



Immigration Act 1971

1971 CHAPTER 77

An Act to amend and replace the present immigration laws, to make certain related changes in the citizenship law and enable help to be given to those wishing to return abroad, and for purposes connected therewith. [28th October 1971]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act amended by [Immigration Act 1988 \(c. 14, SIF 62\), s. 7\(3\)](#)
Act amended (2.10.2000) by [S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 8](#) (with [regs. 9, 28](#)) (which S.I. was revoked (with saving) (30.4.2006) by [S.I. 2006/1003, reg. 31, Sch. 3](#) (with [Sch. 4](#)))
Act amended (2.10.2000) by [1999 c. 33, s. 59](#); [S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, Sch.](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2](#))
Act amended (2.10.2000) by [1999 c. 33, s. 65\(1\)](#); [S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, Sch.](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2](#))
Act amended (2.10.2000) by [1999 c. 33, ss. 69, 70](#); [S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, Sch.](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2](#))
- C2** Act excluded (10.6.1991) by [Criminal Justice \(International Co-operation\) Act 1990 \(c. 5, SIF 39:1\), s. 6\(6\)](#); [S.I. 1991/1072, art. 2, Sch. Pt. I](#)
- C3** Act modified (10.6.1991) by [Criminal Justice \(International Co-operation\) Act 1990 \(c. 5, SIF 39:1\), s. 6\(6\)\(a\)](#); [S.I. 1991/1072, art. 2, Sch. Pt. I](#)
Act modified (7.7.2000) by [S.S.I. 2000/200, art. 2\(3\)](#)
Act modified (2.10.2000) by [S.I. 2000/2326, regs. 24\(2\), 25\(2\)](#) (with [regs. 9, 28](#)) (which S.I. was revoked (with saving) (30.4.2006) by [S.I. 2006/1003, reg. 31, Sch. 3](#) (with [Sch. 4](#)))
Act modified (1.9.2001) by [2001 c. 17, s. 32\(7\)](#) (with [ss. 27\(3\), 39, 78](#)); [S.I. 2001/2161, art. 2](#)
Act modified (18.7.2001) by [S.I. 2001/2590, art. 4\(2\)](#)
Act modified (25.2.2002) by [S.I. 2002/195, reg. 2\(3\)](#)
Act modified (30.4.2006) by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1003\), reg. 30, Sch. 2 paras. 1, 2](#)
- C4** Act restricted (20.7.1994) by [Immigration Act 1988 \(c. 14, SIF 62\), s. 7\(1\)](#); [S.I. 1994/1923, art. 2](#)
Act restricted (2.10.2000) by [S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 14](#) (with [regs. 9, 28](#)) (as amended (1.6.2002) by [S.I. 2002/1241 reg. 2\(3\), Sch. para. 8](#)) ([S.I. 2000/2326](#) was revoked (with saving) (30.4.2006) by [S.I. 2006/1003, reg. 31, Sch. 3](#) (with [Sch. 4](#)))
- C5** Act extended (with modifications) by [S.I. 1994/1405, art. 7](#) (the amendment coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.I.) (as amended (2.1.2008) by [S.I. 2007/3579, art. 3\(c\)](#)); and as further amended (16.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/856, arts. 1, 6](#)

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- C6** Act extended (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by [The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(Juxtaposed Controls\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2818\)](#), **art. 11(1)(a)**, Sch. 2 para. 1 (as amended (31.3.2021) by [The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(Juxtaposed Controls\) \(Amendment\) Order 2021 \(S.I. 2021/311\)](#)), arts. 1(2), **2(7)(a)**
- C7** Act: power to amend conferred (10.2.2003 for certain purposes) by 1999 c. 33, s. 53; S.I. 2003/2, **art. 2**, Sch.
- C8** Act applied (with modifications) (1.4.2006) by [The Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(Application and Modification of Certain Enactments to Designated Staff of SOCA\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/987\)](#), **art. 6**, Sch. 2
- C9** Act applied (1.8.2008 for certain purposes) by [UK Borders Act 2007 \(c. 30\)](#), **ss. 36(4)**, 59; S.I. 2008/1818, **art. 2(a)**, Sch.
- C10** Act applied (prosp.) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), **ss. 133(7)(8)**, 153(7) (with Sch. 27 para. 36)
- C11** Act applied (with modifications) (4.8.2014) by [The Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(Application and Modification of Certain Enactments\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1704\)](#), art. 7, **Sch. 2**
- C12** Act extended in part (Jersey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(1) of the amending S.I.) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) Order 2021 \(S.I. 2021/1281\)](#), art. 3, Sch. 1, **Sch. 1A** (with art. 16)
- C13** Act: power to amend conferred (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 28.6.2022 in so far as not already in force) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), **ss. 82(1)(2)(a)(3)-(6)**, 87(1)(4)(i); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 29

Commencement Information

- II** Act partly in force at Royal Assent see **ss. 34(1)**, 35(1)-(3); Act wholly in force at 1 January 1973.

PART I

REGULATION OF ENTRY INTO AND STAY IN UNITED KINGDOM

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C14** Pt. 1 extended (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (13.3.2008 for specified purposes and 1.5.2008 in so far as not already in force) by [The Immigration \(Isle of Man\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/680\)](#), arts. 1(2), 5, 6(2)(a), 7, **Sch. 3**, **Sch. 10 Pt. 1** (with Sch. 2 para. 2) (as amended (29.6.2011) by S.I. 2011/1408, art. 1, **Sch. paras. 1, 2(c)(f)**); (11.2.2016) by S.I. 2016/156, arts. 1(2), **6**; (14.3.2019) by S.I. 2019/562, arts. 1, **5, 11**; (with effect in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by S.I. 2020/1322, **art. 3**; (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by [The Immigration \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 3\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1576\)](#), **art. 8**; (31.12.2020) by [The Immigration \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1214\)](#), arts. 1, **6(2)(3)**; and (11.11.2021) by [The Immigration \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2021 \(S.I. 2021/1277\)](#), **arts. 1(2), 8**

1 General principles.

- (1) All those who are in this Act expressed to have the right of abode in the United Kingdom shall be free to live in, and to come and go into and from, the United Kingdom without let or hindrance except such as may be required under and in accordance with this Act to enable their right to be established or as may be otherwise lawfully imposed on any person.
- (2) Those not having that right may live, work and settle in the United Kingdom by permission and subject to such regulation and control of their entry into, stay in and

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departure from the United Kingdom as is imposed by this Act; and indefinite leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom shall, by virtue of this provision, be treated as having been given under this Act to those in the United Kingdom at its coming into force, if they are then settled there (and not exempt under this Act from the provisions relating to leave to enter or remain).

- (3) Arrival in and departure from the United Kingdom on a local journey from or to any of the Islands (that is to say, the Channel Islands and Isle of Man) or the Republic of Ireland shall not be subject to control under this Act, nor shall a person require leave to enter the United Kingdom on so arriving, except in so far as any of those places is for any purpose excluded from this subsection under the powers conferred by this Act; and in this Act the United Kingdom and those places, or such of them as are not so excluded, are collectively referred to as “the common travel area”.
- (4) The rules laid down by the Secretary of State as to the practice to be followed in the administration of this Act for regulating the entry into and stay in the United Kingdom of persons not having the right of abode shall include provision for admitting (in such cases and subject to such restrictions as may be provided by the rules, and subject or not to conditions as to length of stay or otherwise) persons coming for the purpose of taking employment, or for purposes of study, or as visitors, or as dependants of persons lawfully in or entering the United Kingdom.

^{F1}(5)

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 1(5) repealed by [Immigration Act 1988 \(c. 14, SIF 62\), s. 1](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C15** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Guernsey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Guernsey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1796\), arts. 1, 3\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#)
- C16** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Jersey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1797\), arts. 1, 3\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) (as amended (17.10.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2593, arts. 1, 2\(2\)](#); and (coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.I.) by [S.I. 2017/981, Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1](#) (with art. 6))
- C17** S. 1 excluded by [Prevention of Terrorism \(Temporary Provisions\) Act 1989 \(c. 4\) \(SIF 39:2\), s. 20\(3\)](#)
- C18** S. 1 excluded by [S.I. 1972/1610, art. 3\(2\)](#)
S. 1 restricted (19.2.2001) by [2000 c. 11, s. 53\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2001/421](#)
- C19** S. 1 excluded (12.2.2019 for specified purposes, 13.8.2020 in so far as not already in force) by [Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 \(c. 3\), s. 27\(1\)\(g\), Sch. 3 para. 24](#) (with s. 25(9)); [S.I. 2020/792, reg. 2\(g\)](#)

^{F2} **Statement of right of abode in United Kingdom.**

- (1) A person is under this Act to have the right of abode in the United Kingdom if—
- he is a British citizen; or
 - he is a Commonwealth citizen who—
 - immediately before the commencement of the ^{M1}British Nationality Act 1981 was a Commonwealth citizen having the right of abode in the United Kingdom by virtue of section 2(1)(d) or section 2(2) of this Act as then in force; and
 - has not ceased to be a Commonwealth citizen in the meanwhile.

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- (2) In relation to Commonwealth citizens who have the right of abode in the United Kingdom by virtue of subsection (1)(b) above, this Act, except this section [^{F3}, section 5(2) and section 25], shall apply as if they were British citizens; and in this Act (except as aforesaid) “British citizen” shall be construed accordingly.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 2 substituted (1.1.1983) by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\)](#), **ss. 39(2)**, 52(7) (with [Sch. 8 para. 8](#)); [S.I. 1982/933](#), **art. 2** [Editorial note: According to the *Chronological Table of the Statutes (1951-1987)* (HMSO, 1989) there were no amendments made to s. 2 between the date of Royal Assent and its substitution on 1.1.1983 and therefore the text of s. 2(1)(d) and (2) as in force immediately before the commencement of the British Nationality Act 1981 is the same as that of the **Original (As enacted) Version** of this section.]
- F3** Words in s. 2(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Immigration, Nationality and Asylum \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/745\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(2)**; 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C20** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Guernsey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Guernsey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1796\)](#), arts. 1, 3(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. 1**
- C21** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Jersey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1797\)](#), arts. 1, 3(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. 1** (as amended (17.10.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2593](#), arts. 1, **2(2)**; and (coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.I.) by [S.I. 2017/981](#), **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1** (with art. 6))

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1981 c. 61.

[^{F4}2A Deprivation of right of abode

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order remove from a specified person a right of abode in the United Kingdom which he has under section 2(1)(b).
- (2) The Secretary of State may make an order under subsection (1) in respect of a person only if the Secretary of State thinks that it would be conducive to the public good for the person to be excluded or removed from the United Kingdom.
- (3) An order under subsection (1) may be revoked by order of the Secretary of State.
- (4) While an order under subsection (1) has effect in relation to a person—
- (a) section 2(2) shall not apply to him, and
 - (b) any certificate of entitlement granted to him shall have no effect.]

Textual Amendments

- F4** S. 2A inserted (16.6.2006) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#), **ss. 57(1)**, 62; [S.I. 2006/1497](#), art. 3, [Sch.](#)

3 General provisions for regulation and control.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided by or under this Act, where a person is not [^{F5}a British citizen]—

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- (a) he shall not enter the United Kingdom unless given leave to do so in accordance with [^{F6}the provisions of, or made under,] this Act;
 - (b) he may be given leave to enter the United Kingdom (or, when already there, leave to remain in the United Kingdom) either for a limited or for an indefinite period;
 - ^{F7}[(c) if he is given limited leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom, it may be given subject to all or any of the following conditions, namely—
 - (i) a condition restricting his [^{F8}work] or occupation in the United Kingdom;
 - [a condition restricting his studies in the United Kingdom;]
 - ^{F9}(ia) (ii) a condition requiring him to maintain and accommodate himself, and any dependants of his, without recourse to public funds; ^{F10} . . .
 - (iii) a condition requiring him to register with the police.
 - [a condition requiring him to report to an immigration officer or the
 - ^{F11}(iv) Secretary of State; and
 - (v) a condition about residence.]]
- (2) The Secretary of State shall from time to time (and as soon as may be) lay before Parliament statements of the rules, or of any changes in the rules, laid down by him as to the practice to be followed in the administration of this Act for regulating the entry into and stay in the United Kingdom of persons required by this Act to have leave to enter, including any rules as to the period for which leave is to be given and the conditions to be attached in different circumstances; and section 1(4) above shall not be taken to require uniform provision to be made by the rules as regards admission of persons for a purpose or in a capacity specified in section 1(4) (and in particular, for this as well as other purposes of this Act, account may be taken of citizenship or nationality).
- If a statement laid before either House of Parliament under this subsection is disapproved by a resolution of that House passed within the period of forty days beginning with the date of laying (and exclusive of any period during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued or during which both Houses are adjourned for more than four days), then the Secretary of State shall as soon as may be make such changes or further changes in the rules as appear to him to be required in the circumstances, so that the statement of those changes be laid before Parliament at latest by the end of the period of forty days beginning with the date of the resolution (but exclusive as aforesaid).
- (3) In the case of a limited leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom,—
- (a) a person’s leave may be varied, whether by restricting, enlarging or removing the limit on its duration, or by adding, varying or revoking conditions, but if the limit on its duration is removed, any conditions attached to the leave shall cease to apply; and
 - (b) the limitation on and any conditions attached to a person’s leave [^{F12}(whether imposed originally or on a variation) shall], if not superseded, apply also to any subsequent leave he may obtain after an absence from the United Kingdom within the period limited for the duration of the earlier leave.
- (4) A person’s leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom shall lapse on his going to a country or territory outside the common travel area (whether or not he lands there), unless within the period for which he had leave he returns to the United Kingdom in

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circumstances in which he is not required to obtain leave to enter; but, if he does so return, his previous leave (and any limitation on it or conditions attached to it) shall continue to apply.

[^{F13}(5) A person who is not a British citizen is liable to deportation from the United Kingdom if—

- (a) the Secretary of State deems his deportation to be conducive to the public good; or
- (b) another person to whose family he belongs is or has been ordered to be deported.]

[^{F14}(5A) The Secretary of State may not deem a relevant person's deportation to be conducive to the public good under subsection (5) if the person's deportation—

- (a) would be in breach of the obligations of the United Kingdom under Article 20 of the EU withdrawal agreement, Article 19 of the EEA EFTA separation agreement, or Article 17 or 20(3) of the Swiss citizens' rights agreement, or
- (b) would be in breach of those obligations if the provision in question mentioned in paragraph (a) applied in relation to the person.]

(6) Without prejudice to the operation of subsection (5) above, a person who is not [^{F5}a British citizen] shall also be liable to deportation from the United Kingdom if, after he has attained the age of seventeen, he is convicted of an offence for which he is punishable with imprisonment and on his conviction is recommended for deportation by a court empowered by this Act to do so.

[^{F15}(6A) A court may not recommend under subsection (6) that a relevant person be deported if the offence for which the person was convicted consisted of or included conduct that took place before IP completion day.]

(7) Where it appears to Her Majesty proper so to do by reason of restrictions or conditions imposed on [^{F16}British citizens, British Dependent Territories citizens or British Overseas citizens] when leaving or seeking to leave any country or the territory subject to the government of any country, Her Majesty may by Order in Council make provision for prohibiting persons who are nationals or citizens of that country and are not [^{F5}British citizens] from embarking in the United Kingdom, or from doing so elsewhere than at a port of exit, or for imposing restrictions or conditions on them when embarking or about to embark in the United Kingdom; and Her Majesty may also make provision by Order in Council to enable those who are not [^{F5}British citizens] to be, in such cases as may be prescribed by the Order, prohibited in the interests of safety from so embarking on a ship or aircraft specified or indicated in the prohibition.

Any Order in Council under this subsection shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

(8) When any question arises under this Act whether or not a person is [^{F5}a British citizen], or is entitled to any exemption under this Act, it shall lie on the person asserting it to prove that he is.

[^{F17}(9) A person seeking to enter the United Kingdom and claiming to have the right of abode there shall prove it by means of—

- (a) a United Kingdom passport describing him as a British citizen,
- (b) a United Kingdom passport describing him as a British subject with the right of abode in the United Kingdom, [^{F18}or]

^{F19}(c)

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- ^{F19}(d)
(e) a certificate of entitlement.]

[^{F20}(10) For the purposes of this section, a person is a “relevant person”—

- (a) if the person is in the United Kingdom (whether or not they have entered within the meaning of section 11(1)) having arrived with entry clearance granted by virtue of relevant entry clearance immigration rules,
(b) if the person has leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom granted by virtue of residence scheme immigration rules,

[^{F21}(ba) if the person is in the United Kingdom (whether or not they have entered within the meaning of section 11(1)) having arrived with entry clearance granted by virtue of Article 23 of the Swiss citizens’ rights agreement,]

- (c) if the person may be granted leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a person who has a right to enter the United Kingdom by virtue of—
(i) Article 32(1)(b) of the EU withdrawal agreement,
(ii) Article 31(1)(b) of the EEA EFTA separation agreement, or
(iii) Article 26a(1)(b) of the Swiss citizens' rights agreement,
whether or not the person has been granted such leave, or
(d) if the person may enter the United Kingdom by virtue of regulations made under section 8 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (frontier workers), whether or not the person has entered by virtue of those regulations.

(11) In this section—

“EEA EFTA separation agreement” and “Swiss citizens' rights agreement” have the same meanings as in the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (see section 39(1) of that Act);

“relevant entry clearance immigration rules” and “residence scheme immigration rules” have the meanings given by section 17 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020.]

Textual Amendments

- F5** Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\), s. 52\(7\)](#), [Sch. 4 para. 2](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 8](#))
F6 Words in s. 3(1)(a) inserted (14.2.2000) by [1999 c. 33, s. 169\(1\)](#), [Sch. 14 paras. 43, 44\(1\)](#); [S.I. 2000/168, art. 2](#), [Sch.](#) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by [S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2](#), [Sch.](#))
F7 S. 3 (1)(c) substituted (1.11.1996) by [1996 c. 49, s. 12\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 1\(1\)](#); [S.I. 1996/2127, art. 2](#), [Sch. Pt. IV](#)
F8 Word in s. 3(1)(c)(i) substituted (12.7.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\), ss. 34\(2\)](#), [94\(1\)](#); [S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3\(e\)](#) (with transitional provision in [S.I. 2016/712, art. 2](#))
F9 S. 3(1)(c)(ia) inserted (21.7.2009) by [Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009 \(c. 11\), ss. 50, 58\(3\)](#)
F10 Word after s. 3(1)(c)(ii) repealed (31.1.2008) by [UK Borders Act 2007 \(c. 30\), ss. 58, 59](#), [Sch.](#); [S.I. 2008/99, art. 2](#)
F11 S. 3(1)(c)(iv)(v) inserted (31.1.2008) by [UK Borders Act 2007 \(c. 30\), ss. 16, 59](#); [S.I. 2008/99, art. 2](#) (subject to [art. 3](#))
F12 Words in s. 3(3)(b) substituted (16.5.1991) by [Immigration Act 1988 \(c. 14, SIF 62\), s. 10](#), [Sch. para. 1](#)

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- F13** S. 3(5) substituted (2.10.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 44(2); S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, Sch. 1 (subject to transitional provisions in art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, **art. 2**, Sch.)
- F14** S. 3(5A) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), **ss. 10(2)**, 42(7) (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 63(1)); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(e)
- F15** S. 3(6A) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), **ss. 10(3)**, 42(7) (with s. 38(3)); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(e)
- F16** Words substituted by British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61), s. 52(7), **Sch. 4 para. 4** (with Sch. 8 para. 8)
- F17** S. 3(9) substituted (16.6.2006) by Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13), **s. 30**; S.I. 2006/1497, **art. 3**, Sch.
- F18** Word in s. 3(9)(b) inserted (21.1.2011) by Identity Documents Act 2010 (c. 40), s. 14(2), **Sch. para. 1(a)**
- F19** S. 3(9)(c)(d) omitted (21.1.2011) by virtue of Identity Documents Act 2010 (c. 40), s. 14(2), **Sch. para. 1(b)**
- F20** S. 3(10)(11) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), **ss. 10(4)**, 42(7) (with **ss. 10(6)**, 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 63(2)); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(e)
- F21** S. 3(10)(ba) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Citizens' Rights (Restrictions of Rights of Entry and Residence) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1210), regs. 1(1), **3(2)**; S.I. 2020/1279, reg. 4(a)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C15** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Guernsey) (1.8.1993) by The Immigration (Guernsey) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/1796), arts. 1, 3(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. 1**
- C22** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Jersey) (1.8.1993) by The Immigration (Jersey) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/1797), arts. 1, 3(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. 1** (as amended (17.10.2012) by S.I. 2012/2593, arts. 1, **2(2)**; and (coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.I.) by S.I. 2017/981, **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1** (with art. 6))
- C23** S. 3 modified (2.8.1993) by S.I. 1993/1813, arts. 7(1), 1, **Sch. 4 para 1(2)(a)(b)**
Ss. 3-3B extended (14.12.2001) by 2001 c. 24, **ss. 22(2)(a)(3)**, 127(2)
- C24** S. 3 modified (30.9.2020 immediately after the entry into force of S.I. 2020/915, art. 5) by The Channel Tunnel (Arrangements with the Kingdom of the Netherlands) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/916), arts. 1(3), **6**
- C25** S. 3 modified by S.I. 1994/1405, art. 7 (as amended (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by The Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/915), arts. 1(3), **11**)
- C26** S. 3 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Citizens' Rights (Application Deadline and Temporary Protection) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1209), regs. 1(1), **3(4)**, 4(5), 12(1)(b)
- C27** S. 3(5)(a) modified (2.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2326, **reg. 26(3)** (with regs. 9, 28)
- C28** S. 3(5)(a) modified (1.8.2008 for certain purposes and otherwise prosp.) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), **ss. 32(4)**, 59; S.I. 2008/1818, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. (with art. 3)
- C29** S. 3(6) extended (14.12.2001) by 2001 c. 24, **ss. 22(2)(c)(3)**, 127(2)

[^{F22}3ZA Irish citizens

- (1) An Irish citizen does not require leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom, unless subsection (2), (3) or (4) applies to that citizen.
- (2) This subsection applies to an Irish citizen if the Irish citizen is subject to a deportation order made under section 5(1).
- (3) This subsection applies to an Irish citizen if—
 - (a) the Secretary of State has issued directions for the Irish citizen not to be given entry to the United Kingdom on the ground that the Irish citizen's exclusion is conducive to the public good,

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- (b) the Secretary of State has given the Irish citizen notice of the directions, and
 - (c) the directions have not been withdrawn.
- (4) This subsection applies to an Irish citizen if the Irish citizen is an excluded person for the purposes of section 8B (persons excluded under certain instruments).
- (5) Where subsection (2), (3) or (4) applies to an Irish citizen, section 1(3) does not permit the Irish citizen to enter the United Kingdom without leave on arriving in the United Kingdom on a local journey from any place in the common travel area.]

Textual Amendments

F22 S. 3ZA inserted (31.12.2020 immediately before IP completion day) by [Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Act 2020 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 2(2)**, 9(1) (with s. 4(2)); S.I. 2020/1279, reg. 3 (with saving in S.I. 2020/1309, regs. 1(2), 84, Sch. 5 para. 10)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C30 S. 3ZA modified (31.12.2020) by [The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Act 2020 \(Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1309\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 2**

[^{F23}3A Further provision as to leave to enter.

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order make further provision with respect to the giving, refusing or varying of leave to enter the United Kingdom.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) may, in particular, provide for—
- (a) leave to be given or refused before the person concerned arrives in the United Kingdom;
 - (b) the form or manner in which leave may be given, refused or varied;
 - (c) the imposition of conditions;
 - (d) a person's leave to enter not to lapse on his leaving the common travel area.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by order provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed—
- (a) an entry visa, or
 - (b) such other form of entry clearance as may be prescribed,
- is to have effect as leave to enter the United Kingdom.
- (4) An order under subsection (3) may, in particular—
- (a) provide for a clearance to have effect as leave to enter—
 - (i) on a prescribed number of occasions during the period for which the clearance has effect;
 - (ii) on an unlimited number of occasions during that period;
 - (iii) subject to prescribed conditions; and
 - (b) provide for a clearance which has the effect referred to in paragraph (a)(i) or (ii) to be varied by the Secretary of State or an immigration officer so that it ceases to have that effect.
- (5) Only conditions of a kind that could be imposed on leave to enter given under section 3 may be prescribed.

