



Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 31

PART II

OFFENCES AGAINST THE SAFETY OF SHIPS AND FIXED PLATFORMS

9 Hijacking of ships.

- (1) A person who unlawfully, by the use of force or by threats of any kind, seizes a ship or exercises control of it, commits the offence of hijacking a ship, whatever his nationality and whether the ship is in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, but subject to subsection (2) below.
- (2) Subsection (1) above does not apply in relation to a warship or any other ship used as a naval auxiliary or in customs or police service unless—
 - (a) the person seizing or exercising control of the ship is a United Kingdom national, or
 - (b) his act is committed in the United Kingdom, or
 - (c) the ship is used in the naval or customs service of the United Kingdom or in the service of any police force in the United Kingdom.
- (3) A person guilty of the offence of hijacking a ship is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for life.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 9 extended (with modifications) (Jersey) (1.1.1997) by [S.I. 1996/2881, art. 2, Sch. Pts. I, II](#)
- C2** Ss. 9-43 extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(1) of the extending S.I.) by [The Maritime Security \(Jersey\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/265\), art. 2, Sch.](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990, Section 9.