



# National Heritage Act 1983

## 1983 CHAPTER 47

### *Science Museum*

#### **14 Acquisition and disposal of objects.**

- (1) The Board may acquire (whether by purchase, exchange or gift) any objects which in their opinion it is desirable to add to their collections.
- (2) Without prejudice to any power apart from this subsection, a Minister of the Crown may transfer to the Board any object (whether or not he acquired it before the Board's establishment) if in his opinion it would appropriately form part of their collections.
- (3) The Board may not dispose of an object the property in which is vested in them and which is comprised in their collection unless—
  - (a) the disposal is by way of sale, exchange or gift of an object which is a duplicate of another object the property in which is so vested and which is so comprised, or
  - (b) the disposal is by way of sale, exchange or gift of an object which in the Board's opinion is unsuitable for retention in their collections and can be disposed of without detriment to the interests of students or other members of the public, or
  - (c) the disposal is [<sup>F1</sup>an exercise of the power conferred by section 6 of the Museums and Galleries Act 1992], or
  - (d) the disposal (by whatever means, including destruction) is of an object which the Board are satisfied has become useless for the purposes of their collections by reason of damage, physical deterioration, or infestation by destructive organisms.

<sup>F2</sup>(4) .....

- (5) An object may be disposed of as mentioned in subsection (3)(d) notwithstanding a trust or condition (express or implied) prohibiting or restricting the disposal of the object.
- (6) Money accruing to the Board by virtue of a disposal mentioned in this section shall be applied by the Board in the acquisition of objects to be added to their collections.

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the National Heritage Act 1983, Section 14. (See end of Document for details)*

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#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 14(3) substituted (1.9.1992) by Museums and Galleries Act 1992 (c. 44), s. 11(2), **Sch. 8 Pt. II para. 13** (1); S.I. 1992/1874, **art.2**
- F2** S. 14(4) repealed (1.9.1992) by Museums and Galleries Act 1992 (c. 44), s. 11(3), **Sch. 9**; S.I. 1992/1874, **art. 2**
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#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Ss. 1-16: functions of the Secretary of State transferred by S.I. 1983/879, 1984/1814, 1986/600, 1992/1311 and as from 29.4.1986 to 2.7.1992 exercisable by the Lord President of the Council by virtue of S.I. 1986/600, arts. 2(1), 7(1), **Sch 1 Pt. I** and as from 3.7.1992 again exercisable by the Secretary of State by virtue of S.I. 1992/1311, art. 3(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. I** and references to the Secretary of State from 29.4.1986 to 2.7.1992 and from 3.7.1992 to be construed accordingly by virtue of S.I. 1986/600, **art. 7(1)** and S.I. 1992/1311, **art. 12(4)**

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