
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 1736

**The Visiting Forces and International
Headquarters (Application of Law) Order 1999**

Exemption from harbour dues

10.—(1) For the purposes of any special Act within the meaning of the Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847⁽¹⁾ (“the 1847 Act”), section 28 of the 1847 Act (which exempts vessels in Her Majesty’s service etc. from the payment of rates or duties) shall have effect as if—

- (a) members of a visiting force or headquarters,
- (b) persons employed in the service of such a force, and
- (c) vessels, aircraft, stores and goods used for the purposes of such a force or headquarters,

were entitled to the same exemptions and immunities and privileges as such members, persons or property would enjoy under that section if the visiting force or headquarters were a part of any of the home forces.

(2) Where in relation to any harbour, dock or pier there is an agreement in force made on behalf of Her Majesty under which sums are payable on account of rates and duties to which section 28 of the 1847 Act applies, a visiting force or headquarters shall be liable to pay an amount equal to the amount that would be payable under that agreement if the force or headquarters were a part of any of the home forces.

(3) Any sums payable under paragraph (2) shall be payable to the person to whom the sums would be payable under the agreement referred to in that paragraph.

⁽¹⁾ 1847 c. 27.