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- (6) In subsections (3), (4) and (5) “prescribed” means prescribed in an order made under subsection (3).
- (7) The Secretary of State may, in such circumstances as may be prescribed in an order made by him, give or refuse leave to enter the United Kingdom.
- (8) An order under subsection (7) may provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the order, paragraphs 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 21 of Part I of Schedule 2 to this Act are to be read, in relation to the exercise by the Secretary of State of functions which he has as a result of the order, as if references to an immigration officer included references to the Secretary of State.
- (9) Subsection (8) is not to be read as affecting any power conferred by subsection (10).
- (10) An order under this section may—
 - (a) contain such incidental, supplemental, consequential and transitional provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate; and
 - (b) make different provision for different cases.
- (11) This Act and any provision made under it has effect subject to any order made under this section.
- (12) An order under this section must be made by statutory instrument.
- (13) But no such order is to be made unless a draft of the order has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.]

Textual Amendments

F23 S. 3A inserted (14.2.2000) by [1999 c. 33, ss. 1, 169\(2\), Sch. 15 para. 1\(1\)](#); [S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch.](#) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by [S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C31 Ss. 3-3B extended (14.12.2001) by [2001 c. 24, ss. 22\(2\)\(a\)\(3\), 127\(2\)](#)

[^{F24}3B Further provision as to leave to remain.

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order make further provision with respect to the giving, refusing or varying of leave to remain in the United Kingdom.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) may, in particular, provide for—
 - (a) the form or manner in which leave may be given, refused or varied;
 - (b) the imposition of conditions;
 - (c) a person’s leave to remain in the United Kingdom not to lapse on his leaving the common travel area.
- (3) An order under this section may—
 - (a) contain such incidental, supplemental, consequential and transitional provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate; and
 - (b) make different provision for different cases.

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- (4) This Act and any provision made under it has effect subject to any order made under this section.
- (5) An order under this section must be made by statutory instrument.
- (6) But no such order is to be made unless a draft of the order has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.]

Textual Amendments

F24 S. 3B inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, ss. 2, 169(2), Sch. 15 para. 1(2); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C32 Ss. 3-3B extended (14.12.2001) by 2001 c. 24, ss. 22(2)(a)(3), 127(2)

[^{F25}3C Continuation of leave pending variation decision

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) a person who has limited leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom applies to the Secretary of State for variation of the leave,
 - (b) the application for variation is made before the leave expires, and
 - (c) the leave expires without the application for variation having been decided.
- (2) The leave is extended by virtue of this section during any period when—
 - (a) the application for variation is neither decided nor withdrawn,
 - (b) an appeal under section 82(1) of the Nationality, Asylum and Immigration Act 2002 could be brought [^{F26}, while the appellant is in the United Kingdom] against the decision on the application for variation (ignoring any possibility of an appeal out of time with permission), ^{F27} ...
 - (c) an appeal under that section against that decision [^{F28}, brought while the appellant is in the United Kingdom,] is pending (within the meaning of section 104 of that Act) [^{F29}, ^{F30} ...
 - [^{F31}(ca) an appeal could be brought under the Immigration (Citizens' Rights Appeals) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 ("the 2020 Regulations"), while the appellant is in the United Kingdom, against the decision on the application for variation (ignoring any possibility of an appeal out of time with permission),
 - (cb) an appeal under the 2020 Regulations against that decision, brought while the appellant is in the United Kingdom, is pending (within the meaning of those Regulations), or]
 - (d) an administrative review of the decision on the application for variation—
 - (i) could be sought, or
 - (ii) is pending.]
- (3) Leave extended by virtue of this section shall lapse if the applicant leaves the United Kingdom.

[Leave extended by virtue of this section may be cancelled if the applicant—
^{F32}(3A) (a) has failed to comply with a condition attached to the leave, or

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- (b) has used or uses deception in seeking leave to remain (whether successfully or not).]
- (4) A person may not make an application for variation of his leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom while that leave is extended by virtue of this section.
- (5) But subsection (4) does not prevent the variation of the application mentioned in subsection (1)(a).
- [^{F33}(6) The Secretary of State may make regulations determining when an application is decided for the purposes of this section; and the regulations—
- (a) may make provision by reference to receipt of a notice,
 - (b) may provide for a notice to be treated as having been received in specified circumstances,
 - (c) may make different provision for different purposes or circumstances,
 - (d) shall be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (e) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.]
- [In this section—
- ^{F34}(7) “administrative review” means a review conducted under the immigration rules;
- the question of whether an administrative review is pending is to be determined in accordance with the immigration rules.]]

Textual Amendments

- F25** S. 3C inserted (1.4.2003) by [2002 c. 41, s. 118](#) (with [s. 159](#)); [S.I. 2003/754, art. 2, Sch. 1](#) (with transitional provisions in arts. 3, 4, Sch. 2 (as amended by [S.I. 2003/1040](#) and [2003/1339](#)))
- F26** Words in s. 3C(2)(b) inserted (31.8.2006) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\), s. 11\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2006/2226, art. 3, Sch. 1](#) (subject to transitional provisions in art. 4)
- F27** Word in s. 3C(2)(b) omitted (20.10.2014) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 9 para. 21\(2\)\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2014/2771, art. 2\(e\)](#) (with arts. 9-11) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8; and with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/2928](#), art. 2 (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), arts. 1(3), 9))
- F28** Words in s. 3C(2)(c) inserted (31.8.2006) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\), s. 11\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2006/2226, art. 3, Sch. 1](#) (subject to transitional provisions in art. 4)
- F29** S. 3C(2)(d) and word inserted (20.10.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 9 para. 21\(2\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2014/2771, art. 2\(e\)](#) (with arts. 9-11) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8; and with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/2928](#), art. 2 (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), arts. 1(3), 9))
- F30** Word in s. 3C(2)(c) omitted (31.1.2020) by virtue of [The Immigration \(Citizens’ Rights Appeals\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/61\), reg. 1\(2\), Sch. 4 para. 1\(a\)](#)
- F31** S. 3C(2)(ca)(cb) inserted (31.1.2020) by [The Immigration \(Citizens’ Rights Appeals\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/61\), reg. 1\(2\), Sch. 4 para. 1\(b\)](#)
- F32** S. 3C(3A) inserted (1.12.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\), ss. 62\(1\), 94\(1\)](#); [S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5\(g\)](#)
- F33** S. 3C(6) substituted (31.8.2006) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\), s. 11\(4\)](#); [S.I. 2006/2226, art. 3, Sch. 1](#) (subject to transitional provisions in art. 4)
- F34** S. 3C(7) inserted (20.10.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 9 para. 21\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2014/2771, art. 2\(e\)](#) (with arts. 9-11) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8; and with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/2928](#), art. 2 (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), arts. 1(3), 9))

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C33** S. 3C applied (with modifications) (1.4.2003) by 1997 c. 68, s. 2(2)(a) (as substituted by 2002 c. 41, s. 114, Sch. 7 para. 20) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/754, art. 2, Sch. 1 (with transitional provisions in arts. 3, 4, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2003/1040 and 2003/1339)))
- C34** S. 3C extended (14.3.2003) by The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/754), art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2(2) (as substituted (8.4.2003) by S.I. 2003/1040, arts. 1, 2)

^{F35}3D Continuation of leave following revocation

Textual Amendments

- F35** S. 3D omitted (1.12.2016) by virtue of Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), ss. 64(1), 94(1) (with s. 64(5)); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(h)

4 Administration of control.

- (1) The power under this Act to give or refuse leave to enter the United Kingdom shall be exercised by immigration officers, and the power to give leave to remain in the United Kingdom, or to vary any leave under section 3(3)(a) (whether as regards duration or conditions) [^{F36}or to cancel any leave under section 3C(3A)], shall be exercised by the Secretary of State; and, unless otherwise [^{F37}allowed by or under] this Act, those powers shall be exercised by notice in writing given to the person affected, except that the powers under section 3(3)(a) may be exercised generally in respect of any class of persons by order made by statutory instrument.
- (2) The provisions of Schedule 2 to this Act shall have effect with respect to—
- (a) the appointment and powers of immigration officers and medical inspectors for purposes of this Act;
 - (b) the examination of persons arriving in or leaving the United Kingdom by ship or aircraft ^{F38} . . . , and the special powers exercisable in the case of those who arrive as, or with a view to becoming, members of the crews of ships and aircraft; and
 - (c) the exercise by immigration officers of their powers in relation to entry into the United Kingdom, and the removal from the United Kingdom of persons refused leave to enter or entering or remaining unlawfully; and
 - (d) the detention of persons pending examination or pending removal from the United Kingdom;
- and for other purposes supplementary to the foregoing provisions of this Act.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument, which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament, make provision as to the effect of a condition under this Act requiring a person to register with the police; and the regulations may include provision—
- (a) as to the officers of police by whom registers are to be maintained, and as to the form and content of the registers;

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- (b) as to the place and manner in which anyone is to register and as to the documents and information to be furnished by him, whether on registration or on any change of circumstances;
- (c) as to the issue of certificates of registration and as to the payment of fees for certificates of registration;

and the regulations may require anyone who is for the time being subject to such a condition to produce a certificate of registration to such persons and in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the regulations.

- (4) The Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument, which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament, make such provision as appears to him to be expedient in connection with this Act for records to be made and kept of persons staying at hotels and other premises where lodging or sleeping accommodation is provided, and for persons (whether [^{F39}British citizens] or not) who stay at any such premises to supply the necessary information.

Textual Amendments

- F36** Words in s. 4(1) inserted (1.12.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), **ss. 62(2)**, 94(1); S.I. 2016/1037, **reg. 5(g)**
- F37** Words in s. 4(1) substituted (14.2.2000) by [1999 c. 33](#), s. 169(1), **Sch. 14 paras. 43, 45**; S.I. 2000/168, **art. 2**, **Sch.** (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, **art. 2**, **Sch.**)
- F38** Words in s. 4(2)(b) repealed (2.8.1993) by S.I. 1993/1813, **arts. 9, 1**, **Sch. 6 Pt. I**
- F39** Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\)](#), s. 52(7), **Sch. 4 para. 2** (with **Sch. 8 para. 8**)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C15** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Guernsey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Guernsey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1796\)](#), **arts. 1, 3(1)**, **Sch. 1 Pt. 1**
- C35** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Jersey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1797\)](#), **arts. 1, 3(1)**, **Sch. 1 Pt. 1** (as amended (17.10.2012) by S.I. 2012/2593, **arts. 1, 2(2)**; and (coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.I.) by S.I. 2017/981, **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1** (with **art. 6**))
- C36** S. 4 modified by S.I. 1994/1405, **art. 7** (as amended (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Channel Tunnel \(International Arrangements and Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Amendment\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/915\)](#), **arts. 1(3), 11**)
- C37** S. 4 modified (30.9.2020 immediately after the entry into force of S.I. 2020/915, **art. 5**) by [The Channel Tunnel \(Arrangements with the Kingdom of the Netherlands\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/916\)](#), **arts. 1(3), 6**
- C38** S. 4(2)(b) modified (2.8.1993) by S.I. 1993/1813, **arts. 7(1), 1**, **Sch. 4 para. 1(3)**

5 Procedure for, and further provisions as to, deportation.

- (1) Where a person is under section 3(5) or (6) above liable to deportation, then subject to the following provisions of this Act the Secretary of State may make a deportation order against him, that is to say an order requiring him to leave and prohibiting him from entering the United Kingdom; and a deportation order against a person shall invalidate any leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom given him before the order is made or while it is in force.
- (2) A deportation order against a person may at any time be revoked by a further order of the Secretary of State, and shall cease to have effect if he becomes [^{F40}a British citizen].

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- (3) A deportation order shall not be made against a person as belonging to the family of another person if more than eight weeks have elapsed since the other person left the United Kingdom after the making of the deportation order against him; and a deportation order made against a person on that ground shall cease to have effect if he ceases to belong to the family of the other person, or if the deportation order made against the other person ceases to have effect.
- (4) For purposes of deportation the following shall be those who are regarded as belonging to another person's family—
- (a) where that other person is a man, his wife [^{F41}or civil partner,] and his or her children under the age of eighteen; and
- ^{F42}[(b) where that other person is a woman, her husband [^{F43}or civil partner,] and her or his children under the age of eighteen;]
- and for purposes of this subsection an adopted child, whether legally adopted or not, may be treated as the child of the adopter and, if legally adopted, shall be regarded as the child only of the adopter; an illegitimate child (subject to the foregoing rule as to adoptions) shall be regarded as the child of the mother; and “wife” includes each of two or more wives.
- (5) The provisions of Schedule 3 to this Act shall have effect with respect to the removal from the United Kingdom of persons against whom deportation orders are in force and with respect to the detention or control of persons in connection with deportation.
- (6) Where a person is liable to deportation under section [^{F44}3(5)] or (6) above but, without a deportation order being made against him, leaves the United Kingdom to live permanently abroad, the Secretary of State may make payments of such amounts as he may determine to meet that person's expenses in so leaving the United Kingdom, including travelling expenses for members of his family or household.

Textual Amendments

- F40** Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\)](#), s. 52(7), **Sch. 4 para. 2** (with [Sch. 8 para. 8](#))
- F41** Words in s. 5(4)(a) inserted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\)](#), s. 261(1), **Sch. 27 para. 37(a)**; [S.I. 2005/3175](#), **art. 2(2)-(5)**
- F42** S. 5(4)(b) substituted (1.10.1996) by [1996 c. 49](#), s. 12(1), **Sch. 2 para.2**; [S.I. 1996/2053](#), art. 2, **Sch. Pt.III**
- F43** Words in s. 5(4)(b) inserted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\)](#), s. 261(1), **Sch. 27 para. 37(b)**; [S.I. 2005/3175](#), **art. 2(2)-(5)**
- F44** “3(5)” substituted for “3(5)(c)” by [Immigration Act 1988 \(c. 14, SIF 62\)](#), s. 10, **Sch. para. 2**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C15** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Guernsey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Guernsey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1796\)](#), arts. 1, 3(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. 1**
- C39** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Jersey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1797\)](#), arts. 1, 3(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. 1** (as amended (17.10.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2593](#), arts. 1, **2(2)**; and (coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.I.) by [S.I. 2017/981](#), **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1** (with art. 6))
- C40** S. 5 applied (20.7.1994) by [S.I. 1994/1895](#), **art. 20(2)**
S. 5 applied (2.10.2000 with application as mentioned in reg. 9) by [S.I. 2000/2326](#), **reg. 26(3)**
S. 5 restricted (2.10.2000) by [1999 c. 33](#), s. 58(3), **Sch. 4 Pt. II para. 18**; [S.I. 2000/2444](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1** (subject to transitional provisions in [art. 3](#), [Sch. 2 para. 2](#))

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- S. 5 restricted (2.10.2000 with application as mentioned in regs. 9, 28) by S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 32(5)(7) (as substituted (1.4.2003) for reg. 34(5)(10) by S.I. 2003/549, **reg. 2(8)** (with reg. 3))
- C41** S. 5 continued (14.3.2003) by The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/754), arts. 3, 4, **Sch. 2 para. 2(3)**
- C42** S. 5 applied (1.2.2017 for specified purposes) by The Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1052), regs. 1(2)(b), **32(3)**
- C43** S. 5 applied (31.12.2020) by The Citizens' Rights (Frontier Workers) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1213), regs. 1(2)(3), **16(3)**
- C44** S. 5(1) amended (2.10.2000) by 1999 c. 33, **ss. 63, 64**; S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, **Sch. 1** (subject to transitional provisions in art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2)
 S. 5(1) amended (2.10.2000) by 1999 c. 33, **ss. 69(4), 70(5)-(8)**; S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, **Sch. 1** (subject to transitional provisions in art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2)
 S. 5(1) amended (22.5.2000 for certain purposes, otherwise 2.10.2000) by 1999 c. 33, **s. 74**; S.I. 2000/1282, art. 2, **Sch.**; S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, **Sch. 1** (subject to transitional provisions in art. 3, Sch. 2)
 S. 5(1) amended (2.10.2000) by 1999 c. 33, **s. 77**; S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, **Sch. 1** (subject to transitional provisions in art. 3, Sch. 2)
 S. 5(1) extended (14.12.2001) by 2001 c. 24, **ss. 22(2)(d)(e)(3), 127(2)**
- C45** S. 5(3) amended (2.10.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 58(3), **Sch. 4 Pt. II para. 19**; S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, **Sch. 1** (subject to transitional provisions in art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2)
- C46** S. 5(3) modified (1.8.2008 for certain purposes and otherwise prosp.) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), **ss. 37(1), 59**; S.I. 2008/1818, **art. 2(a)**, Sch.

6 Recommendations by court for deportation.

- (1) Where under section 3(6) above a person convicted of an offence is liable to deportation on the recommendation of a court, he may be recommended for deportation by any court having power to sentence him for the offence unless the court commits him to be sentenced or further dealt with for that offence by another court:

Provided that in Scotland the power to recommend a person for deportation shall be exercisable only by the sheriff or the High Court of Justiciary, and shall not be exercisable by the latter on an appeal unless the appeal is against a conviction on indictment or against a sentence upon such a conviction.

- (2) A court shall not recommend a person for deportation unless he has been given not less than seven days notice in writing stating that a person is not liable to deportation if he is [^{F45}a British citizen], describing the persons who are [^{F45}British citizens] and stating (so far as material) the effect of section 3(8) above and section 7 below; but the powers of adjournment conferred by [^{F46}section 10(3) of the ^{M2}Magistrates' Courts Act 1980], [^{F47}section 179 or 380 of the ^{M3}Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975] or any corresponding enactment for the time being in force in Northern Ireland shall include power to adjourn, after convicting an offender, for the purpose of enabling a notice to be given to him under this subsection or, if a notice was so given to him less than seven days previously, for the purpose of enabling the necessary seven days to elapse.
- (3) For purposes of section 3(6) above—
- (a) a person shall be deemed to have attained the age of seventeen at the time of his conviction if, on consideration of any available evidence, he appears to have done so to the court making or considering a recommendation for deportation; and
 - (b) the question whether an offence is one for which a person is punishable with imprisonment shall be determined without regard to any enactment restricting

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the imprisonment of young offenders or [^{F48}first offenders][^{F48}persons who have not previously been sentenced to imprisonment];

and for purposes of deportation a person who on being charged with an offence is found to have committed it shall, notwithstanding any enactment to the contrary and notwithstanding that the court does not proceed to conviction, be regarded as a person convicted of the offence, and references to conviction shall be construed accordingly.

- (4) Notwithstanding any rule of practice restricting the matters which ought to be taken into account in dealing with an offender who is sentenced to imprisonment, a recommendation for deportation may be made in respect of an offender who is sentenced to imprisonment for life.
- (5) Where a court recommends or purports to recommend a person for deportation, the validity of the recommendation shall not be called in question except on an appeal against the recommendation or against the conviction on which it is made; but—
^{F49} . . . the recommendation shall be treated as a sentence for the purpose of any enactment providing an appeal against sentence ^{F49} . . .
^{F50}(b)
- (6) A deportation order shall not be made on the recommendation of a court so long as an appeal or further appeal is pending against the recommendation or against the conviction on which it was made; and for this purpose an appeal or further appeal shall be treated as pending (where one is competent but has not been brought) until the expiration of the time for bringing that appeal or, in Scotland, until the expiration of twenty-eight days from the date of the recommendation.
- (7) For the purpose of giving effect to any of the provisions of this section in its application to Scotland, the High Court of Justiciary shall have power to make rules by act of adjournal.

Textual Amendments

- F45** Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\), s. 52\(7\)](#), [Sch. 4 para. 2](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 8](#))
- F46** Words substituted by [Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 \(c. 43\), s. 154\(2\)](#), [Sch. 7 para. 104](#)
- F47** Words substituted by [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21\)](#), [Sch. 9 para. 47](#)
- F48** Words “persons” to “imprisonment” substituted for words “first offenders” (E.W.) by [Criminal Justice Act 1972 \(c. 71\)](#), [Sch. 5](#) and (U.K.) by [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48\)](#), s. 80(2), [Sch. 15 para. 15\(a\)](#)
- F49** Words repealed (S.) by [Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(c. 62\)](#), [Sch. 8](#) and repealed (31.1.1983) by [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48\)](#), s. 80(2), [Sch. 16](#)
- F50** S. 6(5)(b) repealed (S.) by [Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(c. 62\)](#), [Sch. 8](#) and repealed (31.1.1983) by [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48\)](#), s. 80(2), [Sch. 16](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C15** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Guernsey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Guernsey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1796\)](#), arts. 1, 3(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#)
- C47** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Jersey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1797\)](#), arts. 1, 3(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) (as amended (17.10.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2593](#), arts. 1, [2\(2\)](#)); and (coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.I.) by [S.I. 2017/981](#), [Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1](#) (with art. 6))

Marginal Citations

- M2** [1980 c. 43](#).

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M3 1975 c. 21.

7 Exemption from deportation for certain existing residents.

(1) Notwithstanding anything in section 3(5) or (6) above but subject to the provisions of this section, a Commonwealth citizen or citizen of the Republic of Ireland who was such a citizen at the coming into force of this Act and was then ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom—

- (a) ^{F51}
- [^{F52}(b) shall not be liable to deportation under section 3(5) if at the time of the Secretary of State’s decision he had for the last five years been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands;]
- (c) shall not on conviction of an offence be recommended for deportation under section 3(6) if at the time of the conviction he had for the last five years been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands.

(2) A person who has at any time become ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom or in any of the Islands shall not be treated for the purposes of this section as having ceased to be so by reason only of his having remained there in breach of the immigration laws.

(3) The “last five years” before the material time under subsection (1)(b) or (c) above is to be taken as a period amounting in total to five years exclusive of any time during which the person claiming exemption under this section was undergoing imprisonment or detention by virtue of a sentence passed for an offence on a conviction in the United Kingdom and Islands, and the period for which he was imprisoned or detained by virtue of the sentence amounted to six months or more.

(4) For purposes of subsection (3) above—

- (a) “sentence” includes any order made on conviction of an offence; and
- (b) two or more sentences for consecutive (or partly consecutive) terms shall be treated as a single sentence; and
- (c) a person shall be deemed to be detained by virtue of a sentence—
- (i) at any time when he is liable to imprisonment or detention by virtue of the sentence, but is unlawfully at large; and
- (ii) (unless the sentence is passed after the material time) during any period of custody by which under any relevant enactment the term to be served under the sentence is reduced.

In paragraph (c)(ii) above “relevant enactment” means [^{F53}section 240 [^{F54}, 240ZA or 240A] of the Criminal Justice Act 2003] (or, before that section operated, section 17(2) of the ^{M4}Criminal Justice Administration Act 1962) and any similar enactment which is for the time being or has (before or after the passing of this Act) been in force in any part of the United Kingdom and Islands.

(5) Nothing in this section shall be taken to exclude the operation of section 3(8) above in relation to an exemption under this section.

Textual Amendments

F51 S. 7(1)(a) repealed (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, ss. 75(2), 161, Sch. 9 (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, art. 2, Sch.

F52 S. 7(1)(b) substituted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 75(3) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, art. 2, Sch.

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- F53** Words in s. 7(4) substituted (4.4.2005) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\)](#), s. 304, **Sch. 32 Pt. 1 para. 16**; S.I. 2005/950, **art. 2, Sch. 1** (with **Sch. 2** (as modified (29.7.2005) by S.I. 2005/2122, art. 2))
- F54** Words in s. 7(4) inserted (3.12.2012) by [Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 \(c. 10\)](#), s. 151(1), **Sch. 13 para. 7**; S.I. 2012/2906, art. 2(k)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C15** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Guernsey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Guernsey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1796\)](#), arts. 1, 3(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. 1**
- C48** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Jersey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1797\)](#), arts. 1, 3(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. 1** (as amended (17.10.2012) by S.I. 2012/2593, arts. 1, **2(2)**); and (coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.I.) by S.I. 2017/981, **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1** (with art. 6))

Marginal Citations

- M4** 1962 c. 15.

8 Exceptions for seamen, aircrews and other special cases.

- (1) Where a person arrives at a place in the United Kingdom as a member of the crew of a ship or aircraft under an engagement requiring him to leave on that ship as a member of the crew, or to leave within seven days on that or another aircraft as a member of its crew, then unless either—
- there is in force a deportation order made against him; or
 - he has at any time been refused leave to enter the United Kingdom and has not since then been given leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom; or
 - an immigration officer requires him to submit to examination in accordance with Schedule 2 to this Act; ^{F55}or
 - the person has ever met the four conditions in section 2 of the Illegal Migration Act 2023 (conditions relating to removal from the United Kingdom), reading subsection (3) of that section as if it referred to a person entering or arriving in the United Kingdom as mentioned in subsection (2) of that section on or after 7 March 2023;]

he may without leave enter the United Kingdom at that place and remain until the departure of the ship or aircraft on which he is required by his engagement to leave.

^{F56}(1A) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to a member of the crew of a ship who is an offshore worker within the meaning of section 11A.]

