

These notes refer to the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 (c.20) which received Royal Assent on 10 July 2003

RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT SAFETY ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part 4 - Shipping: Alcohol and Drugs

Commentary on sections

Section 84: Detention pending arrival of police

116. Prior to this Act, local bye-laws allowed some harbour authority officials to exercise powers to detain ships whose pilots were suspected to be committing an offence of being impaired by drink or drugs. Section 84 extends this regime to allow marine officials to detain a vessel when they reasonably suspect that a person on board is committing an offence under this Part. However, in order not to affect the operational effectiveness of the armed forces, this section does not apply to ships which are being used for a purpose of Her Majesty's forces or which form part of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary.