



# Regulation of Railways Act 1873

1873 CHAPTER 48 36 and 37 Vict

## *Preliminary*

**1 Short title. U.K.**

This Act may be cited as “The Regulation of Railways Act 1873.”

**2 .....<sup>F1</sup> U.K.**

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 2 repealed by [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1893 \(c. 54\)](#)

**3 Definitions. U.K.**

In this Act—

The term “railway company” includes any person being the owner or lessee of or working any railway in the United Kingdom constructed or carried on under the powers of any Act of Parliament:

The term “canal company” includes any person being the owner or lessee of, or working, or entitled to charge tolls for the use of any canal in the United Kingdom constructed or carried on under the powers of any Act of Parliament:

The term “person” includes a body of persons corporate or unincorporate:

The term “railway” includes every station, siding, wharf, or dock of or belonging to such railway and used for the purposes of public traffic:

The term “canal” includes any navigation which has been made under or upon which tolls may be levied by authority of Parliament, and also the wharves and landing-places of and belonging to such canal or navigation, and used for the purposes of public traffic:

The term “traffic” includes not only passengers and their luggage, goods, animals, and other things conveyed by any railway company or canal company,

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but also carriages, waggons, trucks, boats, and vehicles of every description adapted for running or passing on the railway or canal of any such company:

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The term “special Act” means a local or local and personal Act, or an Act of a local and personal nature, and includes a Provisional Order of the Board of Trade confirmed by Act of Parliament, and a certificate granted by the Board of Trade under the<sup>M1</sup> Railways Construction Facilities Act 1864:

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**Textual Amendments**

- F2 Definition of “mails” repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1989 (c. 43), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. X**
- F3 Definition repealed by Railway and Canal Traffic Act 1888 (c. 25), **Sch.** and Statute Law Revision (No. 2) Act 1893 (c. 54)

**Marginal Citations**

- M1 1864 c. 121.

4 ..... F4 **U.K.**

**Textual Amendments**

- F4 S. 4 repealed by Railway and Canal Traffic Act 1888 (c. 25), **Sch.**

5 ..... F5 **U.K.**

**Textual Amendments**

- F5 S. 5 repealed by Railway and Canal Commission (Abolition) Act 1949 (c. 11), **Sch.**

6—10. .... F6 **U.K.**

**Textual Amendments**

- F6 Ss. 6–10 repealed by Transport Act 1962 (c. 46), s. 95(3), **Sch. 12 Pt. I**

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