



Airports Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 31

PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Other provisions relating to airports

66 Functions of operators of designated airports as respects abandoned vehicles [^{F1}etc.] .

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order direct that, in their application to land within any designated airport, the provisions of—
- (a) sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978 (powers and duties of local authorities to remove and dispose of vehicles abandoned on land in their area) and section 8 of that Act (powers of entry etc.) so far as relating to section 3 of that Act, and
 - (b) any regulations for the time being in force under any of those sections,

shall have effect subject to such modifications as appear to him necessary or expedient for the purpose of, or in consequence of, conferring on the airport operator the functions exercisable under those provisions by local authorities or local authorities of any description.

- (2) In relation to the provisions of—
- (a) sections 99 to 102 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (removal of vehicles [^{F2}from roads if illegally, obstructively or dangerously parked or broken down, and from roads or open land if abandoned][^{F2}illegally, obstructively or dangerously parked, or abandoned or broken down]), and
 - (b) any regulations for the time being in force under any of those sections,

the powers of the Secretary of State under section 65(2) shall be exercisable not only as respects the application of those provisions to roads within an airport but also as respects their application to other land within the airport.

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- (3) Where the provisions of—
- (a) section 3 of the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978,
 - (b) [^{F3}section 99, 100 or 102 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984,] or
 - (c) any regulations for the time being in force under [^{F4}any of those sections][^{F4}that section] ,

apply to any land within any airport in accordance with an order made under or by virtue of this section, those provisions shall have effect in relation to vehicles in a building on that land which is used for providing facilities for the parking of vehicles as they have effect in relation to vehicles on land in the open air.

- (4) Before making an order under subsection (1) in relation to an airport (other than one managed by the Secretary of State) the Secretary of State shall consult the airport operator.

- (5) In this section—

“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).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 66 heading inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2012) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\), s. 120, Sch. 9 para. 19\(4\)](#) (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(g)
- F2** Words in s. 66(2)(a) substituted (E.W.) (1.10.2012) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\), s. 120, Sch. 9 para. 19\(2\)](#) (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(g)
- F3** S. 66(3)(b) repealed (E.W.) (1.10.2012) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\), s. 120, Sch. 9 para. 19\(3\)\(a\), Sch. 10 Pt. 3](#) (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(g)
- F4** Words in s. 66(3)(c) substituted (E.W.) (1.10.2012) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\), s. 120, Sch. 9 para. 19\(3\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 97); S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(g)

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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](#)