- (2) The Secretary of State may by order exempt any person or class of persons, either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as may be imposed by or under the order, from all or any of the provisions of this Act relating to those who are not ^{F57}British citizens].

An order under this subsection, if made with respect to a class of persons, shall be made by statutory instrument, which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

- (3) ^{F58}Subject to subsection (3A) below,] the provisions of this Act relating to those who are not ^{F57}British citizens] shall not apply to any person so long as he is a member of a mission (within the meaning of the ^{M5}Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964), a person who is a member of the family and forms part of the household of such a member, or

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a person otherwise entitled to the like immunity from jurisdiction as is conferred by that Act on a diplomatic agent.

[^{F59}(3A) For the purposes of subsection (3), a member of a mission other than a diplomatic agent (as defined by the 1964 Act) is not to count as a member of a mission unless—

- (a) he was resident outside the United Kingdom, and was not in the United Kingdom, when he was offered a post as such a member; and
- (b) he has not ceased to be such a member after having taken up the post.]

(4) The provisions of this Act relating to those who are not [^{F57}British citizens], other than the provisions relating to deportation, shall also not apply to any person so long as either—

- (a) he is subject, as a member of the home forces, to service law; or
- (b) being a member of a Commonwealth force or of a force raised under the law of any ^{F60}. . . colony, protectorate or protected state, is undergoing or about to undergo training in the United Kingdom with any body, contingent or detachment of the home forces; or
- (c) he is serving or posted for service in the United Kingdom as a member of a visiting force or of any force raised as aforesaid or as a member of an international headquarters or defence organisation designated for the time being by an Order in Council under section 1 of the ^{M6}International Headquarters and Defence Organisations Act 1964.

(5) Where a person having a limited leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom becomes entitled to an exemption under this section, that leave shall continue to apply after he ceases to be entitled to the exemption, unless it has by then expired [^{F61}or otherwise ceased to be in force]; and a person is not to be regarded for purposes of this Act as having been [^{F62}settled in the United Kingdom at any time when he was entitled under the former immigration laws to any exemption corresponding to any of those afforded by subsection (3) or (4)(b) or (c) above or by any order under subsection (2) above.]

[^{F63}(5A) An order under subsection (2) above may, as regards any person or class of persons to whom it applies, provide for that person or class to be in specified circumstances regarded (notwithstanding the order) as settled in the United Kingdom for the purposes of section 1(1) of the ^{M7}British Nationality Act 1981.]

(6) In this section “the home forces” means any of Her Majesty’s forces other than a Commonwealth force or a force raised under the law of any associated state, colony, protectorate or protected state; “Commonwealth force” means a force of any country to which provisions of the ^{M8}Visiting Forces Act 1952 apply without an Order in Council under section 1 of the Act; and “visiting force” means a body, contingent or detachment of the forces of a country to which any of those provisions apply, being a body, contingent or detachment for the time being present in the United Kingdom on the invitation of Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom.

Textual Amendments

F55 S. 8(1)(d) and word inserted (20.7.2023) by [Illegal Migration Act 2023 \(c. 37\)](#), **ss. 30(2)**, 68(3)(a) (with s. 55(9))

F56 S. 8(1A) inserted (12.4.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), **Sch. 6 para. 2**; S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

F57 Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\)](#), s. 52(7), **Sch. 4 para. 2** (with Sch. 8 para. 8)

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- F58** Words inserted by [Immigration Act 1988 \(c. 14, SIF 62\), s. 4](#)
- F59** S. 8(3A) substituted (1.3.2000) by [1999 c. 33, s. 6; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch.](#) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by [S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.](#))
- F60** Words in s. 8(4)(b) repealed (8.11.1995) by [1995 c. 44, s. 1, Sch. 1 Pt. II](#) Group 1
- F61** Words in s. 8(5) inserted (12.7.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\), ss. 76\(1\), 94\(1\); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3\(n\)](#)
- F62** Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\), s. 52\(7\), Sch. 4 para. 5](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 8](#))
- F63** S. 8(5A) inserted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\), ss. 39\(4\), 52\(7\)](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 8](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C15** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Guernsey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Guernsey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1796\), arts. 1, 3\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#)
- C49** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Jersey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1797\), arts. 1, 3\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) (as amended (17.10.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2593, arts. 1, 2\(2\)](#); and (coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.I.) by [S.I. 2017/981, Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1](#) (with [art. 6](#)))
- C50** S. 8 modified (30.9.2020 immediately after the entry into force of [S.I. 2020/915, art. 5](#)) by [The Channel Tunnel \(Arrangements with the Kingdom of the Netherlands\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/916\), arts. 1\(3\), 6](#)
- C51** S. 8 modified by [S.I. 1994/1405, art. 7](#) (as amended (coming into force in accordance with [art. 1\(3\)](#) of the amending S.I.) by [The Channel Tunnel \(International Arrangements and Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Amendment\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/915\), arts. 1\(3\), 11](#))
- C52** S. 8(1) modified (2.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1813, arts. 7\(1\), 1, Sch. 4 para. 1\(4\)](#)
- C53** S. 8(3) extended by [State Immunity Act 1978 \(c. 33\), s. 20\(3\)](#)

Marginal Citations

- M5** [1964 c. 81.](#)
- M6** [1964 c. 5.](#)
- M7** [1981 c. 61.](#)
- M8** [1952 c. 67.](#)

[^{F64}8A Persons ceasing to be exempt.

- (1) A person is exempt for the purposes of this section if he is exempt from provisions of this Act as a result of section 8(2) or (3).
- (2) If a person who is exempt—
- ceases to be exempt, and
 - requires leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a result, he is to be treated as if he had been given leave to remain in the United Kingdom for a period of 90 days beginning on the day on which he ceased to be exempt.
- (3) If—
- a person who is exempt ceases to be exempt, and
 - there is in force in respect of him leave for him to enter or remain in the United Kingdom which expires before the end of the period mentioned in subsection (2),
- his leave is to be treated as expiring at the end of that period.]

- [^{F65}(4) References in this section to a person who ceases to be exempt do not include a person who ceases to be exempt by virtue of section 8B(3).]

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Textual Amendments

- F64** S. 8A inserted (1.3.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 7; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)
- F65** S. 8A(4) inserted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), ss. 76(2), 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(n)

[^{F66}8AA Persons ineligible for leave to enter and remain, entry clearance and ETA

- (1) This section applies in relation to a person who has ever met the four conditions in section 2 of the Illegal Migration Act 2023 (conditions relating to removal from the United Kingdom), reading subsection (3) of that section as if it referred to a person entering or arriving in the United Kingdom as mentioned in subsection (2) of that section on or after 7 March 2023.
- (2) Subject to subsections (3) to (5), the person—
 - (a) must not be given leave to enter or leave to remain in the United Kingdom, unless it is—
 - (i) limited leave given under the immigration rules to a person within section 4(1) of that Act (unaccompanied children), or
 - (ii) limited leave to remain given under section 65 of the Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (leave to remain for victims of slavery or human trafficking) as it has effect by virtue of section 22 of the Illegal Migration Act 2023 (provisions relating to removal and leave),
 - (b) must not be granted an entry clearance, and
 - (c) must not be granted an ETA.
- (3) The Secretary of State may give the person limited leave to enter the United Kingdom, or grant to the person an entry clearance or an ETA, if—
 - (a) the person has left or been removed from the United Kingdom after having become a person within subsection (1), and
 - (b) the Secretary of State considers that—
 - (i) failure to give the leave or grant the entry clearance or ETA would contravene the United Kingdom’s obligations under the Human Rights Convention, or
 - (ii) there are other exceptional circumstances which apply in relation to the person which mean that it is appropriate to give the leave or grant the entry clearance or ETA.
- (4) The Secretary of State may give the person limited leave to remain in the United Kingdom if—
 - (a) the Secretary of State considers that failure to do so would contravene the United Kingdom’s obligations under the Human Rights Convention or any other international agreement to which the United Kingdom is a party, or
 - (b) the Secretary of State has exercised the power in subsection (3) in respect of the person, and the Secretary of State considers that there are other exceptional circumstances which apply in relation to the person which mean that it is appropriate to give the person limited leave to remain.

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- (5) The Secretary of State may give the person indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom if the Secretary of State considers that failure to do so would contravene the United Kingdom’s obligations under the Human Rights Convention.
- (6) In this section, “the Human Rights Convention” means the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, agreed by the Council of Europe at Rome on 4 November 1950 as it has effect for the time being in relation to the United Kingdom.]

Textual Amendments

F66 S. 8AA inserted (20.7.2023) by [Illegal Migration Act 2023 \(c. 37\)](#), **ss. 30(3), 68(3)(a)** (with [ss. 30\(4\)-\(7\), 55\(9\)](#))

[^{F67}8B Persons excluded from the United Kingdom under [^{F68}certain instruments].

- (1) An excluded person must be refused—
 - (a) leave to enter the United Kingdom;
 - (b) leave to remain in the United Kingdom [^{F69}(and any leave given to a person who is an excluded person is invalid)].
 - (2) A person’s leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom is cancelled on his becoming an excluded person.
 - [^{F70}(3) Any exemption of a person from the provisions of this Act under section 8(1), (2) or (3) does not apply while the person is an excluded person.]
 - [^{F71}(4) “Excluded person” means—
 - (a) a person named by or under, or of a description specified in, an instrument falling within subsection (5), or
 - (b) a person who under regulations under section 1 of the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 is an excluded person for the purposes of this section (see section 4 of that Act).]
 - (5) [^{F72}An instrument falls within this subsection] if it is a resolution of the Security Council of the United Nations or an instrument made by the Council of the European Union and it—
 - (a) requires that a person is not to be admitted to the United Kingdom (however that requirement is expressed); or
 - (b) recommends that a person should not be admitted to the United Kingdom (however that recommendation is expressed).
- [Subsection (1), (2) or (3) does not apply to a person if—
- ^{F73}(5A) (a) the application of that subsection to that person would be contrary to the United Kingdom’s obligations under—
 - (i) the Human Rights Convention (within the meaning given by section 167(1) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999), or
 - (ii) the Refugee Convention (within the meaning given by that provision),
or
 - (b) [^{F74}the person is within subsection (4)(a) and not within subsection (4)(b) and has been exempted from the application of subsection (1), (2) or (3), as the

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case may be,] under a process applying by virtue of the instrument falling within subsection (5).]

[In relation to any person within subsection (4)(b), subsections (1) to (3) are subject ^{F75}(5B) to any exception created under, or direction given by virtue of, section 15(4) of the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (power to create exceptions etc).]

^{F76}(6)

^{F76}(7)

^{F76}(8)]

Textual Amendments

- F67** S. 8B inserted (1.3.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 8; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)
- F68** Words in s. 8B heading substituted (22.11.2018) by Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (c. 13), s. 64(2), **Sch. 3 para. 1(2)** (with ss. 52(3), 53, 58); S.I. 2018/1213, reg. 2(f)
- F69** Words in s. 8B(1)(b) inserted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), **ss. 76(4)**, 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(n)
- F70** S. 8B(3) substituted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), **ss. 76(5)**, 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(n)
- F71** S. 8B(4) substituted (22.11.2018) by Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (c. 13), s. 64(2), **Sch. 3 para. 1(3)** (with ss. 52(3), 53, 58); S.I. 2018/1213, reg. 2(f)
- F72** Words in s. 8B(5) substituted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), **ss. 76(7)**, 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(n)
- F73** S. 8B(5A) inserted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), **ss. 76(8)**, 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(n)
- F74** Words in s. 8B(5A)(b) substituted (22.11.2018) by Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (c. 13), s. 64(2), **Sch. 3 para. 1(4)** (with ss. 52(3), 53, 58); S.I. 2018/1213, reg. 2(f)
- F75** S. 8B(5B) inserted (22.11.2018) by Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (c. 13), s. 64(2), **Sch. 3 para. 1(5)** (with ss. 52(3), 53, 58); S.I. 2018/1213, reg. 2(f)
- F76** Ss. 8B(6)-(8) omitted (12.7.2016) by virtue of Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), **ss. 76(9)**, 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(n)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C54** S. 8B: power to modify conferred (22.11.2018) by Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (c. 13), **ss. 15(4)**, 64(2) (with ss. 52(3), 53, 58); S.I. 2018/1213, reg. 2(a)
- C55** S. 8B(1)(2)(3): power to disapply conferred (22.11.2018) by Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (c. 13), **ss. 48(4)(e)**, 64(2) (with ss. 52(3), 53, 58); S.I. 2018/1213, reg. 2(b)
- C56** S. 8B(1)(2)(3): power to modify conferred (6.7.2020 at 1.00 p.m.) by The Global Human Rights Sanctions Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/680), regs. 1(2), **24**
- C57** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/411), regs. 1(2), **98(1)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 7(2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C58** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Yemen (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1278), regs. 1(2), **38(1)**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 20(2)
- C59** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/433), regs. 1(2), **38(1)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 5(2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C60** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Libya (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1665), regs. 1(3), **55**

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- C61** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Mali (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/705), regs. 1(2), **24(1)**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 13(2)
- C62** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/855), regs. 1(2), **69**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C63** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Burundi (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1142), regs. 1(2), **22(1)**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 2(2)
- C64** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/792), regs. 1(3), **68**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C65** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Cyber (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/597), regs. 1(2), **22**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 6(2)
- C66** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Guinea (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1145), regs. 1(2), **22**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 3(2)
- C67** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Unauthorised Drilling Activities in the Eastern Mediterranean (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1474), regs. 1(2), **23**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 24(2)
- C68** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Venezuela (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/135), regs. 1(2), **40(1)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 3(2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C69** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Misappropriation (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1468), regs. 1(2), **23(1)**; S.I. 2020/1514, **reg. 23(2)**
- C70** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Republic of Belarus (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/600), regs. 1(2), **37(1)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 12(2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C71** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Counter-Terrorism (International Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/573), regs. 1(2), **33(1)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 11(2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C72** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The South Sudan (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/438), regs. 1(2), **38(1)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 6(2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C73** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/618), regs. 1(2), **23(1)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 14(2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C74** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Bosnia and Herzegovina (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/608), regs. 1(2), **23(1)**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 7(2)
- C75** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Central African Republic (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/616), regs. 1(2), **38**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 10(2)
- C76** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Iran (Sanctions) (Nuclear) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/461), regs. 1(2), **45(1)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 8(2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C77** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Zimbabwe (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/604), regs. 1(2), **38(1)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 13(2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C78** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Republic of Guinea-Bissau (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/554), regs. 1(2), **23(1)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 10(2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C79** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Sudan (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/753), regs. 1(2), **39(1)**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 15(2)
- C80** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Nicaragua (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/610), regs. 1, **22**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 8(2)
- C81** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by The Burma (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/136), regs. 1(2), **40(1)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 4(2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- C82** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by [The Somalia \(Sanctions\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/642\)](#), regs. 1(2), **52(1)**; S.I. 2020/1514, reg. 12(2)
- C83** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (31.12.2020) by [The Iran \(Sanctions\) \(Human Rights\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/134\)](#), regs. 1(2), **40(1)**; S.I. 2019/627, reg. 2(2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C84** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (26.4.2021 at noon) by [The Global Anti Corruption Sanctions Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/488\)](#), regs. 1(2), **23(1)**
- C85** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (29.4.2021 at 5.00 pm) by [The Myanmar \(Sanctions\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/496\)](#), regs. 1(3), **49**
- C86** S. 8B(1)-(3) power to modify conferred (14.12.2021) by [The Burundi \(Sanctions\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/1404\)](#), regs. 1(2), **23**
- C87** S. 8B(1)-(3): power to modify conferred (14.12.2023) by [The Iran \(Sanctions\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1314\)](#), regs. 1(2), **67** (with regs. 98-100)

9 Further provisions as to common travel area.

- (1) Subject to subsection (5) below, the provisions of Schedule 4 to this Act shall have effect for the purpose of taking account in the United Kingdom of the operation in any of the Islands of the immigration laws there.
- (2) Persons who lawfully enter the United Kingdom on a local journey from a place in the common travel area after having either—
 - (a) entered any of the Islands or the Republic of Ireland on coming from a place outside the common travel area; or
 - (b) left the United Kingdom while having a limited leave to enter or remain which has since expired;
 if they are not [^{F77}British citizens][^{F78}or Irish citizens] (and are not to be regarded under Schedule 4 to this Act as having leave to enter the United Kingdom), shall be subject in the United Kingdom to such restrictions on the period for which they may remain, and such conditions restricting their employment or occupation or requiring them to register with the police or both, as may be imposed by an order of the Secretary of State and may be applicable to them.
- (3) Any provision of this Act applying to a limited leave or to conditions attached to a limited leave shall, unless otherwise provided, have effect in relation to a person subject to any restriction or condition by virtue of an order under subsection (2) above as if the provisions of the order applicable to him were terms on which he had been given leave under this Act to enter the United Kingdom.
- (4) Section 1(3) above shall not be taken to affect the operation of a deportation order; and, subject to Schedule 4 to this Act, a person who is not [^{F77}a British citizen][^{F79}or an Irish citizen] may not by virtue of section 1(3) enter the United Kingdom without leave on a local journey from a place in the common travel area if either—
 - (a) he is on arrival in the United Kingdom given ^{F80}... notice by an immigration officer stating that, the Secretary of State having issued directions for him not to be given entry to the United Kingdom on the ground that his exclusion is conducive to the public good ^{F81}..., he is accordingly refused leave to enter the United Kingdom; or
 - (b) he has at any time been refused leave to enter the United Kingdom and has not since then been given leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom.
- (5) If it appears to the Secretary of State necessary so to do by reason of differences between the immigration laws of the United Kingdom and any of the Islands, he may

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by order exclude that island from section 1(3) above for such purposes as may be specified in the order, and references in this Act to the Islands^{F82}... shall apply to an island so excluded so far only as may be provided by order of the Secretary of State.

- (6) The Secretary of State shall also have power by order to exclude the Republic of Ireland from section 1(3) for such purposes as may be specified in the order.
- (7) An order of the Secretary of State under this section shall be made by statutory instrument, which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

- F77** Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\), s. 52\(7\), Sch. 4 para. 2](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 8](#))
- F78** Words in s. 9(2) inserted (31.12.2020 immediately before IP completion day) by [Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Act 2020 \(c. 20\), ss. 2\(3\)\(a\), 9\(1\)](#) (with s. 4(2)); [S.I. 2020/1279, reg. 3](#) (with saving in [S.I. 2020/1309, regs. 1\(2\), 84, Sch. 5 para. 10](#))
- F79** Words in s. 9(4) inserted (31.12.2020 immediately before IP completion day) by [Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Act 2020 \(c. 20\), ss. 2\(3\)\(b\), 9\(1\)](#) (with s. 4(2)); [S.I. 2020/1279, reg. 3](#) (with saving in [S.I. 2020/1309, regs. 1\(2\), 84, Sch. 5 para. 10](#))
- F80** Word in s. 9(4)(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Act 2020 \(Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1309\), regs. 1\(2\), 5\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- F81** Words in s. 9(4)(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Act 2020 \(Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1309\), regs. 1\(2\), 5\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- F82** Words repealed by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\), s. 52\(7\), Sch. 9](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 8](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C15** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Guernsey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Guernsey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1796\), arts. 1, 3\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#)
- C88** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Jersey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1797\), arts. 1, 3\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) (as amended (17.10.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2593, arts. 1, 2\(2\)](#); and (coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.I.) by [S.I. 2017/981, Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1](#) (with art. 6))
- C89** S. 9(2) amended (28.4.2000) by [S.I. 2000/1161, art. 14](#)

10 Entry otherwise than by sea or air.

- (1) Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct that any of the provisions of this Act shall have effect in relation to persons entering or seeking to enter the United Kingdom on arrival otherwise than by ship or aircraft^{F83}... as they have effect in the case of a person arriving by ship or aircraft^{F83}...; and any such Order may make such adaptations or modifications of those provisions, and such provisions supplementary thereto, as appear to Her Majesty to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of the Order.
- (2) The provision made by an Order in Council under this section may include provision for excluding the Republic of Ireland from section 1(3) of this Act either generally or for any specified purposes.
- (3) No recommendation shall be made to Her Majesty to make an Order in Council under this section unless a draft of the Order has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

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Textual Amendments

F83 In s. 10(1), Words "or through the tunnel system" repealed (2.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1813](#), [arts. 9, 1](#), [Sch. 6 Pt.I](#)

11 Construction of references to entry, and other phrases relating to travel.

- (1) A person arriving in the United Kingdom by ship or aircraft shall for purposes of this Act be deemed not to enter the United Kingdom unless and until he disembarks, and on disembarkation at a port shall further be deemed not to enter the United Kingdom so long as he remains in such area (if any) at the port as may be approved for this purpose by an immigration officer; and a person who has not otherwise entered the United Kingdom shall be deemed not to do so as long as he is detained^{F84}... under the powers conferred by Schedule 2 to this Act [^{F85}or section 62 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002][^{F86}or on immigration bail within the meaning of Schedule 10 to the Immigration Act 2016] .

[^{F87}(1ZA) See also section 11A (additional means by which persons arriving in United Kingdom waters for work can enter the UK).]

^{F88}(1A)

- (2) In this Act “disembark” means disembark from a ship or aircraft, and “embark” means embark in a ship or aircraft; and, except in subsection (1) above,—
- (a) references to disembarking in the United Kingdom do not apply to disembarking after a local journey from a place in the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the common travel area; and
 - (b) references to embarking in the United Kingdom do not apply to embarking for a local journey to a place in the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the common travel area.
- (3) Except in so far as the context otherwise requires, references in this Act to arriving in the United Kingdom by ship shall extend to arrival by any floating structure, and “disembark” shall be construed accordingly; but the provisions of this Act specially relating to members of the crew of a ship shall not by virtue of this provision apply in relation to any floating structure not being a ship.
- (4) For purposes of this Act “common travel area” has the meaning given by section 1(3), and a journey is, in relation to the common travel area, a local journey if but only if it begins and ends in the common travel area and is not made by a ship or aircraft which—
- (a) in the case of a journey to a place in the United Kingdom, began its voyage from, or has during its voyage called at, a place not in the common travel area; or
 - (b) in the case of a journey from a place in the United Kingdom, is due to end its voyage in, or call in the course of its voyage at, a place not in the common travel area.
- (5) A person who enters the United Kingdom lawfully by virtue of section 8(1) above, and seeks to remain beyond the time limited by section 8(1), shall be treated for purposes of this Act as seeking to enter the United Kingdom.

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Textual Amendments

- F84** Words in s. 11(1) omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 15\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2017/1241](#), reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by [S.I. 2018/31](#), reg. 2)
- F85** Words in s. 11(1) inserted (10.2.2003) by [2002 c. 41](#), s. 62(8) (with s. 159); [S.I. 2003/1](#), [art. 2](#), Sch.
- F86** Words in s. 11(1) substituted (15.1.2018) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 15\(c\)](#); [S.I. 2017/1241](#), reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by [S.I. 2018/31](#), reg. 2)
- F87** [S. 11\(1ZA\)](#) inserted (12.4.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 6 para. 3](#); [S.I. 2023/283](#), reg. 3(b)
- F88** [S. 11\(1A\)](#) repealed (2.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1813](#), arts. 9, 1, [Sch. 6 Pt. I](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C90** Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Guernsey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Guernsey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1796\)](#), arts. 1, 3(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#)
Ss. 1-9, 11 extended (with modifications) (Jersey) (1.8.1993) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) Order 1993 \(S.I. 1993/1797\)](#), arts. 1, 3(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) (as amended (17.10.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2593](#), arts. 1, [2\(2\)](#); and (coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.I.) by [S.I. 2017/981](#), [Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1](#) (with art. 6))
S. 11 modified (2.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1813](#), arts. 1, 7(1), [Sch. 4 para. 1\(5\)](#)
- C91** S. 11 applied (22.9.2004) by [Asylum and Immigration \(Treatment of Claimants, etc.\) Act 2004 \(c. 19\)](#), [ss. 2\(14\)](#), 48
- C92** S. 11 applied by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1003\)](#), reg. 2(3) (as inserted (1.6.2009) by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1117\)](#), reg. 2, [Sch. 1 para. 1\(b\)](#))
- C93** S. 11 applied (1.2.2017 for specified purposes) by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1052\)](#), regs. 1(2)(b), [2\(2\)](#)
- C94** S. 11 modified (30.9.2020 immediately after the entry into force of [S.I. 2020/915](#), art. 5) by [The Channel Tunnel \(Arrangements with the Kingdom of the Netherlands\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/916\)](#), arts. 1(3), [6](#)
- C95** S. 11 modified by [S.I. 1994/1405](#), art. 7 (as amended (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Channel Tunnel \(International Arrangements and Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Amendment\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/915\)](#), arts. 1(3), [11](#))
- C96** S. 11(1) applied (7.11.2002 with effect as noted in s. 11(4) of the amending act) by [2002 c. 41](#), s. [11\(3\)](#) (with s. 159)
- C97** S. 11(1) applied by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\)](#), s. 50A(6) (as inserted (13.1.2010) by [Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009 \(c. 11\)](#), [ss. 48\(1\)](#), 58(2); [S.I. 2009/2731](#), [art. 4\(g\)](#))

[^{F89} 11A Working in United Kingdom waters

- (1) An “offshore worker” is a person who arrives in United Kingdom waters—
- for the purpose of undertaking work in those waters, and
 - without first entering the United Kingdom (see, in particular, section 11(1)).

