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## SCHEDULES

### [<sup>F1</sup>SCHEDULE 4A

#### ENFORCEMENT POWERS IN RELATION TO SHIPS

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 4A inserted (31.5.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 14 para. 8](#); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 2(d)

### PART 3

#### NORTHERN IRELAND

##### *Power to stop, board, divert and detain*

- 24 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that—
- (a) an offence under section [<sup>F2</sup>24B, 25 or 25A of this Act or section 21 of the 2006 Act] is being, or has been, committed on the ship, or
  - (b) the ship is otherwise being used in connection with the commission of an offence under any of those sections.
- (2) The relevant officer may—
- (a) stop the ship;
  - (b) board the ship;
  - (c) require the ship to be taken to a port in the United Kingdom and detained there.
- (3) The relevant officer may require the master of the ship, or any member of its crew, to take such action as is necessary for the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)(c).
- (4) A relevant officer must give notice in writing to the master of any ship detained under this paragraph.
- (5) The notice must state that the ship is to be detained until the notice is withdrawn by the giving of a further notice in writing signed by a relevant officer.]

##### Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in [Sch. 4A para. 24\(1\)\(a\)](#) substituted (12.4.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 6 para. 10\(11\)](#); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

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