



Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 20

PART 3

BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE

Regulation of Police Force

39 British Transport Police Federation

- (1) The Authority may make regulations about a body to be known as the British Transport Police Federation and having the function of representing persons employed in the service of the Police Force in matters affecting their welfare and efficiency except for questions about—
 - (a) the promotion of specified persons, or
 - (b) the discipline of specified persons (but this paragraph is subject to subsection (3)).
- (2) Regulations under this section must make provision similar to that made by regulations under section 60 of the Police Act 1996 (police federations) subject to such modifications as may be necessary to reflect the structure and circumstances of the Police Force.
- (3) Regulations under this Part may permit an official of the British Transport Police Federation to act for a person employed in the service of the Police Force in proceedings arising under the regulations.
- (4) The British Transport Police Federation—
 - (a) may not become or remain connected with any other body without the approval of the Secretary of State (which may be given conditionally or unconditionally, and may be varied or withdrawn), but
 - (b) may employ in an administrative or advisory capacity a person who is not employed in the service of the Police Force.

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