But see subsection (6).

- (2) An offshore worker arrives in the United Kingdom for the purposes of this Act when they arrive in United Kingdom waters as mentioned in subsection (1)(a).
- (3) An offshore worker enters the United Kingdom for the purposes of this Act when they commence working in United Kingdom waters.

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- (4) Any reference in, or in a provision made under, the Immigration Acts to a person arriving in or entering the United Kingdom, however expressed, is to be read as including a reference to an offshore worker arriving in or entering the United Kingdom as provided for in subsection (2) or (3).
- (5) References in this section to work, or to a person working, are to be read in accordance with section 24B(10).
- (6) A person is not an offshore worker if they arrive in United Kingdom waters while working as a member of the crew of a ship that is—
- (a) exercising the right of innocent passage through the territorial sea or the right of transit passage through straits used for international navigation, or
 - (b) passing through United Kingdom waters from non-UK waters to a place in the United Kingdom or vice versa.
- (7) For the purposes of any provision of, or made under, the Immigration Acts, a person working in United Kingdom waters who, in connection with that work, temporarily enters non-UK waters is not to be treated by virtue of doing so as leaving, or being outside, the United Kingdom.
- (8) In this section—
- “non-UK waters” means the sea beyond the seaward limits of the territorial sea;
- “right of innocent passage”, “right of transit passage” and “straits used for international navigation” are to be read in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (Cmnd 8941) and any modifications of that Convention agreed after the passing of the Nationality and Borders Act 2022 that have entered into force in relation to the United Kingdom;
- “the territorial sea” means the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom;
- “United Kingdom waters” means the sea and other waters within the seaward limits of the territorial sea.]

Textual Amendments

F89 Ss. 11A, 11B inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 12.4.2023 in so far as not already in force) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 43(1), 87(1)(4)(d); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(a)

[^{F89}11B Offshore workers: requirements to notify arrival and entry dates etc

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for and in connection with requiring—
- (a) an offshore worker, or
 - (b) if an offshore worker has one, their sponsor;
- to give notice to the Secretary of State or an immigration officer of the dates on which the offshore worker arrives in, enters and leaves the United Kingdom.
- (2) The regulations may make provision for the failure of an offshore worker to comply with a requirement imposed under the regulations to be a ground for—
- (a) the cancellation or variation of their leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom;

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- (b) refusing them leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom.
- (3) The failure of an offshore worker’s sponsor to comply with a requirement imposed under the regulations may be taken into account by the Secretary of State when operating immigration skills arrangements made with the sponsor.
- (4) Regulations under this section—
 - (a) are to be made by statutory instrument;
 - (b) may make different provision for different cases;
 - (c) may make incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (5) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (6) For the purposes of this section—
 - (a) “offshore worker” has the same meaning as in section 11A;
 - (b) a person is an offshore worker’s “sponsor” if they have made immigration skills arrangements with the Secretary of State in relation to the offshore worker;
 - (c) “immigration skills arrangements” has the meaning given by section 70A(2) of the Immigration Act 2014.]

Textual Amendments

F89 Ss. 11A, 11B inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 12.4.2023 in so far as not already in force) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 43(1), 87(1)(4)(d); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(a)

[^{F90}PART 1A

ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORISATIONS

Textual Amendments

F90 Pt. 1A inserted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 75(2), 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 26

11C Electronic travel authorisations

- (1) In this Act, “an ETA” means an authorisation in electronic form to travel to the United Kingdom.
- (2) Immigration rules may require an individual of a description specified in the rules not to travel to the United Kingdom from any place (including a place in the common travel area), whether with a view to entering the United Kingdom or to passing through it without entering, unless the individual has an ETA that is valid for the individual’s journey to the United Kingdom.
- (3) The rules may not impose this requirement on an individual if—
 - (a) the individual is a British citizen, or

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- (b) the individual would, on arrival in the United Kingdom, be entitled to enter without leave.
- (4) In relation to an individual travelling to the United Kingdom on a local journey from a place in the common travel area, subsection (3)(b) applies only if the individual would also be entitled to enter without leave if the journey were instead from a place outside the common travel area.
- (5) The rules may impose the requirement mentioned in subsection (2) on an individual who—
 - (a) travels to the United Kingdom on a local journey from a place in any of the Islands, and
 - (b) has leave to enter or remain in that island,
 only if it appears to the Secretary of State necessary to do so by reason of differences between the immigration laws of the United Kingdom and that island.
- (6) The rules must—
 - (a) provide for the form or manner in which an application for an ETA may be made, granted or refused;
 - (b) specify the conditions (if any) which must be met before an application for an ETA may be granted;
 - (c) specify the grounds on which an application for an ETA must or may be refused;
 - (d) specify the criteria to be applied in determining—
 - (i) the period for which an ETA is valid;
 - (ii) the number of journeys to the United Kingdom during that period for which it is valid (which may be unlimited);
 - (e) require an ETA to include provision setting out the matters mentioned in paragraph (d)(i) and (ii);
 - (f) provide for the form or manner in which an ETA may be varied or cancelled;
 - (g) specify the grounds on which an ETA must or may be varied or cancelled.
- (7) The rules may also—
 - (a) provide for exceptions to the requirement described in subsection (2), and
 - (b) make other provision relating to ETAs.
- (8) Rules made by virtue of this section may make different provision for different cases or descriptions of case.

11D Electronic travel authorisations and the Islands

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about the effects in the United Kingdom of the grant or refusal under the law of any of the Islands of an authorisation in electronic form to travel to that island.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may in particular make provision about—
 - (a) the recognition in the United Kingdom of an authorisation granted as mentioned in subsection (1);
 - (b) the conditions or limitations that are to apply in the United Kingdom to such an authorisation;
 - (c) the effects in the United Kingdom of such an authorisation being varied or cancelled under the law of any of the Islands;

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- (d) the circumstances in which the Secretary of State or an immigration officer may vary or cancel such an authorisation (so far as it applies in the United Kingdom).
- (3) The Secretary of State may, where requested to do so by any of the Islands, carry out functions on behalf of that island in relation to the granting of authorisations in electronic form to travel to that island.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1)—
- (a) may make provision modifying the effect of any provision of, or made under, this Act or any other enactment (whenever passed or made);
 - (b) may make different provision for different purposes;
 - (c) may make transitional, transitory or saving provision;
 - (d) may make incidental, supplementary or consequential provision.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (1) are to be made by statutory instrument.
- (6) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.]

^{F91}PART II

APPEALS

Textual Amendments

F91 Pt. II (ss. 12-23) repealed (14.2.2000 as regards s. 12 and otherwise 2.10.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1)(3), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 49, Sch. 16 (with saving in Sch. 15 paras. 11, 12); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch.; S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, Sch. 1 (subject to transitional provisions in art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2); however, certain provisions continued for certain purposes (14.3.2003) by S.I. 2003/754, arts. 3, 4, **Sch. 2 para. 2(4)-(9)** and (7.3.2005) by S.I. 2005/565, arts. {1(2)}, 9

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C98 Pt. II modified by **British Nationality Act 1981** (c. 61), Sch. 8 paras. 6, **8**

C99 Pt. II restricted (26.7.1993) by 1993 c. 23, s. 8(6), **Sch. 2 para. 1**; S.I. 1993/1655, **art. 2**

Pt. II (ss. 12-23) restricted (1.9.1996) by 1996 c. 49, **s. 3(1)(b)(i)**; S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, **Sch. Pt. II**

Pt. II (ss. 12-23) extended (with modifications) (Isle of Man) (1.4.1997) by S.I. 1997/275, art. 2(1), **Sch.**

The appellate authorities

Appeals to adjudicator or Tribunal in first instance

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15 Appeals in respect of deportation orders.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, a person may appeal to an adjudicator against—
 - (a) a decision of the Secretary of State to make a deportation order against him by virtue of section 3(5) above; or
 - (b) a refusal by the Secretary of State to revoke a deportation order made against him.
- (2) A deportation order shall not be made against a person by virtue of section 3(5) above so long as an appeal may be brought against the decision to make it nor, if such an appeal is duly brought, so long as the appeal is pending; but, in calculating the period of eight weeks limited by section 5(3) above for making a deportation order against a person as belonging to the family of another person, there shall be disregarded any period during which there is pending an appeal against the decision to make it.
- (3) A person shall not be entitled to appeal against a decision to make a deportation order against him if the ground of the decision was that his deportation is conducive to the public good as being in the interests of national security or of the relations between the United Kingdom and any other country or for other reasons of a political nature.
- (4) A person shall not be entitled to appeal under this section against a refusal to revoke a deportation order, if the Secretary of State certifies that the appellant's exclusion from the United Kingdom is conducive to the public good or if revocation was refused on that ground by the Secretary of State (and not by a person acting under his authority).
- (5) A person shall not be entitled to appeal under this section against a refusal to revoke a deportation order so long as he is in the United Kingdom, whether because he has not complied with the requirement to leave or because he has contravened the prohibition on entering.
- (6) On an appeal against a decision to make a deportation order against a person as belonging to the family of another person, or an appeal against a refusal to revoke a deportation order so made, the appellant shall not be allowed, for the purpose of showing that he does not or did not belong to another person's family, to dispute any statement made with a view to obtaining leave for the appellant to enter or remain in the United Kingdom (including any statement made to obtain an entry clearance) unless the appellant shows that the statement was not so made by him or by any person acting with his authority and that, when he took the benefit of the leave, he did not know any such statement had been made to obtain it or, if he did know, was under the age of eighteen.
- (7) An appeal under this section shall be to the Appeal Tribunal in the first instance, instead of to an adjudicator, if—
 - (a) it is an appeal against a decision to make a deportation order and the ground of the decision was that the deportation of the appellant is conducive to the public good; or
 - (b) it is an appeal against a decision to make a deportation order against a person as belonging to the family of another person, or an appeal against a refusal to revoke a deportation order so made; or
 - (c) there is pending a related appeal to which paragraph (b) above applies.
- (8) Where an appeal to an adjudicator is pending under this section, and before the adjudicator has begun to hear it a related appeal is brought, the appeal to the adjudicator

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shall be dealt with instead by the Appeal Tribunal and be treated as an appeal duly made to the Tribunal in the first instance.

- (9) In relation to an appeal under this section in respect of a deportation order against any person (whether an appeal against a decision to make or against a refusal to revoke the order), any other appeal under this section is a “related appeal” if it is an appeal in respect of a deportation order against another person as belonging to the family of the first-mentioned person.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C105** S. 15 restricted by [Immigration Act 1988 \(c. 14, SIF 62\), s. 5\(1\)](#)
C106 S. 15(2) extended (26.7.1993) by [1993 c. 23, s. 8\(6\), Sch. 2 para.8](#); [S.I. 1993/1655, art. 2](#)
S. 15(2) extended (3.8.1998) by [1997 c. 68, s. 2, Sch. 2 paras.2, 4](#); [S.I. 1998/1892, art. 2](#)
C107 S. 15(3)(4) applied (with modifications) (26.7.1993) by [1993 c. 23, s. 8\(6\), Sch. 2 para.6](#); [S.I. 1993/1655, art. 2](#)
C108 S. 15(3) applied (20.7.1994) by [S.I. 1994/1895, art. 20\(2\)](#)

16 Appeals against validity of directions for removal.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, where directions are given under this Act for a person’s removal from the United Kingdom either—
- (a) on the ground that he is an illegal entrant or on the ground specifically that he has entered the United Kingdom in breach of a deportation order; or
 - (b) under the special powers conferred by Schedule 2 to this Act in relation to members of the crew of a ship or aircraft or persons coming to the United Kingdom to join a ship or aircraft as a member of the crew;
- then he may appeal to an adjudicator against those directions on the ground that in the facts of his case there was in law no power to give them on the ground on which they were given.
- (2) A person shall not be entitled to appeal under this section so long as he is in the United Kingdom, unless he is appealing against directions given by virtue of a deportation order (whether on the ground specifically that he has returned in breach of that order or on the ground that he is an illegal entrant) and is appealing on the ground that he is not the person named in that order.
- (3) Where a person appeals under this section against directions given by virtue of a deportation order, he shall not be allowed to dispute the original validity of that order.
- (4) An appeal under this section against directions given as mentioned in subsection (1) (b) shall be dismissed by the adjudicator, notwithstanding that the ground of appeal may be made out, if he is satisfied that there was power to give the like directions on the ground that the appellants was an illegal entrant.

17 Appeals against removal on objection to destination.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, where directions are given under this Act for a person’s removal from the United Kingdom either—
- (a) on his being refused leave to enter; or
 - (b) on a deportation order being made against him; or
 - (c) on his having entered the United Kingdom in breach of a deportation order;

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he may appeal to an adjudicator against the directions on the ground that he ought to be removed (if at all) to a different country or territory specified by him.

(2) Where a person appeals under section 13(1) above on being refused leave to enter the United Kingdom, and either—

- (a) before he does so, directions have been given for his removal from the United Kingdom to any country or territory; or
- (b) before or after he does so, the Secretary of State or an immigration officer serves on him notice that any directions which may be given for his removal by virtue of the refusal will be for his removal to a country or territory or one of several countries or territories specified in the notice;

then he may on that appeal object to the country or territory to which he would be removed in pursuance of the directions, or to that specified in the notice (or to one or more of those specified), and claim that he ought to be removed (if at all) to a different country or territory specified by him.

(3) Where a person appeals under section 15 above against a decision to make a deportation order against him, and before or after he does so the Secretary of State serves on him notice that any directions which may be given for his removal by virtue of the deportation order will be for his removal to a country or territory or one of several countries or territories specified in the notice, then he may on that appeal object to the country or territory specified in the notice (or to one or more of those specified), and claim that he ought to be removed (if at all) to a different country or territory specified by him.

(4) Where by virtue of subsection (2) or (3) above a person is able to object to a country or territory on an appeal under section 13(1) or 15, and either he does not object to it on that appeal or his objection to it on that appeal is not sustained, then he shall not be entitled to appeal under this section against any directions subsequently given by virtue of the refusal or order in question, if their effect will be his removal to that country or territory.

(5) A person shall not be entitled to appeal under this section against any directions given on his being refused leave to enter the United Kingdom, unless either he is also appealing under section 13(1) against the decision that he requires leave to enter or he was refused leave at a port of entry and at a time when he held a current entry clearance or was a person named in a current work permit.

18 Notice of matters in respect of which there are rights of appeal.

(1) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide—

- (a) for written notice to be given to a person of any such decision or action taken in respect of him as is appealable under this Part of this Act (whether or not he is in the facts of his case entitled to appeal) or would be so appealable but for the ground on which it is taken;
- (b) for any such notice to include a statement of the reasons for the decision or action and, where the action is the giving of directions for the removal of any person from the United Kingdom, of the country or territory to which he is to be removed;
- (c) for any such notice to be accompanied by a statement containing particulars of the rights of appeal available under this Part of this Act and of the procedure by which those rights may be exercised;

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- (d) for the form of any such notice or statement and the way in which a notice is to be or may be given.
- (2) For the purpose of any proceedings under this Part of this Act a statement included in a notice in pursuance of regulations under this section shall be conclusive of the person by whom and of the ground on which any decision or action was taken.
- (3) The power to make regulations under this section shall be exercisable by statutory instrument, and any statutory instrument containing such regulations shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C109** Ss. 18-21, 22(1)-(4)(6)(7), 23 and Sch. 5 amended (26.7.1993) by 1993 c. 23, s. 8(6), **Sch. 2 para. 4(2) (a)-(f)**; S.I. 1993/1655, **art. 2**
- S. 18 amended (1.9.1996) by 1996 c. 49, s. 3(4)(a); S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, **Sch. Pt.II**
- S. 18 amended (3.8.1998) by 1997 c. 68, s. 2, **Sch. 2 para.6**; S.I. 1998/1892, **art. 2**

19 Determination of appeals by adjudicators.

- (1) Subject to sections 13(4) and 16(4) above, and to any restriction on the grounds of appeal, an adjudicator on an appeal to him under this Part of this Act—
 - (a) shall allow the appeal if he considers—
 - (i) that the decision or action against which the appeal is brought was not in accordance with the law or with any immigration rules applicable to the case; or
 - (ii) where the decision or action involved the exercise of a discretion by the Secretary of State or an officer, that the discretion should have been exercised differently; and
 - (b) in any other case, shall dismiss the appeal.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a) above the adjudicator may review any determination of a question of fact on which the decision or action was based; and for the purposes of subsection (1)(a)(ii) no decision or action which is in accordance with the immigration rules shall be treated as having involved the exercise of a discretion by the Secretary of State by reason only of the fact that he has been requested by or on behalf of the appellant to depart, or to authorise an officer to depart, from the rules and has refused to do so.
- (3) Where an appeal is allowed, the adjudicator shall give such directions for giving effect to the determination as the adjudicator thinks requisite, and may also make recommendations with respect to any other action which the adjudicator considers should be taken in the case under this Act; and, subject to section 20(2) below, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State and of any officer to whom directions are given under this subsection to comply with them.
- (4) Where in accordance with section 15 above a person appeals to the Appeal Tribunal in the first instance, this section shall apply with the substitution of references to the Tribunal for references to an adjudicator.

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C110** Ss. 18-21, 22(1)-(4)(6)(7), 23 and Sch. 5 amended (26.7.1993) by 1993 c. 23, s. 8(6), **Sch. 2 para. 4(2) (a)-(f)**; S.I. 1993/1655, **art. 2**
S. 19 amended (1.9.1996) by 1996 c. 49, s. 3(4)(b); S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, **Sch. Pt.II**

Appeals from adjudicator to Tribunal, and review of decisions

20 Appeal to Tribunal from determination of adjudicator.

- (1) Subject to any requirement of rules of procedure as to leave to appeal, any party to an appeal to an adjudicator may, if dissatisfied with his determination thereon, appeal to the Appeal Tribunal, and the Tribunal may affirm the determination or make any other determination which could have been made by the adjudicator.
- (2) Directions given by an adjudicator under section 19(3) above need not be complied with so long as an appeal can be brought against his determination and, if such an appeal is duly brought, so long as the appeal is pending; and if the Tribunal affirm his determination allowing the appeal, they may alter or add to his directions and recommendations under section 19(3) or replace them with their own directions and recommendations, and the provisions of that subsection shall apply to directions given by them accordingly.
- (3) Where an appeal is dismissed by an adjudicator but allowed by the Tribunal, section 19(3) above shall apply with the substitution of references to the Tribunal for references to the adjudicator.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C111** Ss. 18-21, 22(1)-(4)(6)(7), 23 and Sch. 5 amended (26.7.1993) by 1993 c. 23, s. 8(6), **Sch. 2 para. 4(2) (a)-(f)**; S.I. 1993/1655, **art. 2**
C112 S. 20(1) restricted (26.7.1993) by 1993 c. 23, s. 8(6), **Sch. 2 para. 5(5)**; S.I. 1993/1655, **art. 2**
S. 20(1) excluded (21.10.1996) by 1993 c. 23, **Sch. 2 para. 5** (as substituted (21.10.1996) by 1996 c. 49, s.1; S.I. 1996/2127, art. 2, **Sch. Pt.III**)

21 Reference of cases for further consideration.

- (1) Where in any case—
 - (a) an adjudicator has dismissed an appeal, and there has been no further appeal to the Appeal Tribunal, or the Tribunal has dismissed an appeal made to them in the first instance by virtue of section 15 above; or
 - (b) the Appeal Tribunal has affirmed the determination of an adjudicator dismissing an appeal, or reversed the determination of an adjudicator allowing an appeal;

the Secretary of State may at any time refer for consideration under this section any matter relating to the case which was not before the adjudicator or Tribunal.
- (2) Any reference under this section shall be to an adjudicator or to the Appeal Tribunal, and the adjudicator or Tribunal shall consider the matter which is the subject of the

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reference and report to the Secretary of State the opinion of the adjudicator or Tribunal thereon.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C113 Ss. 18-21, 22(1)-(4)(6)(7), 23 and Sch. 5 amended (26.7.1993) by 1993 c. 23, s. 8(6), **Sch. 2 para. 4(2) (a)-(f)**; S.I. 1993/1655, **art. 2**

S. 21 amended (1.9.1996) by 1996 c. 49, s. 3(4)(c); S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, **Sch. Pt.II**

Supplementary

22 Procedure.

- (1) The [^{F102}Lord Chancellor] may make rules (in this Act referred to as “rules of procedure”)—
 - (a) for regulating the exercise of the rights of appeal conferred by this Part of this Act;
 - (b) for prescribing the practice and procedure to be followed on or in connection with appeals thereunder, including the mode and burden of proof and admissibility of evidence on such an appeal; and
 - (c) for other matters preliminary or incidental to or arising out of such appeals, including proof of the decisions of adjudicators or the Appeal Tribunal.
- (2) Rules of procedure may include provision—
 - (a) enabling the Tribunal, on an appeal from an adjudicator, to remit the appeal to an adjudicator for determination by him in accordance with any directions of the Tribunal, or for further evidence to be obtained with a view to determination by the Tribunal; or
 - (b) enabling any functions of the Tribunal which relate to matters preliminary or incidental to an appeal, or which are conferred by Part II of Schedule 2 to this Act, to be performed by a single member of the Tribunal; or
 - (c) conferring on adjudicators or the Tribunal such ancillary powers as the [^{F102}Lord Chancellor] thinks necessary for the purposes of the exercise of their functions.
- (3) The rules of procedure shall provide that any appellant shall have the right to be legally represented.
- (4) Where on an appeal under this Part of this Act it is alleged—
 - (a) that a passport or other travel document, [^{F103}certificate of entitlement], entry clearance or work permit (or any part thereof or entry therein) on which a party relies is a forgery; and
 - (b) that the disclosure to that party of any matters relating to the method of detection would be contrary to the public interest;

then (without prejudice to the generality of the power to make rules of procedure) the adjudicator or Tribunal shall arrange for the proceedings to take place in the absence of that party and his representatives while the allegation at (b) above is inquired into by the adjudicator or Tribunal and, if it appears to the adjudicator or Tribunal that the allegation is made out, for such further period as appears necessary in order to ensure that those matters can be presented to the adjudicator or Tribunal without any disclosure being directly or indirectly made contrary to the public interest.

