



# Territorial Waters Jurisdiction Act 1878

1878 CHAPTER 73 41 and 42 Vict

## 7 Definitions.

In this Act, unless there is something inconsistent in the context, the following expressions shall respectively have the meanings herein-after assigned to them; (that is to say,)

“The jurisdiction of the Admiral,” as used in this Act, includes the jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England and Ireland, or either of such jurisdictions as used in any Act of Parliament; and for the purpose of arresting any person charged with an offence declared by this Act to be within the jurisdiction of the Admiral, the territorial waters adjacent to the United Kingdom, or any other part of Her Majesty’s dominions, shall be deemed to be within the jurisdiction of any judge, magistrate, or officer having power within such United Kingdom, or other part of Her Majesty’s dominions, to issue warrants for arresting or to arrest persons charged with offences committed within the jurisdiction of such judge, magistrate, or officer:

“United Kingdom” includes the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, and other adjacent islands:

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“Governor,” . . . F2[F3 as respects a British possession which] consists of several constituent colonies, means the Governor General of the whole possession or the Governor of any of the constituent colonies; and as respects any other British possession, means the officer for the time being administering the government of such possession; also any person acting for or in the capacity of Governor shall be included under the term “Governor.”

“Offence” as used in this Act means an act neglect or default of such a description as would, if committed within the body of a county in England, be punishable on indictment according to the law of England for the time being in force:

“Ship” includes every description of ship, boat, or other floating craft:

“Foreign ship” means any ship which is not a British ship.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Territorial Waters Jurisdiction Act 1878, Section 7. (See end of Document for details)

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Definition repealed by [Territorial Sea Act 1987 \(c. 49, SIF 29:1\)](#), s. 3, **Sch. 2**
- F2** Words repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1976 \(c. 16\)](#), **Sch. 1 Pt. VII**
- F3** Words substituted by S.R. & O. 1937/230 (Rev. X, p. 545; 1937, p. 963), Sch. Pt. II

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