

1980 No. 482

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

The Appointment of Ports (London) Order 1980

Made - - - - 1st April 1980
Coming into Operation 1st May 1980

The Commissioners of Customs and Excise, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by section 19 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Appointment of Ports (London) Order 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1980.

Interpretation

2. In this Order, “approaches” in relation to a dock or harbour means all waters leading thereto from the areas specified in the appointments contained in this Order.

Revocation of earlier appointments

3. The Appointment of Ports (Colchester, London, Medway, Ramsgate and Whitstable) Order 1973(b) is hereby revoked.

Port of London

4.—(1) The Commissioners appoint as a port for the purposes of customs and excise those internal and territorial waters of Her Majesty’s dominions within the area bounded:—

(a) to the north by a line drawn from the bridge at Battlesbridge at latitude 51° 37' 18" north, longitude 00° 34' 22" east on the River Crouch, thence along the line of mean high water level on the south bank of the River Crouch to Foulness Point at latitude 51° 37' 00" north, longitude 00° 57' 19" east, thence to Gunfleet Old Lighthouse at latitude 51° 46' 05" north, longitude 01° 20' 32" east, thence on a true bearing 090° (a limit of the Port of Colchester);

(b) to the south by a line drawn from Warden Point on the Isle of Sheppey at latitude 51° 24' 55" north, longitude 00° 54' 21" east, thence to a point at latitude 51° 26' 02" north, longitude 01° 14' 12" east (a limit of the Port of Whitstable), thence to a point at latitude 51° 26' 36" north, longitude 01° 25' 30" east, thence on a true bearing 090° (a limit of the Port of Ramsgate);

(a) 1979 c. 2.

(b) S.I. 1973/2082.

(c) by mean high water line along the coast between Foulness Point and Warden Point described in (a) and (b) above; and

(d) by the seaward limit of territorial waters between the limits described in (a) and (b) above,

together with—

(i) docks and harbours, including the approaches thereto, and

(ii) as far as the tide flows, all rivers, canals, bays, creeks, streams, channels, waters and watercourses

giving on to the area specified in this Article:

Provided that the port shall not include—

(a) the River Thames beyond Teddington Lock at latitude 51° 25' 53" north, longitude 00° 19' 20" west, and

(b) the waters of the River Medway south and west of a line bearing north west from Garrison Point at latitude 51° 26' 47" north, longitude 00° 44' 45" east on the Isle of Sheppey to a point at latitude 51° 27' 22" north, longitude 00° 43' 25" east on the Isle of Grain which are within the Port of Medway.

(2) The Commissioners name the said port the Port of London.

N. Godfrey,

Commissioner of Customs and Excise.

1st April 1980.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, made under section 19 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979, re-defines the limits of the Port of London for the purposes of customs and excise. As part of a general redefinition of customs and excise ports, the ports in the Thames Estuary have been regrouped. In the process the Port of London is now defined in a separate Order.