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- (5) If under the rules of procedure leave to appeal to the Tribunal is required in cases where an adjudicator dismisses an appeal under section 13 above, then the authority having power to grant leave to appeal shall grant it—
- (a) in any case where the appeal was against a decision that the appellant required leave to enter the United Kingdom, and the authority is satisfied that at the time of the decision he held a ^{F103}certificate of entitlement]; and
 - (b) in any case where the appeal was against a refusal of leave to enter, and the authority is satisfied that at the time of the refusal the appellant held an entry clearance and that the dismissal of the appeal was not required by section 13(4).
- (6) A person who is required under or in accordance with rules of procedure to attend and give evidence or produce documents before an adjudicator or the Tribunal, and fails without reasonable excuse to comply with the requirement, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ^{F104}level 3 on the standard scale].
- (7) The power to make rules of procedure shall be exercisable by statutory instrument, which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

F102 Words substituted by [S.I. 1987/465, arts. 2\(b\), 3\(1\)\(3\)](#)

F103 Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\), s. 52\(7\), Sch. 4 para. 3\(1\)](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 8](#))

F104 Words substituted (E.W.) (S.) (11.4.1983) by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48\), ss. 38, 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21\), ss. 289F, 289G](#) (as inserted by [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48\), s. 54](#)), and (N.I) by virtue of [S.I. 1984/703 \(N.I. 3\), arts. 5, 6](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C114 S. 22: by [S.I. 1987/465, arts. 2\(b\), 3\(1\)\(3\)](#) the functions of the Secretary of State under s. 22 are transferred to the Lord Chancellor

C115 Ss. 18-21, 22(1)-(4)(6)(7), 23 and Sch. 5 amended (26.7.1993) by [1993 c. 23, s. 8\(6\), Sch. 2 para. 4\(2\) \(a\)-\(f\); S.I. 1993/1655, art. 2](#)

S. 22(1)-(4)(6)(7) amended (1.9.1996) by [1996 c. 49, s. 3\(4\)\(d\); S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, Sch. Pt.II](#)

S. 22 extended (26.7.1993) by [1993 c. 23, ss. 8\(6\), 9\(4\), Sch. 2 paras. 4\(3\), 5\(4\); S.I. 1993/1655 art. 2](#)

S. 22 extended (21.10.1996) by [1993 c. 23, Sch. 2 para. 5](#) (as substituted by [1996 c. 49, s.1; S.I. 1996/2127, art. 2, Sch. Pt.III](#))

S. 22 extended (26.7.1996) by [1996 c. 49, s. 3\(5\); S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, Sch. Pt.I](#)

23 Financial support for organisations helping persons with rights of appeal.

The Secretary of State may with the consent of the Treasury make grants to any voluntary organisation which provides advice or assistance for, or other services for the welfare of, persons who have rights of appeal under this Part of this Act.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C116 Ss. 18-21, 22(1)-(4)(6)(7), 23 and Sch. 5 amended (26.7.1993) by [1993 c. 23, s. 8\(6\), Sch. 2 para. 4\(2\) \(a\)-\(f\); S.I. 1993/1655, art. 2](#)

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S. 23 amended (1.9.1996) by 1996 c. 49, s. 3(4)(e); S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, Sch. Pt.II
S. 23 amended (3.8.1998) by 1997 c. 68, s. 2, Sch. 2 para.7; S.I. 1998/1892, art. 2

PART III

CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C117** Pt. 3 extended (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (13.3.2008 for specified purposes and 1.5.2008 in so far as not already in force) by [The Immigration \(Isle of Man\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/680\)](#), arts. 1(2), 5, 6(2)(b), 7, Sch. 3, **Sch. 10 Pt. 1** (with Sch. 2 para. 2) (as amended (14.3.2019) by S.I. 2019/562, arts. 1, 5, 11; and (31.12.2020) by [The Immigration \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1214\)](#), arts. 1, 6(4)(5); and (11.11.2021) by [The Immigration \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2021 \(S.I. 2021/1277\)](#), arts. 1(2), 8)
- C118** Pt. 3 extended (with modifications) (1.8.1993) by S.I. 1993/1796, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (Guernsey), S.I. 1993/1797, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (Jersey) (as amended by S.I. 2003/1252, **art. 3(b)**) and (17.10.2012) by S.I. 2012/2593, arts. 1, 2(2))
- C119** Pt. 3 modified by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 33C(6) (as inserted (1.11.2016 for specified purposes, 1.12.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), **ss. 39(2)**, 94(1); S.I. 2016/1037, regs. 2(a), 5(c))

24 Illegal entry and similar offences.

[^{F105}(A1) A person who knowingly enters the United Kingdom in breach of a deportation order commits an offence.

(B1) A person who—

- (a) requires leave to enter the United Kingdom under this Act, and
- (b) knowingly enters the United Kingdom without such leave, commits an offence.

(C1) A person who—

- (a) has only a limited leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom, and
- (b) knowingly remains beyond the time limited by the leave, commits an offence.

(D1) A person who—

- (a) requires entry clearance under the immigration rules, and
- (b) knowingly arrives in the United Kingdom without a valid entry clearance, commits an offence.

(E1) A person who—

- (a) is required under immigration rules not to travel to the United Kingdom without an ETA that is valid for the person's journey to the United Kingdom, and
- (b) knowingly arrives in the United Kingdom without such an ETA, commits an offence.

(F1) A person who commits an offence under any of subsections (A1) to (E1) is liable—

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- (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [^{F106}the general limit in a magistrates’ court] or a fine (or both);
- (b) on summary conviction in Scotland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both);
- (c) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both);
- (d) on conviction on indictment—
 - (i) for an offence under subsection (A1), to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or a fine (or both);
 - (ii) for an offence under any of subsections (B1) to (E1), to imprisonment for a term not exceeding four years or a fine (or both).

(G1) In relation to an offence committed before paragraph 24(2) of Schedule 22 to the Sentencing Act 2020 comes into force, the reference in subsection (F1)(a) to [^{F107}the general limit in a magistrates’ court] is to be read as a reference to six months.]

(1) A person who is not [^{F108}a British citizen] shall be guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction with a fine of not more than [^{F109}[^{F110}level 5]on the standard scale] or with imprisonment for not more than six months, or with both, in any of the following cases:—

- ^{F111}(a)
- ^{F112}(aa)
- (b) if, having only a limited leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom, he knowingly [^{F113}fails to observe a condition of the leave;]
- (c) if, having lawfully entered the United Kingdom without leave by virtue of section 8(1) above, he remains without leave beyond the time allowed by section 8(1);
- (d) if, without reasonable excuse, he fails to comply with any requirement imposed on him under Schedule 2 to this Act to report to [^{F114}a medical officer of health][^{F114}the chief administrative medical officer of a Health Board][^{F115}or the [^{F116}chief administrative medical officer of a Health and Social Services Board][^{F116}Director of Public Health for Northern Ireland]], or to attend, or submit to a test or examination, as required by such an officer;
- ^{F117}(e)
- (f) if he disembarks in the United Kingdom from a ship or aircraft after being placed on board under Schedule 2 or 3 to this Act with a view to his removal from the United Kingdom;
- (g) if he embarks in contravention of a restriction imposed by or under an Order in Council under section 3(7) of this Act [^{F118};
- (h) if the person is on immigration bail within the meaning of Schedule 10 to the Immigration Act 2016 and, without reasonable excuse, the person breaches a bail condition within the meaning of that Schedule.]

[^{F119}(1A) A person commits an offence under [^{F120}subsection (C1)] above on the day when he first knows that the time limited by his leave has expired and continues to commit it throughout any period during which he is in the United Kingdom thereafter; but a person shall not be prosecuted under that provision more than once in respect of the same limited leave.]

^{F121}(2)

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- (3) The extended time limit for prosecutions which is provided for by section [F122]28(1) below shall apply to offences under [F123]subsections (A1), (B1), (D1), (E1) and (1)(c)] above.
- [F124](3A) The extended time limit for prosecutions which is provided for by section 28(1A) below shall apply to offences under subsection (1)(h) above.]
- (4) In proceedings for an offence [F125]under subsection (B1)] above of entering the United Kingdom without leave,—
- (a) any stamp purporting to have been imprinted on a passport or other travel document by an immigration officer on a particular date for the purpose of giving leave shall be presumed to have been duly so imprinted, unless the contrary is proved;
 - (b) proof that a person had leave to enter the United Kingdom shall lie on the defence [F126]....
- [F127](5) In proceedings for an offence under subsection (D1) above of arriving in the United Kingdom without a valid entry clearance—
- (a) any document attached to a passport or other travel document purporting to have been issued by the Secretary of State for the purposes of providing evidence of entry clearance for a particular period is to be presumed to have been duly so issued unless the contrary is proved;
 - (b) proof that a person had a valid entry clearance is to lie on the defence.]

Textual Amendments

- F105** S. 24(A1)-(G1) inserted (28.6.2022 save in so far as it relates to the insertion of s. 24(E1), otherwise prosp.) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 40(2), 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 20 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)
- F106** Words in s. 24(F1)(a) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/149), regs. 1(2), 2(1), Sch. Pt. 1
- F107** Words in s. 24(G1) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/149), regs. 1(2), 2(1), Sch. Pt. 1
- F108** Words substituted by British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61), s. 52(7), Sch. 4 para. 2 (with Sch. 8 para. 8)
- F109** Words substituted (E.W.) (S.) (11.4.1983) by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48), ss. 38, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21), ss. 289F, 289G (as inserted by Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48), s. 54), and (N.I.) by virtue of S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3), arts. 5, 6
- F110** Words in s. 24(1) substituted (1.10.1996) by 1996 c. 49, s. 6; S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, Sch. Pt. III
- F111** S. 24(1)(a) omitted (28.6.2022 save in so far as it relates to the insertion of s. 24(E1), otherwise prosp.) by virtue of Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 40(3)(a)(i), 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 20 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)
- F112** S. 24(1)(aa) repealed (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1)(3), Sch. 14 para. 50, Sch. 16; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)
- F113** Words in s. 24(1)(b) substituted (28.6.2022 save in so far as it relates to the insertion of s. 24(E1), otherwise prosp.) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 40(3)(a)(ii), 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 20 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)
- F114** Words “the chief” to “Health Board” substituted for words “a medical officer of health” (S.) by National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972 (c. 58), Sch. 6 para. 155; continued by National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 29), Sch. 15 para. 10
- F115** Words inserted (N.I.) by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973/256, Sch. 2

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- F116** Words in s. 24(1)(d) substituted (N.I.) (30.11.2022) by The Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/1174), arts. 1(2), **28**
- F117** S. 24(1)(e) omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 10 para. 16(2)(a)**; S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)
- F118** S. 24(1)(h) inserted (15.1.2018) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 10 para. 16(2)(b)**; S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)
- F119** S. 24(1A) inserted by Immigration Act 1988 (c. 14, SIF 62), s. **6(1)(3)**
- F120** Words in s. 24(1A) substituted (28.6.2022 save in so far as it relates to the insertion of s. 24(E1), otherwise prosp.) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), **ss. 40(3)(b)**, 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 20 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)
- F121** S. 24(2) repealed (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1)(3), Sch. 14 para. 50, Sch. 16; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, **art. 2**, Sch.)
- F122** Word in s. 24(3) substituted (15.1.2018) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 10 para. 16(3)**; S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)
- F123** Words in s. 24(3) substituted (28.6.2022 save in so far as it relates to the insertion of s. 24(E1), otherwise prosp.) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), **ss. 40(3)(c)**, 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 20 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)
- F124** S. 24(3A) inserted (15.1.2018) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 10 para. 16(4)**; S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)
- F125** Words in s. 24(4) substituted (28.6.2022 save in so far as it relates to the insertion of s. 24(E1), otherwise prosp.) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), **ss. 40(3)(d)(i)**, 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 20 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)
- F126** Words in s. 24(4)(b) omitted (28.6.2022 save in so far as it relates to the insertion of s. 24(E1), otherwise prosp.) by virtue of Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), **ss. 40(3)(d)(ii)**, 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 20 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)
- F127** S. 24(5) inserted (28.6.2022 save in so far as it relates to the insertion of s. 24(E1), otherwise prosp.) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), **ss. 40(3)(e)**, 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 20 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C120** S. 24 modified (2.8.1993) by S.I. 1993/1813, arts. 7(1), 1, **Sch. 4 para 1(7)**
- C121** Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by The Immigration (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/981), **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1** (with art. 6)
- C122** S. 24 modified by S.I. 1994/1405, art. 7 (as amended (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by The Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/915), arts. 1(3), **11**)
- C123** S. 24 modified (30.9.2020 immediately after the entry into force of S.I. 2020/915, art. 5) by The Channel Tunnel (Arrangements with the Kingdom of the Netherlands) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/916), arts. 1(3), **6**
- C124** S. 24(1)(a)(b) amended (S.) by Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 62), s. 26, **Sch. 1**

[^{F128}24A Deception.

- (1) A person who is not a British citizen is guilty of an offence if, by means which include deception by him—
- (a) he obtains or seeks to obtain [^{F129}—
- (i)] leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom[^{F130}, or
- (ii) an ETA]; or

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- (b) he secures or seeks to secure the avoidance, postponement or revocation of enforcement action against him.
- (2) “Enforcement action”, in relation to a person, means—
 - (a) the giving of directions for his removal from the United Kingdom (“directions”) under Schedule 2 to this Act or section 10 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
 - (b) the making of a deportation order against him under section 5 of this Act; or
 - (c) his removal from the United Kingdom in consequence of directions or a deportation order.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both; or
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine, or to both.
- (4) ^{F131}]

Textual Amendments

- F128** S. 24A inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 28; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)
- F129** Word in s. 24A(1)(a) inserted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 75(3)(a), 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 26
- F130** S. 24A(1)(a)(ii) and word inserted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 75(3)(b), 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 26
- F131** S. 24A(4) repealed (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, ss. 156(2), 161, Sch. 9 (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, art. 2, Sch.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C121** Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by The Immigration (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/981), Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1 (with art. 6)
- C125** S. 24A modified (11.11.1999) by 1999 c. 33, ss. 31(1)(2)(3)(b)(4)(c), 170(3) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

[^{F132}**24B Illegal working**

- (1) A person (“P”) who is subject to immigration control commits an offence if—
 - (a) P works at a time when P is disqualified from working by reason of P’s immigration status, and
 - (b) at that time P knows or has reasonable cause to believe that P is disqualified from working by reason of P’s immigration status.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) a person is disqualified from working by reason of the person’s immigration status if—
 - (a) the person has not been granted leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) the person’s leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom—
 - (i) is invalid,

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- (ii) has ceased to have effect (whether by reason of curtailment, revocation, cancellation, passage of time or otherwise), or
 - (iii) is subject to a condition preventing the person from doing work of that kind.
- (3) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable on summary conviction—
 - (a) in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks or a fine, or both,
 - (b) in Scotland or Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or both.
- (4) In relation to an offence committed before section 281(5) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 comes into force, the reference in subsection (3)(a) to 51 weeks is to be read as a reference to 6 months.
- (5) If a person is convicted of an offence under subsection (1) in England and Wales, the prosecutor must consider whether to ask the court to commit the person to the Crown Court under section 70 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (committal with view to confiscation order being considered).
- (6) If a person is convicted of an offence under subsection (1) in Scotland, the prosecutor must consider whether to ask the court to act under section 92 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (making of confiscation order).
- (7) If a person is convicted of an offence under subsection (1) in Northern Ireland, the prosecutor must consider whether to ask the court to commit the person to the Crown Court under section 218 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (committal with view to confiscation order being considered).
- (8) The reference in subsection (1) to a person who is subject to immigration control is to a person who under this Act requires leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom.
- (9) Where a person is on immigration bail within the meaning of Part 1 of Schedule 10 to the Immigration Act 2016—
 - (a) the person is to be treated for the purposes of subsection (2) as if the person had been granted leave to enter the United Kingdom, but
 - (b) any condition as to the person's work in the United Kingdom to which the person's immigration bail is subject is to be treated for those purposes as a condition of leave.
- (10) The reference in subsection (1) to a person working is to that person working—
 - (a) under a contract of employment,
 - (b) under a contract of apprenticeship,
 - (c) under a contract personally to do work,
 - (d) under or for the purposes of a contract for services,
 - (e) for a purpose related to a contract to sell goods,
 - (f) as a constable,
 - (g) in the course of Crown employment,
 - (h) as a relevant member of the House of Commons staff, or
 - (i) as a relevant member of the House of Lords staff.
- (11) In subsection (10)—

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“contract to sell goods” means a contract by which a person acting in the course of a trade, business, craft or profession transfers or agrees to transfer the property in goods to another person (and for this purpose “goods” means any tangible moveable items);

“Crown employment”—

- (a) in relation to England and Wales and Scotland, has the meaning given by section 191(3) of the Employment Rights Act 1996;
- (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, has the meaning given by Article 236(3) of the Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (SI 1996/1919 (NI 16));

“relevant member of the House of Commons staff” has the meaning given by section 195(5) of the Employment Rights Act 1996;

“relevant member of the House of Lords staff” has the meaning given by section 194(6) of the Employment Rights Act 1996.

(12) Subsection (1) does not apply to—

- (a) service as a member of the naval, military or air forces of the Crown, or
- (b) employment by an association established for the purposes of Part 11 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996.

(13) In this section “contract” means a contract whether express or implied and, if express, whether oral or in writing.]

Textual Amendments

F132 S. 24B inserted (12.7.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), **ss. 34(3)**, 94(1); [S.I. 2016/603](#), **reg. 3(e)** (with transitional provision in [S.I. 2016/712](#), art. 2)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C121 Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting [S.I. 1993/1797](#), Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/981\)](#), **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1** (with [art. 6](#))

[^{F134}25 Assisting unlawful immigration to member State [^{F133}or the United Kingdom]

(1) A person commits an offence if he—

- (a) does an act which facilitates the commission of a breach [^{F135}or attempted breach] of immigration law by an individual who is not [^{F136}a national of the United Kingdom],
- (b) knows or has reasonable cause for believing that the act facilitates the commission of a breach [^{F135}or attempted breach] of immigration law by the individual, and
- (c) knows or has reasonable cause for believing that the individual is not [^{F136}a national of the United Kingdom].

(2) In subsection (1) “immigration law” means a law which has effect in a member State [^{F137}or the United Kingdom] and which controls, in respect of some or all persons who are not nationals of the State [^{F138}or, as the case may be, of the United Kingdom], entitlement to—

- (a) enter [^{F139}or arrive in] the State [^{F140}or the United Kingdom],
- (b) transit across the State [^{F141}or the United Kingdom], or

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(c) be in the State [^{F142}or the United Kingdom].

[In subsections (1) and (2), “national of the United Kingdom” means—

- ^{F143}(2A) (a) a British citizen;
(b) a person who is a British subject by virtue of Part 4 of the British Nationality Act 1981 and who has the right of abode in the United Kingdom; or
(b) a person who is a British overseas territories citizen by virtue of a connection with Gibraltar.]

(3) A document issued by the government of a member State certifying a matter of law in that State—

- (a) shall be admissible in proceedings for an offence under this section, and
(b) shall be conclusive as to the matter certified.

[^{F144}(4) Subsection (1) applies to things done whether inside or outside the United Kingdom.]

(6) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable—

- (a) on conviction on indictment, to [^{F145}imprisonment for life], to a fine or to both, or
(b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both.]

[^{F146}(7) In this section—

- (a) a reference to a member State includes a reference to [^{F147}Norway or Iceland],
^{F148}.....
^{F148}(b)

^{F149}(8)

Textual Amendments

- F133** Words in s. 25 heading inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Immigration, Nationality and Asylum \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/745\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(3)(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F134** Ss. 25-25C substituted (10.2.2003) for s. 25 by 2002 c. 41, s. 143 (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F135** Words in s. 25(1)(a)(b) inserted (31.5.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), **Sch. 14 para. 2**; S.I. 2016/603, reg. 2(d)
- F136** Words in s. 25(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Act 2020 \(Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1309\)](#), regs. 1(2), **5(3)(a)**
- F137** Words in s. 25(2) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Immigration, Nationality and Asylum \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/745\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(3)(c)(i)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F138** Words in s. 25(2) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Immigration, Nationality and Asylum \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/745\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(3)(c)(ii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F139** Words in s. 25(2)(a) inserted (28.6.2022 save in so far as it relates to the insertion of s. 24(E1), otherwise prosp.) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), **ss. 40(4)**, 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 20 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)
- F140** Words in s. 25(2)(a) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Immigration, Nationality and Asylum \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/745\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(3)(c)(iii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F141** Words in s. 25(2)(b) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Immigration, Nationality and Asylum \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/745\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(3)(c)(iii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F142** Words in s. 25(2)(c) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Immigration, Nationality and Asylum \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/745\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(3)(c)(iii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- F143** S. 25(2A) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Immigration, Nationality and Asylum (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/745), regs. 1(2), **4(3)(d)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F144** S. 25(4) substituted for s. 25(4)(5) (31.1.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), **ss. 30(1)**, 59; S.I. 2008/99, art. 2(1)
- F145** Words in s. 25(6)(a) substituted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), **ss. 41(2)**, 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 21 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)
- F146** S. 25(7)(8) added (1.10.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), **s. 1(1)**; S.I. 2004/2523, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F147** Words in s. 25(7)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Immigration, Nationality and Asylum (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/745), regs. 1(2), **4(3)(e)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F148** S. 25(7)(b) and word omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1309), regs. 1(2), **5(3)(b)**
- F149** S. 25(8) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Immigration, Nationality and Asylum (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/745), regs. 1(2), **4(3)(g)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C121** Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by The Immigration (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/981), **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1** (with art. 6)

[^{F150}25A Helping asylum-seeker to enter United Kingdom

- (1) A person commits an offence if—
- he knowingly ^{F151}... facilitates the arrival [^{F152}or attempted arrival] in [^{F153}, or the entry [^{F154}or attempted entry] into,] the United Kingdom of an individual, and
 - he knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the individual is an asylum-seeker.
- (2) In this section “asylum-seeker” means a person who intends to claim that to remove him from or require him to leave the United Kingdom would be contrary to the United Kingdom’s obligations under—
- the Refugee Convention (within the meaning given by section 167(1) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33) (interpretation)), or
 - the Human Rights Convention (within the meaning given by that section).
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to anything done by a person acting on behalf of an organisation which—
- aims to assist asylum-seekers, and
 - does not charge for its services.
- (4) [^{F155}Subsections (4) and (6)] of section 25 apply for the purpose of the offence in subsection (1) of this section as they apply for the purpose of the offence in subsection (1) of that section.]

Textual Amendments

- F150** Ss. 25-25C substituted (10.2.2003) for s. 25 by 2002 c. 41, s. 143 (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F151** Words in s. 25A(1)(a) omitted (28.6.2022) by virtue of Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), **ss. 41(3)**, 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 21 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)

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F152 Words in s. 25A(1)(a) inserted (31.5.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\), s. 94\(1\), Sch. 14 para. 3\(a\); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 2\(d\)](#)

F153 Words in s. 25A(1)(a) inserted (31.1.2008) by [UK Borders Act 2007 \(c. 30\), ss. 29, 59; S.I. 2008/99, art. 2](#)

F154 Words in s. 25A(1)(a) inserted (31.5.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\), s. 94\(1\), Sch. 14 para. 3\(b\); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 2\(d\)](#)

F155 Words in s. 25A(4) substituted (31.1.2008) by [UK Borders Act 2007 \(c. 30\), ss. 30\(2\), 59; S.I. 2008/99, art. 2](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

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^{F156}25B Assisting entry to United Kingdom in breach of deportation or exclusion order

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Textual Amendments

F156 S. 25B omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Act 2020 \(Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1309\), regs. 1\(2\), 5\(4\)](#) (with reg. 5(7))

[^{F157}25BA Facilitation offences: application to rescuers

- (1) A person does not commit a facilitation offence if the act of facilitation was an act done by or on behalf of, or co-ordinated by—
 - (a) Her Majesty’s Coastguard, or
 - (b) an overseas maritime search and rescue authority exercising similar functions to those of Her Majesty’s Coastguard.
- (2) In proceedings for a facilitation offence, it is a defence for the person charged with the offence to show that—
 - (a) the assisted individual had been in danger or distress at sea, and
 - (b) the act of facilitation was an act of providing assistance to the individual at any time between—
 - (i) the time when the assisted individual was first in danger or distress at sea, and
 - (ii) the time when the assisted individual was delivered to a place of safety on land.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the following are not to be treated as an act of providing assistance—
 - (a) the act of delivering the assisted individual to the United Kingdom in circumstances where—
 - (i) the United Kingdom was not the nearest place of safety on land to which the assisted individual could have been delivered, and

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- (ii) the person charged with the offence did not have a good reason for delivering the assisted individual to the United Kingdom instead of to a nearer place of safety on land;
 - (b) the act of steering a ship in circumstances where the person charged with the offence was on the same ship as the assisted individual at the time when the individual was first in danger or distress at sea.
- (4) A person is taken to have shown a fact mentioned in subsection (2) if—
- (a) sufficient evidence of the fact is adduced to raise an issue with respect to it, and
 - (b) the contrary is not proved beyond reasonable doubt.
- (5) In this section—
- “act of facilitation”—
 - (a) in relation to an offence under section 25 (assisting unlawful immigration), means the act mentioned in subsection (1)(a) of that section;
 - (b) in relation to an offence under section 25A (helping asylum-seeker to enter the UK), means the act of facilitating the arrival (or attempted arrival) in, or entry (or attempted entry) into, the United Kingdom of an individual, as mentioned in subsection (1)(a) of that section;
 - (c) in relation to an offence under section 25B(1) (facilitating breach of deportation order), means the act mentioned in subsection (1)(a) of that section;
 - (d) in relation to an offence under section 25B(3) (assisting entry to UK in breach of an exclusion order), means the act mentioned in subsection (3) (a) of that section;
 - “assisted individual”—
 - (a) in relation to an offence under section 25, means the individual whose breach (or attempted breach) of immigration law is facilitated by the act of facilitation;
 - (b) in relation to an offence under section 25A, means the individual whose arrival (or attempted arrival) in, or entry (or attempted entry) into, the United Kingdom is facilitated by the act of facilitation;
 - (c) in relation to an offence under section 25B(1), means the individual whose breach (or attempted breach) of a deportation order is facilitated by the act of facilitation;
 - (d) in relation to an offence under section 25B(3), means the individual who is assisted to arrive in, enter or remain (or to attempt to arrive in, enter or remain) in the United Kingdom by the act of facilitation;
 - “facilitation offence” means—
 - (a) an offence under section 25 (assisting unlawful immigration),
 - (b) an offence under section 25A (helping asylum-seeker to enter the United Kingdom), or
 - (c) an offence under section 25B (assisting entry to the United Kingdom in breach of deportation or exclusion order) to the extent that the section continues to apply by virtue of regulation 5(7) of the Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 ([S.I. 2020/1309](#));
 - “ship” includes—

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- (a) every description of vessel (including a hovercraft), and
- (b) any other structure (whether with or without means of propulsion) constructed or used to carry persons, goods, plant or machinery by water.

