



Airports Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 31

PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Other provisions relating to airports

65 Control of road traffic at designated airports.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, the road traffic enactments shall apply in relation to roads which are within a designated airport but to which the public does not have access as they apply in relation to roads to which the public has access.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by order direct that in their application to roads within such an airport the road traffic enactments shall have effect subject to such modifications as appear to him necessary or expedient for the purpose of, or in consequence of, conferring—
 - (a) on the airport operator functions exercisable under those enactments by a highway authority or local authority; or
 - (b) on the chief officer of any airport constabulary functions so exercisable by a chief officer of police.
- (3) An order under subsection (2) may exempt from the application of the road traffic enactments particular roads or lengths of road to which the public does not have access and may require the airport operator to indicate the roads or lengths of roads so exempted in such manner as may be specified in the order.
- (4) Before making an order under this section in relation to any airport (other than one managed by the Secretary of State) the Secretary of State shall consult the airport operator.
- (5) Any road or place within an airport in the metropolitan police district shall be deemed to be a street or place within the meaning of section 35 of the London Hackney Carriage Act 1831.

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(6) In this section—

“airport constabulary” means, in relation to an airport owned or managed by the Secretary of State, the special constables appointed under section 57 of the 1982 Act and, in relation to any airport owned or managed by a local authority, any body of constables which the authority have power to maintain at that airport;

“designated airport” means an airport which is designated for the purposes of this section by an order made by the Secretary of State; and

“the road traffic enactments” has the meaning given by section 63(3).

(7) In the application of subsection (2) to Scotland, for “highway authority or local authority” there shall be substituted “roads authority as defined in section 151(1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984”.

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

- Act saved (6.5.1999) by [1998 c. 46 s. 30 Sch. 5 Pt. 2 s. E4\(f\)](#)
- Act textual by [S.I. 2001/2237 art. 2](#)

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

- s. 12(1) (defn. of "principal council") para. (aa) added (prosp.) by [1994 c. 19 s. 66\(6\)Sch. 16 para. 77](#)
- s. 12(1) (defns. "local authority""principal council") para. (b) amended (S) by [1994 c. 39 Sch. 13 para. 147](#)
- s. 12(1) (defn. of "principal council") para. (a) repealed in part (prosp.) by [1994 c. 19 s. 66\(6\)\(8\)Sch. 16 para. 77Sch. 18](#)