



Public Order Act 1936

1936 CHAPTER 6 1 Edw 8 and 1 Geo 6

9 Interpretation, &c.

- (1) In this Act the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

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“Meeting” means a meeting held for the purpose of the discussion of matters of public interest or for the purpose of the expression of views on such matters;

“Private premises” means premises to which the public have access (whether on payment or otherwise) only by permission of the owner, occupier, or lessee of the premises;

“Public meeting” includes any meeting in a public place and any meeting which the public or any section thereof are permitted to attend, whether on payment or otherwise;

[^{F2}“Public place” includes any highway [^{F3}, or in Scotland any road within the meaning of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984] and any other premises or place to which at the material time the public have or are permitted to have access, whether on payment or otherwise.]

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“Recognised corps” means a rifle club, miniature rifle club or cadet corps approved by a Secretary of State under the Firearms Acts 1920 to 1936, for the purposes of those Acts.

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- (3) Any order made under this Act . . . ^{F6} by a chief officer of police may be revoked or varied by a subsequent order made in like manner.
- (4) The powers conferred by this Act on any chief officer of police may, in the event of a vacancy in the office or in the event of the chief officer of police being unable to act owing to illness or absence, be exercised by the person duly authorised in accordance with directions given by a Secretary of State to exercise those powers on behalf of the chief officer of police.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Public Order Act 1936, Section 9. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Definition of “Chief Officer of Police” repealed by (E.W.) [Police Act 1964 \(c. 48\)](#), **Sch. 10 Pt. I** and (S.)[Police \(Scotland\) Act 1967 \(c. 77\)](#), **Sch.5 Pt. I**
- F2** Definition substituted by [Criminal Justice Act 1972 \(c. 71\)](#), **s. 33**
- F3** Words inserted by [Roads \(Scotland\) Act 1984 \(c. 54, SIF 108\)](#), ss. 128(1), 156(1), **Sch. 9 para. 30**
- F4** Definition repealed by [Public Order Act 1986 \(c. 64, SIF 39:2\)](#), s. 40(3), **Sch. 3**
- F5** [S.9\(2\)](#) repealed (30.9.1997) by 1997 c. 60, ss. 3(2), 3(3), **Sch.**
- F6** Words repealed by [Public Order Act 1986 \(c. 64, SIF 39:2\)](#), s. 40(3), **Sch. 3**

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