



# British Museum Act 1963

## 1963 CHAPTER 24

### 3 Keeping and inspection of collections.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Trustees of the British Museum to keep the objects comprised in the collections of the Museum within the authorised repositories of the Museum, except in so far as they may consider it expedient to remove them temporarily for any purpose connected with the administration of the Museum and the care of its collections.
- (2) Where it appears to the Trustees that any such objects cannot conveniently be kept within the authorised repositories, they may store them at other premises in Great Britain if satisfied that they can be stored in those premises without detriment to the purposes of the Museum.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Trustees to secure, so far as appears to them to be practicable, that the objects comprised in the collections of the Museum (including objects stored under the preceding subsection) are, when required for inspection by members of the public, made available in one or other of the authorised repositories under such conditions as the Trustees think fit to impose for preserving the safety of the collections and ensuring the proper administration of the Museum.
- (4) Objects vested in the Trustees as part of the collections of the Museum shall not be disposed of by them otherwise than under section 5 or 9 of this Act [<sup>F1</sup>or section 6 of the Museums and Galleries Act 1992].

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#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Words in s. 3(4) inserted (1.9.1992) by [Museums and Galleries Act 1992 \(c. 44\)](#), s. 11(2), [Sch. 8 Pt. I para. 5\(a\)](#); S.I. 1992/1874, [art.2](#).

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the British Museum Act 1963, Section 3.