



Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847

1847 CHAPTER 27 10 and 11 Vict

Rates

28 Exemption of vessels in her Majesty's service, &c. from rates.

Nothing in this or the special Act contained shall extend to charge with rates or duties, or to regulate or subject to any control any vessel belonging to or employed in the service of her Majesty, or any member of the royal family, or in the service of the [^{F1}Customs and Excise], or of the Corporation of Trinity House of Deptford Strond, or the Commissioners of Northern Lights, using the harbour, dock, or pier, and not conveying goods for hire, . . . ^{F2}, or any of the officers or persons employed in the service of the Admiralty, Ordnance, [^{F1}Customs and Excise] . . . ^{F2}, or their baggage, or any vessel or goods being under seizure by the officers of revenue, or any naval, victualling, or ordnance stores, or other stores or goods for the service of or being the property of her Majesty, or any troops landed upon or delivered or disembarked from any of the quays of the harbour, dock, or pier, or their baggage; but all such vessels, officers, or persons as aforesaid shall have the free use of the harbour, dock, or pier, without any charge or rate being made for using the same: Provided always, that if any person claim and take the benefit of any such exemption as aforesaid without being entitled thereto, he shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding [^{F3}level 3 on the standard scale].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by virtue of S.R. & O. 1909/197, (Rev. V, p. 465; 1909, p. 239) art. 10
- F2** Words repealed by [Post Office Act 1969 \(c. 48\)](#), [Sch. 11 Pt. II](#)
- F3** Words substituted (E.W.S.) 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](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 27-29, 31-33 extended by [Transport Act 1962 \(c. 46\)](#), [Sch. 9 para. 6\(2\)](#)

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- C2** S. 28 extended by S.R. & O. 1918/548 (Rev. I, p. 896: 1918 I, p. 50), Sch., S.I. 1972/971, art. 4, **Sch. 1**; incorporated with **Milford Haven Conservancy Act 1958 (c. 23)**, *ibid.*, s. 23(3) and by **Civil Aviation Act 1982 (c. 16, SIF 9)**, s. **97(3)**
- C3** Power to apply s. 28 with modifications conferred by **Supply Powers Act 1975 (c. 9)**, s. 2, **Sch. 1 Pt. II**
- C4** Ss. 27-32, 34-48 applied (with modifications)(E.W.S.)(22. 1. 1991) by S.I. 1991/106, **art. 8(3)**.
- C5** Ss. 27-48 applied (with modifications)(E.W.S.)(22. 1. 1991) by S.I. 1991/107, **art. 8(3)**.
- C6** Ss. 27-48 applied (with modifications)(E.W.S.)(8. 2. 1991) by S.I. 1991/237, **art. 8(3)**.
- C7** Ss. 27-48 applied (with modifications)(E.W.S.)(23. 5. 1991) by S.I. 1991/1257, **art. 8(3)**.
- C8** Ss. 27-48 applied (with modifications)(E.W.S.)(23. 5. 1991) by S.I. 1991/1258, **art. 8(3)**.
Ss. 27-41 applied (20.5.1998) by S.I. 1998/1209, **art. 7(4)**
Ss. 27-41 applied (with modifications) (1.7.1994) by S.I. 1994/1647, **art. 16(4)**
S. 28 applied (with modifications) (23.6.1999) by S.I. 1999/1736, **art. 10(1)**

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

- Act applied by [S.I. 2024/147 art. 4](#)
- Act excluded by [2023 c. 8 s. 11\(8\)](#)