



Merchant Shipping Act 1894

1894 CHAPTER 60 57 and 58 Vict

PART XI

LIGHTHOUSES

Light Dues

643 Continuance of light dues.

.....^{F1} light dues shall be payable in respect of all ships whatever, except ships belonging to Her Majesty, and ships exempted from payment thereof in pursuance of this Act.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed by [Merchant Shipping \(Mercantile Marine Fund\) Act 1898 \(c. 44\), Sch. 4](#)

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[643A ^{F2}Information to determine light dues.

- (1) A general lighthouse authority may, for the purpose of determining whether any and, if so, what light dues are payable in respect of any ship, require any relevant authority or any person who is liable to pay light dues in respect of the ship, to furnish to the general lighthouse authority such information in that authority's or person's possession or control relating to the arrival or departure of the ship at or from any port within their area as they may reasonably require for that purpose.
- (2) A general lighthouse authority may require any relevant authority to furnish to them such information in the relevant authority's possession or control relating to the movements within the relevant authority's area of ships or ships of any class or

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description for the purpose of determining whether any and, if so, what light dues are payable in respect of the ships.

(3) The powers conferred on a general lighthouse authority by subsections (1) and (2) above shall also be available to the person appointed by them to collect dues at a port.

(4) It shall be the duty of a relevant authority or person of whom a requirement for information is made under subsection (1), (2) or (3) above to furnish information as soon as is reasonably practicable.

(5) In this section “relevant authority” means—

- (a) a harbour authority;
- (b) the Commissioners of Customs and Excise; and
- (c) a conservancy authority.]

Textual Amendments
F2 S. 643A inserted (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(3), **Sch. 4 para.41**; S.I. 1993/3137, **art. 3(2)**

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Textual Amendments
F3 Ss. 644–646 repealed by Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act 1898 (c. 44), **Sch. 4**

647 Publication of light dues and regulations.

Tables of all light dues, and a copy of the regulations for the time being in force in respect thereof, shall be posted up at all custom houses in the United Kingdom, and for that purpose each of the general lighthouse authorities shall furnish copies of all such tables and regulations to the [F4Commissioners of Customs and Excise] in London, and to the chief officers of customs resident at all places where light dues are collected on account of that lighthouse authority; and those copies shall be posted up by the [F4Commissioners of Customs and Excise] at the Custom House in London, and by the chief officers of customs at the custom houses of the places at which they are respectively resident.

Textual Amendments
F4 Words substituted by virtue of Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (c. 2), **Sch. 4 para. 1**

648 Application and collection of light dues.

- (1) F5
- (2) Every person appointed to collect light dues by any of the general lighthouse authorities shall collect all light dues payable at the port at which he is so appointed [F6or (as the case may be) such of those dues as he is so appointed to collect], whether

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they are collected on account of the authority by whom he was appointed or on account of one of the other general lighthouse authorities.

- (3) Any person so appointed to collect light dues shall pay over to the general lighthouse authority by whom he was appointed, or as that authority directs, the whole amount of light dues received by him; and the authority receiving the dues shall keep accounts thereof, and shall cause the dues to be remitted to Her Majesty's Paymaster-General in such manner as the Board of Trade direct.

Textual Amendments

- F5** S. 648(1) repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (c. 12, SIF 111), ss. 48, 57(5), Schs. 5, 7 (with s. 58(4), Sch. 8 para. 1)
- F6** Words inserted by Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (c. 12, SIF 111), s. 48, Sch. 5 (with s. 58(4), Sch. 8 para. 1)

649 Recovery of light dues.

- (1) The following persons shall be liable to pay light dues for any ship in respect of which light dues are payable; namely,—
- (a) The owner or master; or
 - (b) Such consignees or agents thereof as have paid, or made themselves liable to pay, any other charge on account of the ship in the port of her arrival or discharge;

and those dues may be recovered in the same manner as fines of a like amount under this Act.

- (2) Any consignee or agent (not being the owner or master of the ship) who is hereby made liable for the payment of light dues in respect of any ship, may, out of any moneys received by him on account of that ship or belonging to the owner thereof, retain the amount of all light dues paid by him, together with any reasonable expenses he may have incurred by reason of the payment of the dues or his liability to pay the dues.

650 Distress on ship for light dues.

- (1) If the owner or master of any ship fails, on demand of the authorised collector, to pay the light dues due in respect thereof, that collector may, in addition to any other remedy which he or the authority by whom he is appointed is entitled to use, enter upon the ship, and distrain the goods, guns, tackle, or any thing belonging to, or on board, the ship, and detain that distress until the light dues are paid.
- (2) If payment of the light dues is not made within the period of three days next ensuing the distress, the collector may, at any time during the continuance of non-payment, cause the distress to be appraised by two sufficient persons or sworn appraisers, and thereupon sell the same, and apply the proceeds in payment of the light dues due, together with all reasonable expenses incurred by him under this section, paying the surplus (if any), on demand, to the owner or master of the ship.

651 Receipt for light dues.

A receipt for light dues shall be given by the person appointed to collect the same to every person paying the same, and a ship may be detained at any port where light dues

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are payable in respect of any ship, until the receipt for the light dues is produced to the proper [^{F7}officer of customs and excise].

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Textual Amendments

F7 Words substituted by virtue of [Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 \(c. 2\)](#), [Sch. 4 para. 1](#)

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