Textual Amendments

F157 Ss. 25BA, 25BB inserted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), ss. 41(4), 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 21 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)

25BB Facilitation offences: defences relating to stowaways

- (1) In proceedings for a facilitation offence brought against a master of a ship, it is a defence for the master to show—
 - (a) that the assisted individual was a stowaway when the act of facilitation took place, and
 - (b) that the master, or a person acting on the master’s behalf, reported the presence of the assisted individual on the ship to the Secretary of State or an immigration officer—
 - (i) in a case where the ship was scheduled to go to the United Kingdom, as soon as reasonably practicable after the time when the ship’s next scheduled port of call became a port in the United Kingdom, or
 - (ii) in a case where the ship was not scheduled to go to the United Kingdom but the master of the ship decided that the ship needed to go to the United Kingdom (whether for reasons relating to the presence of the assisted individual on board or for other reasons), as soon as reasonably practicable after the master made that decision.
- (2) In proceedings for a facilitation offence, it is a defence for the person charged with the offence to show—
 - (a) that the assisted individual was a stowaway when the act of facilitation took place,
 - (b) that they were acting to ensure the security, general health, welfare or safety of the assisted individual, and
 - (c) that they had reported the presence of the assisted individual to the master of the ship as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (3) A person is taken to have shown a fact mentioned in subsection (1) or (2) if—
 - (a) sufficient evidence of the fact is adduced to raise an issue with respect to it, and
 - (b) the contrary is not proved beyond reasonable doubt.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, an individual is a stowaway on a ship if—
 - (a) they boarded the ship without the knowledge of the master of the ship, and
 - (b) the master was not aware of their presence on the ship when the ship departed from the port where the individual boarded.
- (5) But an individual ceases to be a stowaway if, after the master of the ship has become aware of their presence on the ship, the individual is given permission to leave the ship by the immigration authorities of a country that the ship arrives at (whether or not they do in fact leave the ship there).

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- (6) In this section, “act of facilitation”, “assisted individual”, “facilitation offence” and “ship” have the same meanings as in section 25BA.]

Textual Amendments

F157 Ss. 25BA, 25BB inserted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 41(4), 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 21 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)

[^{F158}25C Forfeiture of vehicle, ship or aircraft

- (1) This section applies where a person is convicted on indictment of an offence under section 25 [^{F159}or 25A].
- (2) The court may order the forfeiture of a vehicle used or intended to be used in connection with the offence if the convicted person—
- owned the vehicle at the time the offence was committed,
 - was at that time a director, secretary or manager of a company which owned the vehicle,
 - was at that time in possession of the vehicle under a hire-purchase agreement,
 - was at that time a director, secretary or manager of a company which was in possession of the vehicle under a hire-purchase agreement, or
 - was driving the vehicle in the course of the commission of the offence.
- (3) The court may order the forfeiture of a ship or aircraft used or intended to be used in connection with the offence if the convicted person—
- owned the ship or aircraft at the time the offence was committed,
 - was at that time a director, secretary or manager of a company which owned the ship or aircraft,
 - was at that time in possession of the ship or aircraft under a hire-purchase agreement,
 - was at that time a director, secretary or manager of a company which was in possession of the ship or aircraft under a hire-purchase agreement,
 - was at that time a charterer of the ship or aircraft, or
 - committed the offence while acting as captain of the ship or aircraft.
- (4) But in a case to which subsection (3)(a) or (b) does not apply, forfeiture may be ordered only—
- in the case of a ship, if subsection (5) or (6) applies;
 - in the case of an aircraft, if subsection (5) or (7) applies.
- (5) This subsection applies where—
- in the course of the commission of the offence, the ship or aircraft carried more than 20 illegal entrants, and
 - a person who, at the time the offence was committed, owned the ship or aircraft or was a director, secretary or manager of a company which owned it, knew or ought to have known of the intention to use it in the course of the commission of an offence under section 25 [^{F160}or 25A].
- (6) This subsection applies where a ship’s gross tonnage is less than 500 tons.

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- (7) This subsection applies where the maximum weight at which an aircraft (which is not a hovercraft) may take off in accordance with its certificate of airworthiness is less than 5,700 kilogrammes.
- (8) Where a person who claims to have an interest in a vehicle, ship or aircraft applies to a court to make representations on the question of forfeiture, the court may not make an order under this section in respect of the ship, aircraft or vehicle unless the person has been given an opportunity to make representations.
- (9) In the case of an offence under section 25, the reference in subsection (5)(a) to an illegal entrant shall be taken to include a reference to—
- (a) an individual who seeks to enter a member State in breach of immigration law ^[F161](for which purpose “member State ^[F162]or the United Kingdom”) and “immigration law” have the meanings given by section 25(2) and (7)], and
 - (b) an individual who is ^[F163]the victim of conduct which constitutes an offence under section 2 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (human trafficking).^[F164]the victim of conduct which constitutes an offence under section 2 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland 2015)^[F165]the victim of conduct which constitutes an offence of human trafficking (see section 1 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015).]
- (10) In the case of an offence under section 25A, the reference in subsection (5)(a) to an illegal entrant shall be taken to include a reference to—
- (a) an asylum-seeker (within the meaning of that section), and
 - (b) an individual who is ^[F166]the victim of conduct which constitutes an offence under section 2 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (human trafficking).^[F167]the victim of conduct which constitutes an offence under section 2 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland 2015)^[F168]the victim of conduct which constitutes an offence of human trafficking (see section 1 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015).]
- (11) In the case of an offence under section 25B, the reference in subsection (5)(a) to an illegal entrant shall be taken to include a reference to an individual who is ^[F169]the victim of conduct which constitutes an offence under section 2 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (human trafficking).^[F170]the victim of conduct which constitutes an offence under section 2 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland 2015)^[F171]the victim of conduct which constitutes an offence of human trafficking (see section 1 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015).]

Textual Amendments

- F158** Ss. 25-25C substituted (10.2.2003) for s. 25 by 2002 c. 41, s. 143 (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, art. 2, Sch.
- F159** Words in s. 25C(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1309), reg. 1(2), Sch. 1 para. 1(1)(a)(i) (with Sch. 1 para. 1(5))
- F160** Words in s. 25C(5)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1309), reg. 1(2), Sch. 1 para. 1(1)(a)(ii) (with Sch. 1 para. 1(5))

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- F161** Words in s. 25C(9)(a) substituted (1.10.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), s. 1(2); S.I. 2004/2523, art. 2, Sch.
- F162** Words in s. 25C(9)(a) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Immigration, Nationality and Asylum (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/745), regs. 1(2), 4(4); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F163** Words in s. 25C(9)(b) substituted (E.W.) (31.7.2015) by Modern Slavery Act 2015 (c. 30), s. 61(3), Sch. 5 para. 2; S.I. 2015/1476, reg. 2(j) (with regs. 48)
- F164** Words in s. 25C(9)(b) substituted (N.I.) (14.1.2015) by Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 2), s. 28(2), Sch. 4 para. 2
- F165** Words in s. 25C(9)(b) substituted (S.) (17.12.2016) by The Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/1031), art. 1(1), Sch. para. 1 (with art. 4(1))
- F166** Words in s. 25C(10)(b) substituted (E.W.) (31.7.2015) by Modern Slavery Act 2015 (c. 30), s. 61(3), Sch. 5 para. 2; S.I. 2015/1476, reg. 2(j) (with regs. 48)
- F167** Words in s. 25C(10)(b) substituted (N.I.) (14.1.2015) by Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 2), s. 28(2), Sch. 4 para. 2
- F168** Words in s. 25C(10)(b) substituted (S.) (17.12.2016) by The Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/1031), art. 1(1), Sch. para. 1 (with art. 4(1))
- F169** Words in s. 25C(11) substituted (E.W.) (31.7.2015) by Modern Slavery Act 2015 (c. 30), s. 61(3), Sch. 5 para. 2; S.I. 2015/1476, reg. 2(j) (with regs. 48)
- F170** Words in s. 25C(11) substituted (N.I.) (14.1.2015) by Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 2), s. 28(2), Sch. 4 para. 2
- F171** Words in s. 25C(11) substituted (S.) (17.12.2016) by The Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/1031), art. 1(1), Sch. para. 1 (with art. 4(1))

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- C126** Ss. 25C, 25D applied (1.12.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), s. 5(4); S.I. 2004/2999, art. 2, Sch.; S.S.I. 2004/494, art. 2
- C127** S. 25C applied (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 146(3) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, art. 2, Sch.
- C128** S. 25C modified by S.I. 1993/1813, Sch. 4 para. 1(8) (as substituted (30.9.2020) by The Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/915), arts. 1(2), 5(4))
- C129** S. 25C modified by S.I. 1994/1405, art. 7 (as amended (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by The Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/915), arts. 1(3), 11)
- C130** S. 25C modified (30.9.2020 immediately after the entry into force of S.I. 2020/915, art. 5) by The Channel Tunnel (Arrangements with the Kingdom of the Netherlands) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/916), arts. 1(3), 6

^{F173}[^{F172} **Detention of ship, aircraft or vehicle**]

^{F172}25D]

- (1) If a person has been arrested for an offence under ^{F174}[section 25 ^{F175}or 25A]], a senior officer or a constable may detain a relevant ship, aircraft or vehicle—
- (a) until a decision is taken as to whether or not to charge the arrested person with that offence; or
- (b) if the arrested person has been charged—
- (i) until he is acquitted, the charge against him is dismissed or the proceedings are discontinued; or

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- (ii) if he has been convicted, until the court decides whether or not to order forfeiture of the ship, aircraft or vehicle.
- (2) A ship, aircraft or vehicle is a relevant ship, aircraft or vehicle, in relation to an arrested person, if it is one which the officer or constable concerned has reasonable grounds for believing could, on conviction of the arrested person for the offence for which he was arrested, be the subject of an order for forfeiture made under [F176]section 25C].
- [A person (other than the arrested person) may apply to the court for the release of a
- F177(3) ship, aircraft or vehicle on the grounds that—
- (a) he owns the ship, aircraft or vehicle,
 - (b) he was, immediately before the detention of the ship, aircraft or vehicle, in possession of it under a hire-purchase agreement, or
 - (c) he is a charterer of the ship or aircraft.]
- (4) The court to which an application is made under subsection (3) may, on such security or surety being tendered as it considers satisfactory, release the ship, aircraft or vehicle on condition that it is made available to the court if—
- (a) the arrested person is convicted; and
 - (b) an order for its forfeiture is made under [F176]section 25C].
- (5) In the application to Scotland of subsection (1), for paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute—
- “(a) until a decision is taken as to whether or not to institute criminal proceedings against the arrested person for that offence; or
- (b) if criminal proceedings have been instituted against the arrested person—
- (i) until he is acquitted or, under section 65 or 147 of the M9Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, discharged or liberated or the trial diet is deserted *simpliciter*;
 - (ii) if he has been convicted, until the court decides whether or not to order forfeiture of the ship, aircraft or vehicle,
- and for the purposes of this subsection, criminal proceedings are instituted against a person at whichever is the earliest of his first appearance before the sheriff on petition, or the service on him of an indictment or complaint.”
- (6) “Court” means—
- (a) in England and Wales—
 - [F178](ia) if the arrested person has not been charged, or he has been charged but proceedings for the offence have not begun to be heard, a magistrates' court;]
 - (iii) if he has been charged and proceedings for the offence are being heard, the court hearing the proceedings;
 - (b) in Scotland, the sheriff; and
 - (c) in Northern Ireland—
 - [if the arrested person has not been charged, or he has been charged but
 - F179(i) proceedings for the offence have not begun to be heard, a magistrates' court;]
 - (iii) if he has been charged and proceedings for the offence are being heard, the court hearing the proceedings.
- (7) F180

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- (8) “Senior officer” means an immigration officer not below the rank of chief immigration officer.]

Textual Amendments

- F172** S. 25A renumbered as s. 25D and title substituted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 144 (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2, Sch.**
- F173** S. 25A (since renumbered as s. 25D) inserted (3.4.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 38(2)(4); S.I. 2000/464, **art. 2, Sch.** (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, **art. 2, Sch.**)
- F174** Words in s. 25D(1) substituted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 144(2)(a) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2, Sch.**
- F175** Words in s. 25D(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1309), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 1(1)(a)(iii)** (with Sch. 1 para. 1(5))
- F176** Words in s. 25D(2)(4) substituted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 144(2)(b) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2, Sch.**
- F177** S. 25D(3) substituted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 144(2)(c) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2, Sch.**
- F178** S. 25D(6)(a)(ia) substituted (1.4.2005) for s. 25D(6)(a)(i)(ii) by Courts Act 2003 (c. 39), s. 109(1), **Sch. 8 para. 147**; S.I. 2005/910, **art. 3(y)(bb)**
- F179** S. 25D(6)(c)(i) substituted for s. 25D(6)(c)(i)(ii) (N.I.) (31.10.2016) by Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 9), s. 106(2), **Sch. 1 para. 64(1)** (with Sch. 8 para. 1); S.R. 2016/387, **art. 2(k)** (with art. 3)
- F180** S. 25D(7) repealed (10.2.2003) by virtue of 2002 c. 41, ss. 144(2)(d), 161, **Sch. 9** (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2, Sch.**

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- C131** S. 25D applied (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 146(3) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2, Sch.**
- C132** Ss. 25C, 25D applied (1.12.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), **s. 5(4)**; S.I. 2004/2999, **art. 2, Sch.**; S.S.I. 2004/494, **art. 2**

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- M9** 1995 c. 46.

26 General offences in connection with administration of Act.

- (1) A person shall be guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction with a fine of not more than [^{F181}[^{F182}level 5] on the standard scale] or with imprisonment for not more than six months, or with both, in any of the following cases—
- if, without reasonable excuse, he refuses or fails to submit to examination under Schedule 2 to this Act;
 - if, without reasonable excuse, he refuses or fails to furnish or produce any information in his possession, or any documents in his possession or control, which he is on an examination under that Schedule required to furnish or produce;
 - if on any such examination or otherwise he makes or causes to be made to an immigration officer or other person lawfully acting in the execution of [^{F183}a relevant enactment] a return, statement or representation which he knows to be false or does not believe to be true;

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- (d) if, without lawful authority, he alters any [^{F184}certificate of entitlement], entry clearance, work permit or other document issued or made under or for the purposes of this Act, or uses for the purposes of this Act, or has in his possession for such use, any passport, [^{F184}certificate of entitlement], entry clearance, work permit or other document which he knows or has reasonable cause to believe to be false;
 - (e) if, without reasonable excuse, he fails to complete and produce a landing or embarkation card in accordance with any order under Schedule 2 to this Act;
 - (f) if, without reasonable excuse, he fails to comply with any requirement of regulations under section 4(3) or of an order under section 4(4) above;
 - (g) if, without reasonable excuse, he obstructs an immigration officer or other person lawfully acting in the execution of this Act.
 - [^{F185}(h) if, without reasonable excuse, the person fails to comply with a direction under paragraph 1(6) of Schedule 2 (direction to move a container for purposes of a search).]
- (2) The extended time limit for prosecutions which is provided for by section 28 below shall apply to offences under subsection (1)(c) and (d) above.

[^{F186}(3) “Relevant enactment” means—

- (a) this Act;
- (b) the ^{M10}Immigration Act 1988;
- (c) the ^{M11}Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993 (apart from section 4 or 5);^{F187} . . .
- (d) the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (apart from Part VI) [^{F188} ; or
- (e) the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (apart from Part 5).]]

Textual Amendments

- F181** Words substituted (E.W.) (S.) (11.4.1983) by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48\)](#), **ss. 38, 46** and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 289F, 289G** (as inserted by [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48\)](#), **s. 54**), and (N.I) by virtue of S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3), **arts. 5, 6**
- F182** Words in s. 26(1) substituted (1.10.1996) by 1996 c. 49, **s. 6**; S.I. 1996/2053, **art. 2, Sch. Pt. III**
- F183** Words in s. 26(1)(c) substituted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, **s. 30(1)(2)**; S.I. 2000/168, **art. 2, Sch.** (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, **art. 2, Sch.**)
- F184** Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\)](#), **s. 52(7)**, **Sch. 4 para. 3(1)** (with **Sch. 8 para. 8**)
- F185** S. 26(1)(h) inserted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), **ss. 44(4), 87(5)(f)**
- F186** S. 26(3) inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, **s. 30(1)(3)**; S.I. 2000/168, **art. 2, Sch.** (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, **art. 2, Sch.**)
- F187** Word after s. 26(3)(c) repealed (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, **ss. 151(a), 161, Sch. 9** (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2, Sch.**
- F188** S. 26(3)(e) and preceding word inserted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, **s. 151(b)** (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2, Sch.**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C121** Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, **Sch. 1 Pt. 1** (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with **art. 1**) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/981\)](#), **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1** (with **art. 6**)

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C133 S. 26(1)(d) modified (11.11.2000) by 1999 c. 33, ss. 31(1)(2)(3)(c)(4)(d), 170(3) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

C134 S. 26(1)(f) amended (S.) by Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 62), s. 26, Sch. 1

Marginal Citations

M10 1988 c. 14.

M11 1993 c. 23.

[^{F189}26A Registration card

- (1) In this section “registration card” means a document which—
 - (a) carries information about a person (whether or not wholly or partly electronically), and
 - [^{F190}(b) is issued by the Secretary of State to the person wholly or partly in connection with—
 - (i) a claim for asylum (whether or not made by that person), or
 - (ii) a claim for support under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (whether or not made by that person).]
- (2) In subsection (1) “claim for asylum” has the meaning given by section 18 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002.
- (3) A person commits an offence if he—
 - (a) makes a false registration card,
 - (b) alters a registration card with intent to deceive or to enable another to deceive,
 - (c) has a false or altered registration card in his possession without reasonable excuse,
 - (d) uses or attempts to use a false registration card for a purpose for which a registration card is issued,
 - (e) uses or attempts to use an altered registration card with intent to deceive,
 - (f) makes an article designed to be used in making a false registration card,
 - (g) makes an article designed to be used in altering a registration card with intent to deceive or to enable another to deceive, or
 - (h) has an article within paragraph (f) or (g) in his possession without reasonable excuse.
- (4) In subsection (3) “false registration card” means a document which is designed to appear to be a registration card.
- (5) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (3)(a), (b), (d), (e), (f) or (g) shall be liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years, to a fine or to both, or
 - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both.
- (6) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (3)(c) or (h) shall be liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, to a fine or to both, or
 - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both.

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- (7) The Secretary of State may by order—
- (a) amend the definition of “registration card” in subsection (1);
 - (b) make consequential amendment of this section.
- (8) An order under subsection (7)—
- (a) must be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) may not be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.]

Textual Amendments

F189 S. 26A inserted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 148 (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2**, Sch.

F190 S. 26A(1)(b) substituted (27.6.2008) by The Immigration (Registration Card) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1693), **art. 2**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C121 Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by The Immigration (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/981), **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1** (with **art. 6**)

[^{F191}26B Possession of immigration stamp

- (1) A person commits an offence if he has an immigration stamp in his possession without reasonable excuse.
- (2) A person commits an offence if he has a replica immigration stamp in his possession without reasonable excuse.
- (3) In this section—
 - (a) “immigration stamp” means a device which is designed for the purpose of stamping documents in the exercise of an immigration function,
 - (b) “replica immigration stamp” means a device which is designed for the purpose of stamping a document so that it appears to have been stamped in the exercise of an immigration function, and
 - (c) “immigration function” means a function of an immigration officer or the Secretary of State under the Immigration Acts.
- (4) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, to a fine or to both, or
 - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both.]

Textual Amendments

F191 S. 26B inserted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 149 (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2**, Sch.

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27 Offences by persons connected with ships or aircraft or with ports.

^{F192}(1) A person shall be guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction with a fine of not more than [^{F193}[^{F194}level 5] on the standard scale] or with imprisonment for not more than six months, or with both, in any of the following cases—

- (a) if, being the captain of a ship or aircraft,—
 - (i) he knowingly permits a person to disembark in the United Kingdom when required under Schedule 2 or 3 to this Act to prevent it, or fails without reasonable excuse to take any steps he is required by or under Schedule 2 to take in connection with the disembarkation or examination of passengers or for furnishing a passenger list or particulars of members of the crew; or
 - (ii) he fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with any directions given him under Schedule 2 or 3 [^{F195}or under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999]with respect to the removal of a person from the United Kingdom;

- (b) if, as owner or agent of a ship or aircraft,—
 - (i) he arranges, or is knowingly concerned in any arrangements, for the ship or aircraft to call at a port other than a port of entry contrary to any provision of Schedule 2 to this Act; or
 - (ii) he fails, without reasonable excuse, to take any steps required by an order under Schedule 2 for the supply to passengers of landing or embarkation cards; or
 - (iii) he fails, without reasonable excuse, to make arrangements for [^{F196}or in connection with] the removal of a person from the United Kingdom when required to do so by directions given under Schedule 2 or 3 to this Act; [^{F197}or under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; or

[he fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with a direction under ^{F198}(iiiia) paragraph 5B of Schedule 2; or]

- (iv) he fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with [^{F199}[^{F200}any other requirement] imposed by or under Schedule 2] ;]

(c) if, ^{F201} . . . as a person concerned in the management of a port, he fails, without reasonable excuse, to take any steps required by Schedule 2 in relation to the embarkation or disembarkation of passengers where a control area is designated.

[^{F202}(ca) if as a person concerned in the management of a port he fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with a direction under paragraph 5B of Schedule 2.]

[^{F203}(d)]

[^{F204}(2) Proceedings may not be instituted against a person under subsection (1)(a)(i) or (1)(b)(iv) for a failure to provide information or otherwise to comply with a requirement imposed under paragraph 27, 27B or 27BA of Schedule 2 where—

- (a) the person has paid a penalty in respect of the same failure, or a failure to provide the same information, by virtue of regulations made under—

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- (i) paragraph 27BB of Schedule 2,
- (ii) section 32B of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006, or
- (iii) section 24 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (penalty for breach of authority-to-carry scheme); or
- (b) proceedings have been instituted against the person under section 34 of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 in respect of a failure to provide the same information.]

Textual Amendments

- F192** S. 27(1): s. 27 renumbered as s. 27(1) (12.2.2015) by [Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 \(c. 6\), s. 52\(5\), Sch. 5 para. 2\(a\)](#)
- F193** Words substituted: (E.W.) (11.4.1983) by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48\), ss. 38, 46](#); (S.) (11.4.1983) by virtue of [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21\), ss. 289F, 289G](#) (as inserted by [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48\), s. 54](#)); (N.I.) (19.7.1984) by virtue of [S.I. 1984/703 \(N.I. 3\), arts. 5, 6](#)
- F194** Words in s. 27 substituted (1.10.1996) by [1996 c. 49, s. 6](#); [S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, Sch. Pt. III](#)
- F195** Words in s. 27(a)(ii) inserted (2.10.2000) by [1999 c. 33, s. 169\(1\), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 52\(1\)\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, Sch. 1](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2](#)) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by [S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.](#))
- F196** Words in s. 27(b)(iii) inserted (1.3.2000) by [1999 c. 33, s. 169\(1\), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 52\(1\)\(3\)\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2000/464, art. 2, Sch.](#) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by [S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.](#))
- F197** S. 27(b)(iv) and preceding words inserted (3.4.2000) by [1999 c. 33, s. 169\(1\), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 52\(1\)\(3\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2000/464, art. 2, Sch.](#) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by [S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.](#))
- F198** S. 27(b)(iiia) inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 8 para. 7\(2\)\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3\(bb\)](#)
- F199** Words in s. 27(b)(iv) substituted (1.3.2008) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\), ss. 31\(4\)\(a\), 62](#); [S.I. 2007/3138, art. 3\(b\)](#) (as amended by [S.I. 2007/3580, art. 2](#))
- F200** Words in s. 27(b)(iv) substituted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 8 para. 7\(2\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3\(bb\)](#)
- F201** Words in s. 27(c) repealed (1.3.2008) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\), ss. 31\(4\)\(b\), 61, 62, Sch. 3](#); [S.I. 2007/3138, art. 3\(b\)\(c\)](#) (as amended by [S.I. 2007/3580, art. 2](#))
- F202** S. 27(ca) inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 8 para. 7\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3\(bb\)](#)
- F203** S. 27(d) repealed (2.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1813, arts. 9, 1, Sch. 6 Pt. I](#)
- F204** S. 27(2) inserted (12.2.2015) by [Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 \(c. 6\), s. 52\(5\), Sch. 5 para. 2\(b\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C121** Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting [S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/981\), Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1](#) (with art. 6)
- C135** S. 27 modified (2.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1813, arts. 7\(1\), 1, Sch. 4 para 1\(9\)](#)(as amended (1.12.1997) by [S.I. 1994/1405, art. 8, Sch. 4 para. 11](#) Table; and as further amended (5.8.2014) by [S.I. 2014/1814, arts. 1, 2\(2\)](#))
- C136** S. 27: amendment to earlier affecting provision [S.I. 1993/1813, Sch. 4 para. 1\(9\)](#) (5.8.2014) by [The Channel Tunnel \(International Arrangements\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1814\), arts. 1, 2\(2\)](#)
- C137** S. 27 modified (30.9.2020 immediately after the entry into force of [S.I. 2020/915, art. 5](#)) by [The Channel Tunnel \(Arrangements with the Kingdom of the Netherlands\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/916\), arts. 1\(3\), 6](#)

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C138 S. 27 modified by S.I. 1994/1405, art. 7 (as amended (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Channel Tunnel \(International Arrangements and Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Amendment\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/915\)](#), arts. 1(3), 11)

28 Proceedings.

[^{F205}(A1) Proceedings for an offence under this Part that is committed in the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom may be taken, and the offence may for all incidental purposes be treated as having been committed, in any place in the United Kingdom.]

