

Shops Act 1950

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PART IV

SUNDAY TRADING

General provisions in England and Wales

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- (1) Nothing in this Part of this Act shall prevent—
 - (a) the sale, dispatch or delivery of victuals, stores or other necessaries required by any person for a ship or aircraft on her arrival at, or immediately before her departure from, a port or aerodrome;
 - (b) the sale, dispatch or delivery of goods to a club for the purposes of the club;
 - (c) the cooking on Sunday, before half-past one o'clock in the afternoon, at any shop of any food brought to that shop by a customer and required by him for consumption on that day, or the dispatch or delivery not later than the hour aforesaid of any such food so cooked.
- (2) Where any person is charged with keeping open a shop for the serving of customers, or with dispatching or delivering goods, in contravention of this Part of this Act, it shall be a good defence to prove that reasonable grounds existed for believing that the goods supplied, dispatched or delivered were required in the case of illness.
- (3) Where any person is charged with keeping open for the serving of customers in contravention of this Part of this Act a shop which is permitted to be open until a certain hour by reason of his having served a customer after that hour, it shall be a good defence to prove that the customer was in the shop before that hour and left the shop not later than half-an-hour after that hour.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything in section forty-seven of this Act, any person carrying on or employed in the business of a hairdresser or barber may, at any time, for the purposes of that business attend any person—

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- (a) in any place, if such attendance is necessary by reason of the bodily or mental infirmity of that person; or
- (b) in any hotel or club, if that person is resident therein.
- (5) If the local authority are satisfied that any person engaged in handicraft at his home is dependent for his livelihood upon the sale on Sunday of articles produced by him in the course of his handicraft to such extent that the prohibition of such sale would involve substantial hardship, they may grant to him a certificate exempting him during such period as may be specified in the certificate from any of the foregoing provisions of this Part of this Act in respect of the sale of those articles during such hours and subject to such conditions as may be so specified.
- (6) The foregoing provisions of this Part of this Act shall not apply to any sea-going ship.