



Immigration Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 14

8 Examination of passengers prior to arrival.

- (1) This section applies to a person who arrives in the United Kingdom with a passport or other travel document bearing a stamp which—
 - (a) has been placed there by an immigration officer before that person's departure on his journey to the United Kingdom or in the course of that journey; and
 - (b) states that the person may enter the United Kingdom either for an indefinite or a limited period and, if for a limited period, subject to specified conditions.
- (2) A person to whom this section applies shall for the purposes of the principal Act be deemed to have been given on arrival in the United Kingdom indefinite or, as the case may be, limited leave in terms corresponding to those of the stamp.
- (3) A person who is deemed to have leave by virtue of this section shall be treated as having been given it by a notice given to him by an immigration officer within the period specified in paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 2 to the principal Act.
- (4) A person deemed to have leave by virtue of this section shall not on his arrival in the United Kingdom be subject to examination under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the principal Act but may be examined by an immigration officer for the purpose of establishing that he is such a person.
- (5) The leave which a person is deemed to have by virtue of this section may, at any time before the end of the period of twenty-four hours from his arrival at the port at which he seeks to enter the United Kingdom or, if he has been examined under subsection (4) above, from the conclusion of that examination, be cancelled by an immigration officer by giving him a notice in writing refusing him leave to enter.
- (6) Sub-paragraphs (3) and (4) of paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the principal Act shall have effect as if any notice under subsection (5) above were a notice under that paragraph.
- (7) References in this section to a person's arrival in the United Kingdom are to the first occasion on which he arrives after the time when the stamp in question was placed in his passport or travel document, being an occasion not later than seven days after that time.

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Textual Amendments

F1 S. 8(8) repealed (2.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1813](#), arts. 1, 9, **Sch. 6Pt. I**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 2, 7, 8, 9 and 12 extended (with modifications) (1.8.1993) to Guernsey by [S.I. 1993/1796](#), art. 3(4), **Sch. 1 Pt. III**
- C2** S. 8 extended (with modifications) (1.8.1993) to Jersey by [S.I. 1993/1797](#), art. 3(4), **Sch. 1 Pt. 3** (as amended (coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.I.) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2017](#) ([S.I. 2017/981](#)), **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 3** (with art. 6)
- C3** S. 8 extended (with modifications) (5.6.2003) by [The Immigration and Asylum Act 1999](#) (Jersey) [Order 2003](#) ([S.I. 2003/1252](#)), arts. 1(1), 2, **Sch.**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 8 repealed by [1999 c. 33 Sch. 14 para. 85](#)[Sch. 16](#)

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

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

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

- s. 7(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 8\(2\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Reg. 8 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of [S.I. 2020/1309](#), regs. 1(2)(a), 48)