(1) Where the offence is one to which, under section [^{F206}24(3)]^{F207} . . . or 26 above, an extended time limit for prosecutions is to apply, then—

- (a) an information relating to the offence may in England and Wales be tried by a magistrates' court if it is laid within six months after the commission of the offence, or if it is laid within three years after the commission of the offence and not more than two months after the date certified by [^{F208}an officer of police above the rank of chief superintendent] to be the date on which evidence sufficient to justify proceedings came to the notice of an officer of [^{F208}the police force to which he belongs]; and
- (b) summary proceedings for the offence may in Scotland be commenced within six months after the commission of the offence, or within three years after the commission of the offence and not more than two months after the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the Lord Advocate to justify proceedings came to his knowledge; and
- (c) a complaint charging the commission of the offence may in Northern Ireland be heard and determined by a magistrates' court if it is made within six months after the commission of the offence, or if it is made within three years after the commission of the offence and not more than two months after the date certified by an officer of police not below the rank of assistant chief constable to be the date on which evidence sufficient to justify the proceedings came to the notice of the police in Northern Ireland.

[^{F209}(1A) Where the offence is one to which, under section 24(3A), an extended time limit for prosecutions is to apply, then—

- (a) an information relating to the offence may in England and Wales be tried by a magistrates' court if it is laid—
 - (i) within the period of six months beginning with the date of the commission of the offence, or
 - (ii) within the period of three months beginning with the date when the person is first arrested for the offence or under paragraph 10 of Schedule 10 to the Immigration Act 2016 (arrest for breach of bail condition), if that period expires after the end of the period mentioned in sub-paragraph (i),
- (b) summary proceedings for the offence may in Scotland be commenced—
 - (i) within the period of six months beginning with the date of the commission of the offence, or
 - (ii) within the period of three months beginning with the date when the person is first arrested for the offence or under paragraph 10 of Schedule 10 to the Immigration Act 2016 (arrest for breach of bail condition), if that period expires after the end of the period mentioned in sub-paragraph (i), and

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- (c) a complaint charging the commission of an offence under this paragraph may in Northern Ireland be heard and determined by a magistrates' court if it is made—
- (i) within the period of six months beginning with the date of the commission of the offence, or
 - (ii) within the period of three months beginning with the date when the person is first arrested for the offence or under paragraph 10 of Schedule 10 to the Immigration Act 2016 (arrest for breach of bail condition), if that period expires after the end of the period mentioned in sub-paragraph (i).]
- (2) For purposes of [F210subsections (1)(b) and (1A)(b)] above proceedings shall be deemed to be commenced on the date on which a warrant to apprehend or to cite the accused is granted, if such warrant is executed without undue delay; and a certificate of the Lord Advocate as to the date on which such evidence as is mentioned in [F210subsections (1)(b) and (1A)(b)] came to his knowledge shall be conclusive evidence.
- [F211(2A) Section 3 of the Territorial Waters Jurisdiction Act 1878 (consent of Secretary of State for certain prosecutions) does not apply to proceedings for an offence under [F212this Part].]
- (3) For the purposes of the trial of a person for an offence under this Part of this Act, the offence shall be deemed to have been committed either at the place at which it actually was committed or at any place at which he may be.
- (4) Any powers exercisable under this Act in the case of any person may be exercised notwithstanding that proceedings for an offence under this Part of this Act have been taken against him.

Textual Amendments

- F205** S. 28(A1) inserted (12.4.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), **Sch. 6 para. 4(a)**; S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)
- F206** Word in s. 28(1) substituted (15.1.2018) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), **Sch. 10 para. 17(2)**; S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)
- F207** Words in s. 28(1) repealed (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 156(1), 161, Sch. 9 (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2**, Sch
- F208** Words substituted by [Immigration Act 1988 \(c. 14, SIF 62\)](#), s. 10, **Sch. para. 4**
- F209** S. 28(1A) inserted (15.1.2018) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), **Sch. 10 para. 17(3)**; S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)
- F210** Words in s. 28(2) substituted (15.1.2018) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), **Sch. 10 para. 17(4)**; S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)
- F211** S. 28(2A) inserted (31.5.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), **Sch. 14 para. 5**; S.I. 2016/603, reg. 2(d)
- F212** Words in s. 28(2A) substituted (24.8.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), **Sch. 6 para. 4(b)**; S.I. 2022/912, reg. 2(b)(ii)

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- C139** S. 28(1) applied (1.4.2003) by 1996 c. 49, s. 8(9) (as added by 2002 c. 41, s. 147(4) (with s. 159)); S.I. 2003/754, art. 2, Sch. 1 (with transitional provisions in arts. 3, 4, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2003/1040 and 2003/1339))
S. 28(1) applied (1.5.2004) by The Accession (Immigration and Worker Registration) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1219), reg. 9(10)
- C140** S. 28(4) modified (22.9.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), ss. 2(11)(b), 48(1)
- C141** S. 28(4) modified by Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), s. 109B(1)(b) (as inserted (31.1.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), ss. 18, 59; S.I. 2008/99, art. 2)
S. 28(4) modified (31.1.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), ss. 23(2)(b), 59; S.I. 2008/99, art. 2

[^{F213} **28A Arrest without warrant.** **E+W**

- (1) [^{F214} An] immigration officer may arrest without warrant a person—
- (a) who has committed or attempted to commit an offence under section 24 or 24A; or
 - (b) whom he has reasonable grounds for suspecting has committed or attempted to commit such an offence.
- (2) But subsection (1) does not apply in relation to an offence under section 24(1)(d).
- (3) An immigration officer may arrest without warrant a person—
- (a) who has committed [^{F215} or attempted to commit] an offence under [^{F216} section [^{F217} 24B,] 25 [^{F218} or 25A]]; or
 - (b) whom he has reasonable grounds for suspecting has committed [^{F215} or attempted to commit] that offence.
- (4) ^{F219}
- (5) An immigration officer may arrest without warrant a person (“the suspect”) who, or whom he has reasonable grounds for suspecting—
- (a) has committed or attempted to commit an offence under section 26(1)(g); or
 - (b) is committing or attempting to commit that offence.
- (6) The power conferred by subsection (5) is exercisable only if either the first or the second condition is satisfied.
- (7) The first condition is that it appears to the officer that service of a summons (or, in Scotland, a copy complaint) is impracticable or inappropriate because—
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- (9) For the purposes of subsection (7), an address is a satisfactory address for service if it appears to the officer—
- (a) that the suspect will be at that address for a sufficiently long period for it to be possible to serve him with a summons (or copy complaint); or
 - (b) that some other person specified by the suspect will accept service of a summons (or copy complaint) for the suspect at that address.
- [^{F214}An] immigration officer may arrest without warrant a person—
- ^{F220}(9A)
 - (a) who has committed an offence under section 26A or 26B; or
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- (10) In relation to the exercise of the powers conferred by subsections (3)(b)^{F223} . . . [^{F224}, (5) [^{F225}, (9B) and (9C)]] , it is immaterial that no offence has been committed.
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- C145** S. 28A(3) modified (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2) of the inserting S.I.) by S.I. 1993/1813, **art. 7(1), Sch. 4 para. 1(9A)** (as inserted (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2) of the inserting S.I.) by S.I. 2001/1544, **art. 6(2)**)
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^{F213} 28A Arrest without warrant. **S**

- (1) A constable or immigration officer may arrest without warrant a person—
- (a) who has committed or attempted to commit an offence under section 24 or 24A; or
 - (b) whom he has reasonable grounds for suspecting has committed or attempted to commit such an offence.
- (2) But subsection (1) does not apply in relation to an offence under section 24(1)(d).
- (3) An immigration officer may arrest without warrant a person—

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- (a) who has committed [^{F215}or attempted to commit] an offence under [^{F216}section [^{F217}24B,] 25 [^{F218}or 25A]]; or
 - (b) whom he has reasonable grounds for suspecting has committed [^{F215}or attempted to commit] that offence.
- (4) ^{F219}
- (5) An immigration officer may arrest without warrant a person (“the suspect”) who, or whom he has reasonable grounds for suspecting—
- (a) has committed or attempted to commit an offence under section 26(1)(g); or
 - (b) is committing or attempting to commit that offence.
- (6) The power conferred by subsection (5) is exercisable only if either the first or the second condition is satisfied.
- (7) The first condition is that it appears to the officer that service of a summons (or, in Scotland, a copy complaint) is impracticable or inappropriate because—
- (a) he does not know, and cannot readily discover, the suspect’s name;
 - (b) he has reasonable grounds for doubting whether a name given by the suspect as his name is his real name;
 - (c) the suspect has failed to give him a satisfactory address for service; or
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- (8) The second condition is that the officer has reasonable grounds for believing that arrest is necessary to prevent the suspect—
- (a) causing physical injury to himself or another person;
 - (b) suffering physical injury; or
 - (c) causing loss of or damage to property.
- (9) For the purposes of subsection (7), an address is a satisfactory address for service if it appears to the officer—
- (a) that the suspect will be at that address for a sufficiently long period for it to be possible to serve him with a summons (or copy complaint); or
 - (b) that some other person specified by the suspect will accept service of a summons (or copy complaint) for the suspect at that address.
- [A constable or immigration officer may arrest without warrant a person—
- ^{F220}(9A) (a) who has committed an offence under section 26A or 26B; or
- (b) whom he has reasonable grounds for suspecting has committed an offence under section 26A or 26B.]
- [An immigration officer may arrest without warrant a person who, or whom the
- ^{F221}(9B) immigration officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting—
- (a) has committed or attempted to commit an offence under section 21(1) or (1A) of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (employment of illegal worker etc), or
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[An immigration officer may arrest without warrant a person who, or whom the

^{F222}(9C) immigration officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting—

 - (a) has committed or attempted to commit an offence under section 33A or 33B of the Immigration Act 2014 (offences relating to residential tenancies), or

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- (b) is committing or attempting to commit that offence.]
- (10) In relation to the exercise of the powers conferred by subsections (3)(b) ^{F223} . . . [^{F224}, (5) [^{F225}, (9B) and (9C)]], it is immaterial that no offence has been committed.
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- F593** Word in s. 28A(9A) substituted (N.I.) (1.3.2007) by The Police and Criminal Evidence (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/288 (N.I. 2)), art. 15, **Sch. 1 para. 16**

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- C121** Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by The Immigration (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/981), **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1** (with art. 6)
- C142** Ss. 28A, 28CA, 28FA modified (1.1.2007) by The Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/3317), **reg. 15(c)**
- C143** S. 28A(1)(3) amended (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2) of the substituting S.I.) by S.I. 1993/1813, art. 6, **Sch. 3 Pt. 1 para. 2(1)(a)(2)(a)** (as substituted (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2) of the substituting S.I.) by S.I. 2001/1544, **art. 4(2)**)
- C144** S. 28A(1) modified (1.7.2013) by The Accession of Croatia (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1460), regs. 1(1), **18(c)** (with reg. 11(8))
- C145** S. 28A(3) modified (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2) of the inserting S.I.) by S.I. 1993/1813, art. 7(1), **Sch. 4 para. 1(9A)** (as inserted (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2) of the inserting S.I.) by S.I. 2001/1544, **art. 6(2)**)
- C146** S. 28A(6)-(9) applied (with modifications) (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 31.1.2018 for E.W.S. in so far as not already in force, 28.6.2021 for N.I. in so far as not already in force) by 2002 c. 29, **s. 453C(4)** (as inserted by Criminal Finances Act 2017 (c. 22), **ss. 25**, 58(1)(6); S.I. 2018/78, **reg. 3(j)**; S.I. 2021/724, **reg. 2(1)(m)**)
- C147** S. 28A(10)(11) applied (with modifications) (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 31.1.2018 for E.W.S. in so far as not already in force, 28.6.2021 for N.I. in so far as not already in force) by 2002 c. 29, **s. 453C(4)** (as inserted by Criminal Finances Act 2017 (c. 22), **ss. 25**, 58(1)(6); S.I. 2018/78, **reg. 3(j)**; S.I. 2021/724, **reg. 2(1)(m)**)

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[^{F229}28AA Arrest with warrant

- (1) This section applies if on an application by an immigration officer a justice of the peace is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that a person has committed an offence under—[^{F230}section 24(1)(d)]
- (2) The justice of the peace may grant a warrant authorising any immigration officer to arrest the person.
- (3) In the application of this section to Scotland a reference to a justice of the peace shall be treated as a reference to the sheriff or a justice of the peace.]

Textual Amendments

F229 S. 28AA inserted (8.1.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 152, (with s. 159), S.I. 2002/2811, art. 2, Sch.

F230 Words in s. 28AA(1) substituted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), ss. 35(10), 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(f)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

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[^{F231}28B Search and arrest by warrant.

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if a justice of the peace is, by written information on oath, satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that a person (“the suspect”) who is liable to be arrested for a relevant offence is to be found on any premises.
- (2) The justice may grant a warrant authorising any immigration officer or constable to enter, if need be by force, the premises named in the warrant for the purpose of searching for and arresting the suspect.
- (3) Subsection (4) applies if in Scotland the sheriff or a justice of the peace is by evidence on oath satisfied as mentioned in subsection (1).
- (4) The sheriff or justice may grant a warrant authorising any immigration officer or constable to enter, if need be by force, the premises named in the warrant for the purpose of searching for and arresting the suspect.
- (5) “Relevant offence” means an offence under section [^{F232}24(A1), (B1), (C1), (D1), (E1) or (1)(b)], (c), (d), [^{F233}(f) or (h)] [^{F234}, 24A] [^{F235}24B,] [^{F236}, 26A or 26B.].]

Textual Amendments

F231 S. 28B inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 129; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

F232 Words in s. 28B(5) substituted (28.6.2022 save in so far as it relates to the insertion of s. 24(E1), otherwise prosp.) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 40(5), 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 20 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)

F233 Words in s. 28B(5) substituted (15.1.2018) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 10 para. 18; S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)

F234 Words in s. 28B(5) substituted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 144(4) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, art. 2, Sch.

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- F235** Word in s. 28B(5) inserted (12.7.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\), ss. 34\(5\), 94\(1\)](#); [S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3\(e\)](#) (with transitional provision in [S.I. 2016/712, art. 2](#))
- F236** Words in s. 28B(5) inserted (10.2.2003) by [2002 c. 41, s. 150\(2\)](#) (with s. 159); [S.I. 2003/1, art. 2, Sch.](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C121** Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting [S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/981\), Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1](#) (with art. 6)
- C148** S. 28B modified (1.5.2004) by [The Accession \(Immigration and Worker Registration\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1219\), reg. 9\(11\)\(a\)](#)
- C149** S. 28B modified (22.9.2004) by [Asylum and Immigration \(Treatment of Claimants, etc.\) Act 2004 \(c. 19\), ss. 2\(11\)\(a\), 48\(1\)](#)
- C150** S. 28B modified (1.1.2007) by [The Accession \(Immigration and Worker Authorisation\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/3317\), reg. 15\(a\)](#)
- C151** S. 28B modified (29.2.2008) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\), ss. 21\(3\)\(a\), 62](#); [S.I. 2008/310, art. 2\(1\)](#) (subject to art. 5)
- C152** S. 28B modified by [Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 \(c. 33\), s. 109B\(1\)\(a\)](#) (as inserted (31.1.2008) by [UK Borders Act 2007 \(c. 30\), ss. 18, 59](#); [S.I. 2008/99, art. 2](#))
- S. 28B modified (31.1.2008) by [UK Borders Act 2007 \(c. 30\), ss. 23\(2\)\(a\), 59](#); [S.I. 2008/99, art. 2](#)
- C153** S. 28B modified (1.7.2013) by [The Accession of Croatia \(Immigration and Worker Authorisation\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1460\), regs. 1\(1\), 15\(3\)\(a\), 18\(a\)](#) (with reg. 11(8))
- C154** S. 28B modified (1.7.2013) by [The Accession of Croatia \(Immigration and Worker Authorisation\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1460\), regs. 1\(1\), 18\(a\)](#) (with reg. 11(8))
- C155** S. 28B modified by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 33C\(6\)](#) (as inserted (1.11.2016 for specified purposes, 1.12.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\), ss. 39\(2\), 94\(1\)](#); [S.I. 2016/1037, regs. 2\(a\), 5\(c\)](#))

[^{F237}28C Search and arrest without warrant.

- (1) An immigration officer may enter and search any premises for the purpose of arresting a person for an offence under [^{F238}section 25 [^{F239}or 25A]].
- (2) The power may be exercised—
 - (a) only to the extent that it is reasonably required for that purpose; and
 - (b) only if the officer has reasonable grounds for believing that the person whom he is seeking is on the premises.
- (3) In relation to premises consisting of two or more separate dwellings, the power is limited to entering and searching—
 - (a) any parts of the premises which the occupiers of any dwelling comprised in the premises use in common with the occupiers of any such other dwelling; and
 - (b) any such dwelling in which the officer has reasonable grounds for believing that the person whom he is seeking may be.
- (4) The power may be exercised only if the officer produces identification showing that he is an immigration officer (whether or not he is asked to do so).]

Textual Amendments

- F237** S. 28C inserted (14.2.2000) by [1999 c. 33, s. 130](#); [S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch.](#) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by [S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.](#))

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F238 Words in s. 28C(1) substituted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 144(5) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2**, Sch.

F239 Words in s. 28C(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1309), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 1(1)(a)(vi)** (with Sch. 1 para. 1(5))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C121 Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by The Immigration (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/981), **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1** (with art. 6)

C156 S. 28C applied (1.12.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), s. 14(3)(a); S.I. 2004/2999, **art. 2**, Sch.

F240 **28C Business premises: entry to arrest**

- (1) A constable or immigration officer may enter and search any business premises for the purpose of arresting a person—
 - (a) for an offence under section 24,
 - (b) for an offence under section 24A, or
 - F241** [for an offence under section 24B,]
 - (ba)
 - (c) under paragraph 17 of Schedule 2.
- (2) The power under subsection (1) may be exercised only—
 - (a) to the extent that it is reasonably required for a purpose specified in subsection (1),
 - (b) if the constable or immigration officer has reasonable grounds for believing that the person whom he is seeking is on the premises,
 - (c) with the authority of the Secretary of State (in the case of an immigration officer) or a Chief Superintendent (in the case of a constable), and
 - (d) if the constable or immigration officer produces identification showing his status.
- (3) Authority for the purposes of subsection (2)(c)—
 - (a) may be given on behalf of the Secretary of State only by a civil servant of the rank of at least Assistant Director, and
 - (b) shall expire at the end of the period of seven days beginning with the day on which it is given.
- (4) Subsection (2)(d) applies—
 - (a) whether or not a constable or immigration officer is asked to produce identification, but
 - (b) only where premises are occupied.
- (5) Subsection (6) applies where a constable or immigration officer—
 - (a) enters premises in reliance on this section, and
 - (b) detains a person on the premises.
- (6) A detainee custody officer may enter the premises for the purpose of carrying out a search.
- (7) In subsection (6)—

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“detainee custody officer” means a person in respect of whom a certificate of authorisation is in force under section 154 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33) (detained persons: escort and custody), and

“search” means a search under paragraph 2(1)(a) of Schedule 13 to that Act (escort arrangements: power to search detained person).]

Textual Amendments

F240 S. 28CA inserted (8.1.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 153(1) (with s. 159); S.I. 2002/2811, art. 2, Sch.

F241 S. 28CA(1)(ba) inserted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), ss. 34(6), 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(e) (with transitional provision in S.I. 2016/712, art. 2)

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C157 S. 28CA modified (1.7.2013) by The Accession of Croatia (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1460), regs. 1(1), 18(c) (with reg. 11(8))

C158 Ss. 28A, 28CA, 28FA modified (1.1.2007) by The Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/3317), reg. 15(c)

[^{F242}28D Entry and search of premises.

(1) If, on an application made by an immigration officer, a justice of the peace is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing that—

- (a) a relevant offence has been committed,
- (b) there is material on premises [^{F243}mentioned in subsection (1A)] which is likely to be of substantial value (whether by itself or together with other material) to the investigation of the offence,
- (c) the material is likely to be relevant evidence,
- (d) the material does not consist of or include items subject to legal privilege, excluded material or special procedure material, and
- (e) any of the conditions specified in subsection (2) applies, [^{F244}in relation to each set of premises specified in the application,]

he may issue a warrant authorising an immigration officer to enter and search the premises.

[The premises referred to in subsection (1)(b) above are—

- ^{F245}(1A)
- (a) one or more sets of premises specified in the application, or
 - (b) subject to subsection (2A), any premises occupied or controlled by a person specified in the application, including such sets of premises as are so specified (in which case the application is for an “all premises warrant”).

(1B) If the application is for an all premises warrant, the justice of the peace must also be satisfied—

- (a) that because of the particulars of the offence referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection (1), there are reasonable grounds for believing that it is necessary to search premises occupied or controlled by the person in question which are not specified in the application in order to find the material referred to in paragraph (b) of that subsection, and

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- (b) that it is not reasonably practicable to specify in the application all the premises which the person occupies or controls and which might need to be searched.
- (1C) Subject to subsection (2A), the warrant may authorise entry to and search of premises on more than one occasion if, on the application, the justice of the peace is satisfied that it is necessary to authorise multiple entries in order to achieve the purpose for which the justice issues the warrant.
- (1D) If it authorises multiple entries, the number of entries authorised may be unlimited, or limited to a maximum.]
- (2) The conditions [^{F246}referred to in subsection (1)(e)] are that—
- (a) it is not practicable to communicate with any person entitled to grant entry to the premises;
 - (b) it is practicable to communicate with a person entitled to grant entry to the premises but it is not practicable to communicate with any person entitled to grant access to the evidence;
 - (c) entry to the premises will not be granted unless a warrant is produced;
 - (d) the purpose of a search may be frustrated or seriously prejudiced unless an immigration officer arriving at the premises can secure immediate entry to them.
- [A justice of the peace in Scotland may not issue—
- ^{F247}(2A) (a) an all premises warrant under this section, or
- (b) a warrant under this section authorising multiple entries.]
- (3) An immigration officer may seize and retain anything for which a search has been authorised under subsection (1).
- (4) “Relevant offence” means an offence under section [^{F248}24(A1), (B1), (C1), (D1), (E1) or (1)(b)], (c), (d), [^{F249}(f) or (h)], [^{F250}24A, [^{F251}24B,] 25, 25A ^{F252}...][^{F253}, 26A or 26B].
- (5) In relation to England and Wales, expressions which are given a meaning by the ^{M12}Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 have the same meaning when used in this section.
- (6) In relation to Northern Ireland, expressions which are given a meaning by the ^{M13}Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 have the same meaning when used in this section.
- (7) In the application of [^{F254}this section] to Scotland—
- (a) read [^{F255}references] to a justice of the peace as [^{F255}references] to the sheriff or a justice of the peace; and
 - (b) in [^{F256}subsection (1)(d)], omit the reference to excluded material and special procedure material.]

