



Immigration Act 1971

1971 CHAPTER 77

[^{F1}PART 3A

MARITIME ENFORCEMENT]

[^{F1}28LA Enforcement powers in relation to ships: United Kingdom

- (1) An immigration officer or an enforcement officer may exercise the powers set out in Part A1 of Schedule 4A (“Part A1 powers”) in relation to any of the following in United Kingdom waters, foreign waters or international waters—
 - (a) a United Kingdom ship;
 - (b) a ship without nationality;
 - (c) a foreign ship;
 - (d) a ship registered under the law of a relevant territory.
- (2) But Part A1 powers may be exercised only—
 - (a) for the purpose of preventing, detecting, investigating or prosecuting a relevant offence, and
 - (b) in accordance with the rest of this section.
- (3) The authority of the Secretary of State is required before an immigration officer or an enforcement officer may exercise Part A1 powers in relation to—
 - (a) a United Kingdom ship in foreign waters,
 - (b) a ship without nationality,
 - (c) a foreign ship, or
 - (d) a ship registered under the law of a relevant territory.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 28LA inserted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 7 para. 2](#); [S.I. 2022/590](#), regs. 1(2), 2, [Sch. 1 para. 22](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 8](#))

Changes to legislation:

Immigration Act 1971, Section 28LA is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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

- Act applied by [2008 c. 4 s. 133\(7\)\(8\)](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 10(1A)(1B) inserted by [1999 c. 33 Sch. 14 para. 47\(3\)](#)
- s. 24(1)(fa) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(2\)](#)
- s. 24C-24F inserted by [2016 c. 19 s. 44\(2\)](#)
- s. 26A(1)(b)(ia) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 25](#)
- s. 27(1)(aa) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 27(1)(ba) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 28CA(1)(bb) substituted for word in s. 28CA(1)(b) by [2016 c. 19 s. 44\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 27B(4A) inserted by [2004 c. 19 s. 16](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 26(4) inserted by [2016 c. 19 s. 74\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1A inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 13](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 11A inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(4\)](#)