



# Aviation Security Act 1982

## 1982 CHAPTER 36

### PART III

#### POLICING OF [F<sup>1</sup>AERODROMES ]

##### *Power to stop and search at aerodromes*

#### **24B Power of constable to stop and search persons, vehicles etc**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, a constable may search—
  - (a) any person, vehicle or aircraft in an aerodrome, or
  - (b) anything which is in or on such a vehicle or aircraft, for stolen or prohibited articles.
- (2) This section does not give a constable power to search a person, vehicle or aircraft, or anything in or on a vehicle or aircraft, unless he has reasonable grounds for suspecting that he will find stolen or prohibited articles.
- (3) For the purposes of exercising the power conferred by subsection (1) above, a constable may—
  - (a) enter any part of an aerodrome;
  - (b) detain a person, vehicle or aircraft;
  - (c) board an aircraft.
- (4) If in the course of a search under subsection (1) above a constable discovers an article which he has reasonable grounds for suspecting to be a stolen or prohibited article, he may seize it.
- (5) An article is prohibited for the purposes of this section if it is an article—
  - (a) made or adapted for use in the course of or in connection with criminal conduct, or
  - (b) intended by the person having it with him for such use by him or by some other person.

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- (6) In this section “ criminal conduct ” means conduct which—
- (a) constitutes an offence in the part of the United Kingdom in which the aerodrome is situated, or
  - (b) would constitute an offence in that part of the United Kingdom if it occurred there.
- (7) The powers conferred by this section on a constable are without prejudice to any powers exercisable by him apart from this section.
- (8) The exercise of a power under this section does not require a warrant.
- (9) Nothing in this section authorises a constable to enter a dwelling.

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