
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes amendments to the Dover Harbour Consolidation Act 1954, the Dover Harbour Act 1963 and the Dover Harbour Revision Orders 1969, 1977 and 1978.

The Board's powers to form committees are expanded and the Board is given power to promote subsidiaries. The Board's powers of investment are extended.

The Board's power to appoint police constables is supplemented by a power to suspend constables.

Minor variations are made to the Board's restrictions on admission of dangerous goods within the harbour and the definition of dangerous goods includes a reference to the United Nations List compiled by the Committee of Experts of the United Nations on the transport of dangerous goods. The Board is required, in making any reference to that List for the purpose of exercising its powers under article 18 of the Order, to specify the edition of the List to which it is intended to refer and its date of publication by the United Nations. The Board is required to keep this and other important documents available for inspection at its principal office.

The Board's borrowing powers are extended and modernised.

The powers of the Harbour Master are extended to enable him to give general directions, whether or not there is an emergency.

The application of road traffic legislation to dock roads, formerly in the Dover Harbour Act of 1963, is modernised.

The Board is also granted extended powers for the disposal of lost and abandoned property.

The area of controlled land which is subject to a power to make byelaws under section 43 of the Dover Harbour Consolidation Act 1954 and which is shown coloured green on the plan in Schedule 3 to this Order, is altered to reflect topographical changes.

Various statutory provisions relating to the Board are either substituted in modern language or in the case of spent, obsolete and redundant material, repealed.