



Customs and Excise Management Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 2

PART III

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE CONTROL AREAS

23 Control of movement of hovercraft.

- (1) The Commissioners may by regulations impose conditions and restrictions as respects the movement of hovercraft and the carriage of goods by hovercraft, and in particular—
 - (a) may prescribe the procedure to be followed by hovercraft proceeding to or from a port or any [^{F1}regulated aerodrome] or customs and excise station, and authorise the proper officer to give directions as to their routes; and
 - (b) may make provision for cases where by reason of accident, or in any other circumstance, it is impracticable to comply with any conditions or restrictions imposed or directions given as respects hovercraft.
- (2) Subsection (1) above shall apply to hovercraft proceeding to or from any approved wharf or [^{F2}temporary storage facility] which is not in a port as if it were a port.
- (3) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any regulation made under subsection (1) above, or with any direction given by the Commissioners or the proper officer in pursuance of any such regulation, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [^{F3}level 3 on the standard scale] and any goods in respect of which the offence was committed shall be liable to forfeiture.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 23(1)(a) substituted (11.7.2023) by [Finance \(No. 2\) Act 2023 \(c. 30\), s. 340\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 23(2) substituted (13.9.2018 for specified purposes, 31.12.2020 in so far as not already in force) by [Taxation \(Cross-border Trade\) Act 2018 \(c. 22\), s. 57\(1\)\(a\), Sch. 7 para. 14](#) (with

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savings and transitional provisions in S.I. 2020/1449, reg. 3 and 2020 c. 26, Sch. 2 para. 7(7)-(9)); S.I. 2020/1642, reg. 4(a)

- F3** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), **ss. 38**, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), **ss. 289F**, 289G and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 95(1A)(1B) inserted by [2023 c. 30 s. 110\(2\)](#)
- s. 119(7) inserted by [S.I. 2022/109 reg. 2\(3\)\(f\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 160(2A) inserted by [2023 c. 30 Sch. 13 para. 26\(3\)](#)