



# Acquisition of Land Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 67

### PART IV

#### VALIDITY AND DATE OF OPERATION OF ORDERS AND CERTIFICATES

#### **23 Grounds for application to High Court.**

- (1) If any person aggrieved by a compulsory purchase order desires to question the validity thereof, or of any provision contained therein, on the ground that the authorisation of a compulsory purchase thereby granted is not empowered to be granted under this Act or any such enactment as is mentioned in section 1(1) of this Act, he may make an application to the High Court.
- (2) If any person aggrieved by—
  - (a) a compulsory purchase order, or
  - (b) a certificate under Part III of, or Schedule 3 to, this Act,desires to question the validity thereof on the ground that any relevant requirement has not been complied with in relation to the order or certificate he may make an application to the High Court.
- (3) In subsection (2) above “relevant requirement” means—
  - (a) any requirement of this Act, or of any regulation under section 7(2) above, or
  - (b) any requirement of the <sup>M1</sup>Tribunals and Inquiries Act [<sup>F1</sup>1992] or of any rules made, or having effect as if made, under that Act.
- (4) An application to the High Court under this section shall be made within six weeks—
  - (a) in the case of a compulsory purchase order to which the <sup>M2</sup>Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 applies (and which is not excluded by section 27 below), from the date on which the order becomes operative under that Act,
  - (b) in the case of a compulsory purchase order to which the said Act of 1945 does not apply, from the date on which notice of the confirmation or making of the order is first published in accordance with this Act,
  - (c) in the case of a certificate, the date on which notice of the giving of the certificate is first published in accordance with this Act.

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 23(3)(b) substituted (1. 10. 1992) by [Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992 \(c. 53\)](#), ss. 18(1), 19(2), [Sch. 3 para.14](#).
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#### Marginal Citations

- M1** [1971 c. 62](#).  
**M2** [1945 \(9 & 10 Geo 6\) c. 18](#).

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

- Act applied by [2023 asc 3 s. 43\(2\)](#)
- Act applied by [2023 asc 3 s. 50\(13\)](#)
- Act applied by [2023 asc 3 s. 137\(6\)](#)

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

- s. 7(4) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 3\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 13A(1A)-(1I) substituted for s. 13A(2)-(6) by [2023 c. 55 s. 182\(2\)](#)
- s. 13BA inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 183\(2\)](#)
- s. 14A(2A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 190\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 15(4)(ba) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 183\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 15(4B)-(4F) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 183\(3\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 15A and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 190\(1\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 26(1A)-(3) substituted for s. 26(1)(2) by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 4AA inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 19 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 6(4)(ba) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 19 para. 3\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 6(4B)-(4D) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 19 para. 3\(3\)\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 4A(1A)-(1J) substituted for Sch. 1 para. 4A(2)-(8) by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 19 para. 2\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2A inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 190\(1\)\(d\)](#)