



Docking and Nicking of Horses Act 1949

1949 CHAPTER 70 12 13 and 14 Geo 6

2 Restriction on landing docked horses.

- (1) No docked horse coming from a place outside the United Kingdom shall be landed from a ship or aircraft unless the landing is permitted by an officer of Customs and Excise or licensed by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.
- (2) An officer of Customs and Excise shall not grant any such permission as aforesaid unless he is satisfied that the horse will be exported from Great Britain as soon as practicable; and the said Minister shall not grant any such licence as aforesaid unless he is satisfied on the representation of the person applying for the licence or otherwise that it is intended that the horse shall be used for breeding purposes.
- (3) Any person who—
 - (a) lands a horse, or causes or permits a horse to be landed, in contravention of subsection (1) of this section; or
 - (b) for the purposes of obtaining any such permission of an officer of Customs and Excise as aforesaid makes any statement that he knows to be false in a material particular or recklessly makes any statement that is false in a material particular,shall be liable on summary conviction to a customs penalty not exceeding twenty-five pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such a penalty and such imprisonment.
- (4) Any person who for the purposes of obtaining any such licence of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries as aforesaid makes any statement that he knows to be false in a material particular or recklessly makes any statement that is false in a material particular shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such a fine and such imprisonment.

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Textual Amendments

F1 S. 2(5) repealed (22.7.2004) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004 (c. 14), **Sch. 1 Pt. 17** Group 1

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 2(1) extended by Hovercraft Act 1968 (c. 59), **Sch. para. 1**

C2 Ss. 1(3), 2(3)(4) have effect (E.W.) by virtue of Criminal Law Act 1977 (c. 45, SIF 39:1), s. 31, **Sch. 6** and Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), **s. 46** and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), s. 289G, **Sch. 7C** as if the maximum fine that may be imposed on summary conviction were level 3 on the standard scale

C3 Ss. 2(3)(4) amended (S.) (1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 40, ss. 3, 7(2), Sch. 1 para. 3(1), **Sch. 2 Pt. II**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 2(3) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 13\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 2(4) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 13\(3\)\(b\)](#)