in the Order; and any such Order (in this Act referred to as a " manoeuvres Order ")—
 - (a) shall define the manoeuvres area both by description and by reference to a map, the latter definition prevailing in the case of any discrepancy; and
 - (b) without prejudice to the power of Her Majesty to authorise any persons to take part in the manoeuvres, shall indicate the description of military, naval or air force formations, and the number of such formations of each description, which, at the time when notice of the intention to make the Order was first published in accordance with subsection (3) of this section, were intended so to take part.
- (2) No land shall be included in a manoeuvres area more than once in any period of five years except—
 - (a) in the case of land in England or Wales, with the consent of the council of the county or county borough in which the land is situated and, if the land is situated in the New Forest, with the consent of the Verderers of the New Forest;
 - (b) in the case of land in Scotland, with the consent of the county or town council within whose area the land is situated:

Provided that for the purposes of this subsection a manoeuvres Order under which no manoeuvres are executed shall be disregarded.

- (3) No recommendation shall be made to Her Majesty in Council to make a manoeuvres Order unless—
 - (a) not less than two months before the date on which the Order is to foe made, a draft of the Order has been sent—

- (i) to each of the following authorities any part of whose area is included in the manoeuvres area, that is to say, any local authority, any river board, the Conservators of the River Thames, the Lee Conservancy Catchment Board, any parish council in England or Wales, and any district council in Scotland; and
- (ii) if any part of the New Forest is so included, to the Verderers of the New Forest; and
- (iii) except when the whole of the manoeuvres area is in Scotland, to the National Parks Commission,
- and notice of the intention to make the Order has: been published in local newspapers which between them circulate in all local authority areas which are wholly or partly so included; and
- (b) a draft of the Order has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.