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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2008 No. 1261**

The London Gateway Port Harbour Empowerment Order 2008

PART 5

FUNCTIONS OF THE HARBOUR AUTHORITY

**Refusal of a landing place, etc.**

**53.**—(1) An officer of the Harbour Authority may prevent a vessel from using a landing place or berth provided by the Harbour Authority if the master of the vessel refuses to pay all applicable charges for such use.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) an officer of the Harbour Authority may prevent a vessel from using a landing place or berth provided by the Harbour Authority if the master of the vessel refuses or is unable adequately to certify the origins, safety, identity or constitution of all or any freight, cargo, goods, materials, persons, animals or other things on board the vessel to the satisfaction of—

- (a) the Harbour Authority;
- (b) any duly authorised official of Her Majesty's Government;
- (c) a constable;
- (d) Her Majesty's Coastguard;
- (e) the Harbour Master; or
- (f) any other person whose duty it is to ascertain the nature of items on board the vessel for the purposes of protecting the safety of any person either on board the vessel or elsewhere.

(3) Nothing in this article shall prevent the landing of a vessel that is under the control of an officer of the PLA or, in a case of emergency, under the direction of the PLA or one of its officers.

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**Commencement Information**

**11** Art. 53 in force at 16.5.2008, see [art. 1](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The London Gateway Port Harbour Empowerment Order 2008, Section 53.