Textual Amendments

F242 S. 28D inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 131; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

F243 Words in s. 28D(1)(b) substituted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 2(2)(a); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)

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- F244** Words in s. 28D(1)(e) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 8 para. 2(2)(b)**; S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F245** Ss. 28D(1A)-(1D) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 8 para. 2(3)**; S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F246** Words in s. 28D(2) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 8 para. 2(4)**; S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F247** S. 28D(2A) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 8 para. 2(5)**; S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F248** Words in s. 28D(4) substituted (28.6.2022 save in so far as it relates to the insertion of s. 24(E1), otherwise prosp.) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), **ss. 40(6)**, 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, **Sch. 1 para. 20** (with **Sch. 2 para. 7**)
- F249** Words in s. 28D(4) substituted (15.1.2018) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 10 para. 19**; S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with **Sch.**) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)
- F250** Words in s. 28D(4) substituted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 144(6) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2**, **Sch.**
- F251** Word in s. 28D(4) inserted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), **ss. 34(7)**, 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(e) (with transitional provision in S.I. 2016/712, art. 2)
- F252** Word in s. 28D(4) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1309), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 1(1)(c)** (with **Sch. 1 para. 1(5)**)
- F253** Words in s. 28D(4) inserted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 150(3) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2**, **Sch.**
- F254** Words in s. 28D(7) substituted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 8 para. 2(6)(a)**; S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F255** Words in s. 28D(7)(a) substituted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 8 para. 2(6)(b)**; S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F256** Words in s. 28D(7)(b) substituted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 8 para. 2(6)(c)**; S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)

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- C159** S. 28D modified (1.5.2004) by The Accession (Immigration and Worker Registration) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1219), **reg. 9(11)(a)**
- C160** S. 28D modified (22.9.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), **ss. 2(11)(a)**, 48(1)
- C161** S. 28D modified (1.1.2007) by The Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/3317), **reg. 15(a)**
- C162** S. 28D modified (29.2.2008) by Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13), **ss. 21(3)(a)**, 62; S.I. 2008/310, **art. 2(1)** (subject to art. 5)
- C163** S. 28D modified by Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), s. 109B(1)(a) (as inserted (31.1.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), **ss. 18**, 59; S.I. 2008/99, **art. 2**)
S. 28D modified (31.1.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), **ss. 23(2)(a)**, 59; S.I. 2008/99, **art. 2**
- C164** S. 28D modified (1.7.2013) by The Accession of Croatia (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1460), regs. 1(1), **15(3)(a)**, 18(a) (with reg. 11(8))
- C165** S. 28D modified by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 33C(6) (as inserted (1.11.2016 for specified purposes, 1.12.2016 in so far as not already in force) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), **ss. 39(2)**, 94(1); S.I. 2016/1037, regs. 2(a), 5(c))
- C166** S. 28D(3): powers of seizure extended (1.4.2003) by 2001 c. 16, **ss. 50**, 52-55, 68, **Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 15**; S.I. 2003/708, **art. 2**
S. 28D(3) modified (1.4.2003) by 2001 c. 16, **ss. 55**, 68, **Sch. 1 Pt. 3 para. 95** (with s. 57(3)); S.I. 2003/708, **art. 2**

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[^{F257}28E Entry and search of premises following arrest.

- (1) This section applies if a person is arrested for an offence under this Part at a place other than a police station.
- (2) An immigration officer may enter and search any premises—
 - (a) in which the person was when arrested, or
 - (b) in which he was immediately before he was arrested,for evidence relating to the offence for which the arrest was made (“relevant evidence”).
- (3) The power may be exercised—
 - (a) only if the officer has reasonable grounds for believing that there is relevant evidence on the premises; and
 - (b) only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering relevant evidence.
- (4) In relation to premises consisting of two or more separate dwellings, the power is limited to entering and searching—
 - (a) any dwelling in which the arrest took place or in which the arrested person was immediately before his arrest; and
 - (b) any parts of the premises which the occupier of any such dwelling uses in common with the occupiers of any other dwellings comprised in the premises.
- (5) An officer searching premises under subsection (2) may seize and retain anything he finds which he has reasonable grounds for believing is relevant evidence.
- (6) Subsection (5) does not apply to items which the officer has reasonable grounds for believing are items subject to legal privilege.]

Textual Amendments

F257 S. 28E inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 132(1); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

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C167 S. 28E modified (1.5.2004) by [The Accession \(Immigration and Worker Registration\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1219\)](#), [reg. 9\(11\)\(b\)](#)

C168 S. 28E modified (22.9.2004) by [Asylum and Immigration \(Treatment of Claimants, etc.\) Act 2004 \(c. 19\)](#), [ss. 2\(11\)\(b\)](#), 48(1)

C169 S. 28E applied (1.12.2004) by [Asylum and Immigration \(Treatment of Claimants, etc.\) Act 2004 \(c. 19\)](#), [s. 14\(3\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2004/2999, art. 2, Sch.

C170 S. 28E modified (1.1.2007) by [The Accession \(Immigration and Worker Authorisation\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/3317\)](#), [reg. 15\(b\)](#)

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- C171** S. 28E modified (29.2.2008) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#), [ss. 21\(3\)\(b\)](#), [62](#); [S.I. 2008/310](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#) (subject to [art. 5](#))
- C172** S. 28E modified by [Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 \(c. 33\)](#), [s. 109B\(1\)\(b\)](#) (as inserted (31.1.2008) by [UK Borders Act 2007 \(c. 30\)](#), [ss. 18](#), [59](#); [S.I. 2008/99](#), [art. 2](#))
S. 28E modified (31.1.2008) by [UK Borders Act 2007 \(c. 30\)](#), [ss. 23\(2\)\(b\)](#), [59](#); [S.I. 2008/99](#), [art. 2](#)
- C173** S. 28E modified (1.7.2013) by [The Accession of Croatia \(Immigration and Worker Authorisation\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1460\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\)](#), [18\(b\)](#) (with [reg. 11\(8\)](#))
- C174** S. 28E modified (1.7.2013) by [The Accession of Croatia \(Immigration and Worker Authorisation\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1460\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\)](#), [15\(3\)\(b\)](#), [18\(b\)](#) (with [reg. 11\(8\)](#))
- C175** S. 28E(5): powers of seizure extended (1.4.2003) by [2001 c. 16](#), [ss. 50](#), [52-55](#), [68](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 15](#); [S.I. 2003/708](#), [art. 2](#)

[^{F259}**28F** [^{F258}**Entry and search of premises following arrest under section 25, 25A, or 25B**].

- (1) An immigration officer may enter and search any premises occupied or controlled by a person arrested for an offence under [^{F260}section 25, 25A^{F261} ...].
- (2) The power may be exercised—
 - (a) only if the officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting that there is relevant evidence on the premises;
 - (b) only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering relevant evidence; and
 - (c) subject to subsection (3), only if a senior officer has authorised it in writing.
- (3) The power may be exercised—
 - (a) before taking the arrested person to a place where he is to be detained; and
 - (b) without obtaining an authorisation under subsection (2)(c),
 if the presence of that person at a place other than one where he is to be detained is necessary for the effective investigation of the offence.
- (4) An officer who has relied on subsection (3) must inform a senior officer as soon as is practicable.
- (5) The officer authorising a search, or who is informed of one under subsection (4), must make a record in writing of—
 - (a) the grounds for the search; and
 - (b) the nature of the evidence that was sought.
- (6) An officer searching premises under this section may seize and retain anything he finds which he has reasonable grounds for suspecting is relevant evidence.
- (7) “Relevant evidence” means evidence, other than items subject to legal privilege, that relates to the offence in question.
- (8) “Senior officer” means an immigration officer not below the rank of chief immigration officer.]

Textual Amendments

- F258** S. 28F: title substituted (10.2.2003) by virtue of [2002 c. 41](#), [s. 144\(7\)](#) (with [s. 159](#)); [S.I. 2003/1](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#)
- F259** S. 28F inserted (14.2.2000) by [1999 c. 33](#), [s. 133](#); [S.I. 2000/168](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#) (which amending provision is extended to Jersey (5.6.2003) by [S.I. 2003/1252](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#))

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- F260** Words in s. 28F(1) substituted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 144(7) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F261** Word in s. 28F(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1309), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 1(1)(d)** (with Sch. 1 para. 1(5))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C121** Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by The Immigration (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/981), **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1** (with art. 6)
- C176** S. 28F applied (1.12.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), s. 14(3)(b); S.I. 2004/2999, **art. 2**, Sch.
- C177** S. 28F(6): powers of seizure extended (1.4.2003) by 2001 c. 16, ss. 50, 52-55, 68, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 15; S.I. 2003/708, **art. 2**

[^{F262}28FA] Search for personnel records: warrant unnecessary

- (1) This section applies where—
- a person has been arrested for an offence under section [^{F263}24][^{F264}, 24A(1) or 24B(1)],
 - a person has been arrested under paragraph 17 of Schedule 2,
 - a constable or immigration officer reasonably believes that a person is liable to arrest for an offence under section [^{F265}24] or 24A(1), or
 - a constable or immigration officer reasonably believes that a person is liable to arrest under paragraph 17 of Schedule 2.
- (2) A constable or immigration officer may search business premises where the arrest was made or where the person liable to arrest is if the constable or immigration officer reasonably believes—
- that a person has committed an immigration employment offence in relation to the person arrested or liable to arrest, and
 - that employee records, other than items subject to legal privilege, will be found on the premises and will be of substantial value (whether on their own or together with other material) in the investigation of the immigration employment offence.
- (3) A constable or officer searching premises under subsection (2) may seize and retain employee records, other than items subject to legal privilege, which he reasonably suspects will be of substantial value (whether on their own or together with other material) in the investigation of—
- an immigration employment offence, or
 - an offence under section 105 or 106 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33) (support for asylum-seeker: fraud).
- (4) The power under subsection (2) may be exercised only—
- to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering employee records other than items subject to legal privilege,
 - if the constable or immigration officer produces identification showing his status, and
 - if the constable or immigration officer reasonably believes that at least one of the conditions in subsection (5) applies.

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- (5) Those conditions are—
- (a) that it is not practicable to communicate with a person entitled to grant access to the records,
 - (b) that permission to search has been refused,
 - (c) that permission to search would be refused if requested, and
 - (d) that the purpose of a search may be frustrated or seriously prejudiced if it is not carried out in reliance on subsection (2).
- (6) Subsection (4)(b) applies—
- (a) whether or not a constable or immigration officer is asked to produce identification, but
 - (b) only where premises are occupied.
- (7) In this section “immigration employment offence” means [^{F266}an offence under section 21 of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006] (employment).]

Textual Amendments

- F262** S. 28FA inserted (8.1.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 154 (with s. 159); S.I. 2002/2811, art. 2, Sch.
- F263** Word in s. 28FA(1)(a) substituted (28.6.2022 save in so far as it relates to the insertion of s. 24(E1), otherwise prosp.) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 40(7)(a), 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 20 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)
- F264** Words in s. 28FA(1)(a) substituted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), ss. 34(8), 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(e) (with transitional provision in S.I. 2016/712, art. 2)
- F265** Word in s. 28FA(1)(c) substituted (28.6.2022 save in so far as it relates to the insertion of s. 24(E1), otherwise prosp.) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 40(7)(b), 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 20 (with Sch. 2 para. 7)
- F266** Words in s. 28FA(7) substituted (29.2.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), ss. 28, 59; S.I. 2008/309, art. 2 (subject to art. 5)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C121** Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by The Immigration (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/981), Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1 (with art. 6)
- C178** Ss. 28A, 28CA, 28FA modified (1.1.2007) by The Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/3317), reg. 15(c)
- C179** S. 28FA modified (1.7.2013) by The Accession of Croatia (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1460), regs. 1(1), 18(c) (with reg. 11(8))

[^{F267}28FB] Search for personnel records: with warrant

- (1) This section applies where on an application made by an immigration officer in respect of business premises [^{F268}mentioned in subsection (1A)] a justice of the peace is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing—
- (a) that an employer has provided inaccurate or incomplete information under section 134 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (compulsory disclosure by employer),
 - (b) that employee records, other than items subject to legal privilege, will be found on the premises and will enable deduction of some or all of the information which the employer was required to provide, and

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- (c) that at least one of the conditions in subsection (2) is satisfied [^{F269}in relation to each set of premises specified in the application.]
- [The premises referred to in subsection (1) above are—
- ^{F270}(1A) (a) one or more sets of premises specified in the application, or
(b) subject to subsection (3C), any premises occupied or controlled by a person specified in the application, including such sets of premises as are so specified (in which case the application is for an “all premises warrant”).
- (1B) If the application is for an all premises warrant, the justice of the peace must also be satisfied—
- (a) that there are reasonable grounds for believing that it is necessary to search premises occupied or controlled by the person in question which are not specified in the application in order to find the records referred to in subsection (1)(b), and
(b) that it is not reasonably practicable to specify in the application all the premises which the person occupies or controls and which might need to be searched.]
- (2) [^{F271}The conditions referred to in subsection (1)(c) are]—
- (a) that it is not practicable to communicate with a person entitled to grant access to the premises,
(b) that it is not practicable to communicate with a person entitled to grant access to the records,
(c) that entry to the premises or access to the records will not be granted unless a warrant is produced, and
(d) that the purpose of a search may be frustrated or seriously prejudiced unless an immigration officer arriving at the premises can secure immediate entry.
- (3) The justice of the peace may issue a warrant authorising an immigration officer to enter and search the premises.
- [Subject to subsection (3C), the warrant may authorise entry to and search of premises
- ^{F272}(3A) on more than one occasion if, on the application, the justice of the peace is satisfied that it is necessary to authorise multiple entries in order to achieve the purpose for which the justice issues the warrant.
- (3B) If it authorises multiple entries, the number of entries authorised may be unlimited, or limited to a maximum.
- (3C) A justice of the peace in Scotland may not issue—
- (a) an all premises warrant under this section, or
(b) a warrant under this section authorising multiple entries.]
- (4) Subsection (7)(a) of section 28D shall have effect for the purposes of this section as it has effect for the purposes of that section.
- (5) An immigration officer searching premises under a warrant issued under this section may seize and retain employee records, other than items subject to legal privilege, which he reasonably suspects will be of substantial value (whether on their own or together with other material) in the investigation of—
- (a) an offence under section 137 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (disclosure of information: offences) in respect of a requirement under section 134 of that Act, or

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- (b) an offence under section 105 or 106 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33) (support for asylum-seeker: fraud).]

Textual Amendments

- F267** S. 28FB inserted (8.1.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 154 (with s. 159); S.I. 2002/2811, art. 2, Sch. (subject to transitional provision in art. 6 of the said S.I. 2002/2811)
- F268** Words in s. 28FB(1) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 3(2)(a); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F269** Words in s. 28FB(1)(c) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 3(2)(b); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F270** S. 28FB(1A)(1B) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 3(3); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F271** Words in s. 28FB(2) substituted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 3(4); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F272** S. 28FB(3A)-(3C) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 3(5); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)

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[^{F273}28G Searching arrested persons.

- (1) This section applies if a person is arrested for an offence under this Part at a place other than a police station.
- (2) An immigration officer may search the arrested person if he has reasonable grounds for believing that the arrested person may present a danger to himself or others.
- (3) The officer may search the arrested person for—
 - (a) anything which he might use to assist his escape from lawful custody; or
 - (b) anything which might be evidence relating to the offence for which he has been arrested.
- (4) The power conferred by subsection (3) may be exercised—
 - (a) only if the officer has reasonable grounds for believing that the arrested person may have concealed on him anything of a kind mentioned in that subsection; and
 - (b) only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering any such thing.
- (5) A power conferred by this section to search a person is not to be read as authorising an officer to require a person to remove any of his clothing in public other than an outer coat, jacket or glove; but it does authorise the search of a person's mouth.
- (6) An officer searching a person under subsection (2) may seize and retain anything he finds, if he has reasonable grounds for believing that that person might use it to cause physical injury to himself or to another person.
- (7) An officer searching a person under subsection (3) may seize and retain anything he finds, if he has reasonable grounds for believing—

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- (a) that that person might use it to assist his escape from lawful custody; or
- (b) that it is evidence which relates to the offence in question.

(8) Subsection (7)(b) does not apply to an item subject to legal privilege.]

Textual Amendments

F273 S. 28G inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 134(1); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

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- C121** Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/981\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1](#) (with art. 6)
- C180** S. 28G modified (1.5.2004) by [The Accession \(Immigration and Worker Registration\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1219\)](#), [reg. 9\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- C181** S. 28G modified (22.9.2004) by [Asylum and Immigration \(Treatment of Claimants, etc.\) Act 2004 \(c. 19\)](#), [ss. 2\(11\)\(b\)](#), 48(1)
- C182** S. 28G applied (1.12.2004) by [Asylum and Immigration \(Treatment of Claimants, etc.\) Act 2004 \(c. 19\)](#), [s. 14\(3\)\(c\)](#); S.I. 2004/2999, [art. 2](#), Sch.
- C183** S. 28G modified (1.1.2007) by [The Accession \(Immigration and Worker Authorisation\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/3317\)](#), [reg. 15\(b\)](#)
- C184** S. 28G modified (29.2.2008) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#), [ss. 21\(3\)\(b\)](#), 62; S.I. 2008/310, [art. 2\(1\)](#) (subject to art. 5)
- C185** S. 28G modified by [Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 \(c. 33\)](#), s. 109B(1)(b) (as inserted (31.1.2008) by [UK Borders Act 2007 \(c. 30\)](#), [ss. 18](#), 59; S.I. 2008/99, [art. 2](#))
- S. 28G modified (31.1.2008) by [UK Borders Act 2007 \(c. 30\)](#), [ss. 23\(2\)\(b\)](#), 59; S.I. 2008/99, [art. 2](#)
- C186** S. 28G modified (1.7.2013) by [The Accession of Croatia \(Immigration and Worker Authorisation\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1460\)](#), regs. 1(1), [18\(b\)](#) (with reg. 11(8))
- C187** S. 28G modified (1.7.2013) by [The Accession of Croatia \(Immigration and Worker Authorisation\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1460\)](#), regs. 1(1), [15\(3\)\(b\)](#), 18(b) (with reg. 11(8))
- C188** S. 28G(7): powers of seizure extended (1.4.2003) by 2001 c. 16, ss. 51-54, 68, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 78; S.I. 2003/708, [art. 2](#)

[^{F274}28H Searching persons in police custody.

- (1) This section applies if a person—
 - (a) has been arrested for an offence under this Part; and
 - (b) is in custody at a police station or in police detention at a place other than a police station.
- (2) An immigration officer may, at any time, search the arrested person in order to see whether he has with him anything—
 - (a) which he might use to—
 - (i) cause physical injury to himself or others;
 - (ii) damage property;
 - (iii) interfere with evidence; or
 - (iv) assist his escape; or
 - (b) which the officer has reasonable grounds for believing is evidence relating to the offence in question.

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- (3) The power may be exercised only to the extent that the custody officer concerned considers it to be necessary for the purpose of discovering anything of a kind mentioned in subsection (2).
- (4) An officer searching a person under this section may seize anything he finds, if he has reasonable grounds for believing that—
- (a) that person might use it for one or more of the purposes mentioned in subsection (2)(a); or
 - (b) it is evidence relating to the offence in question.
- (5) Anything seized under subsection (4)(a) may be retained by the police.
- (6) Anything seized under subsection (4)(b) may be retained by an immigration officer.
- (7) The person from whom something is seized must be told the reason for the seizure unless he is—
- (a) violent or appears likely to become violent; or
 - (b) incapable of understanding what is said to him.
- (8) An intimate search may not be conducted under this section.
- (9) The person carrying out a search under this section must be of the same sex as the person searched.
- (10) “Custody officer”—
- (a) in relation to England and Wales, has the same meaning as in the ^{M14}Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984;
 - (b) in relation to Scotland, means the officer in charge of a police station; and
 - (c) in relation to Northern Ireland, has the same meaning as in the ^{M15}Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989.
- (11) “Intimate search”—
- (a) in relation to England and Wales, has the meaning given by section 65 of the Act of 1984;
 - (b) in relation to Scotland, means a search which consists of the physical examination of a person’s body orifices other than the mouth; and
 - (c) in relation to Northern Ireland, has the same meaning as in the 1989 Order.
- (12) “Police detention”—
- (a) in relation to England and Wales, has the meaning given by section 118(2) of the 1984 Act; and
 - (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, has the meaning given by Article 2 of the 1989 Order.
- (13) In relation to Scotland, a person is in police detention if—
- (a) he has been taken to a police station after being arrested for an offence; or
 - [^{F275}(b) he is arrested at a police station after attending voluntarily at the station or accompanying a constable to it,]
- and is detained there or is detained elsewhere in the charge of a constable, but is not in police detention if he is in court after being charged.]

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- F274** S. 28H inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 135(1); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)
- F275** S. 28H(13)(b) substituted (S.) (25.1.2018) by The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Consequential and Supplementary Modifications) Regulations 2017 (S.S.I. 2017/452), reg. 1, sch. para. 7 (with reg. 2(2))

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- C121** Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by The Immigration (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/981), Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1 (with art. 6)
- C189** S. 28H modified (1.5.2004) by The Accession (Immigration and Worker Registration) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1219), reg. 9(11)(b)
- C190** S. 28H modified (22.9.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), ss. 2(11)(b), 48(1)
- C191** S. 28H applied (1.12.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), s. 14(3)(c); S.I. 2004/2999, art. 2, Sch.
- C192** S. 28H modified (1.1.2007) by The Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/3317), reg. 15(b)
- C193** S. 28H modified (29.2.2008) by Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13), ss. 21(3)(b), 62; S.I. 2008/310, art. 2(1) (subject to art. 5)
- C194** S. 28H modified by Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), s. 109B(1)(b) (as inserted (31.1.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), ss. 18, 59; S.I. 2008/99, art. 2)
- S. 28H modified (31.1.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), ss. 23(2)(b), 59; S.I. 2008/99, art. 2
- C195** S. 28H modified (1.7.2013) by The Accession of Croatia (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1460), regs. 1(1), 15(3)(b), 18(b) (with reg. 11(8))
- C196** S. 28H modified (1.7.2013) by The Accession of Croatia (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1460), regs. 1(1), 18(b) (with reg. 11(8))

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- M14** 1984 c. 60.
- M15** S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12).

[^{F276}28Z] Retention of seized material

- (1) This section applies to anything seized by an immigration officer under this Part for the purposes of the investigation of an offence or on the basis that it may be evidence relating to an offence.
- (2) Anything seized as mentioned in subsection (1) may be retained so long as is necessary in all the circumstances and in particular—
 - (a) may be retained, except as provided for by subsection (3)—
 - (i) for use as evidence at a trial for an offence, or
 - (ii) for forensic examination or for investigation in connection with an offence, and
 - (b) may be retained in order to establish its lawful owner, where there are reasonable grounds for believing that it has been obtained in consequence of the commission of an offence.

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- (3) Nothing may be retained for a purpose mentioned in subsection (2)(a) if a photograph or copy would be sufficient for that purpose.]

Textual Amendments

F276 S. 28ZI inserted (12.7.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), **ss. 50, 94(1)**; S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(g)

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[^{F277}28I Seized material: access and copying.

- (1) If a person showing himself—
 - (a) to be the occupier of the premises on which seized material was seized, or
 - (b) to have had custody or control of the material immediately before it was seized,
 asks the immigration officer who seized the material for a record of what he seized, the officer must provide the record to that person within a reasonable time.
- (2) If a relevant person asks an immigration officer for permission to be granted access to seized material, the officer must arrange for him to have access to the material under the supervision—
 - (a) in the case of seized material within subsection (8)(a), of an immigration officer;
 - (b) in the case of seized material within subsection (8)(b), of a constable.
- (3) An immigration officer may photograph or copy, or have photographed or copied, seized material.
- (4) If a relevant person asks an immigration officer for a photograph or copy of seized material, the officer must arrange for—
 - (a) that person to have access to the material for the purpose of photographing or copying it under the supervision—
 - (i) in the case of seized material within subsection (8)(a), of an immigration officer;
 - (ii) in the case of seized material within subsection (8)(b), of a constable;
 or
 - (b) the material to be photographed or copied.
- (5) A photograph or copy made under subsection (4)(b) must be supplied within a reasonable time.
- (6) There is no duty under this section to arrange for access to, or the supply of a photograph or copy of, any material if there are reasonable grounds for believing that to do so would prejudice—
 - (a) the exercise of any functions in connection with which the material was seized; or
 - (b) an investigation which is being conducted under this Act, or any criminal proceedings which may be brought as a result.

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- (7) “Relevant person” means—
- (a) a person who had custody or control of seized material immediately before it was seized, or
 - (b) someone acting on behalf of such a person.
- (8) “Seized material” means anything—
- (a) seized and retained by an immigration officer, or
 - (b) seized by an immigration officer and retained by the police,
- under this Part.]

Textual Amendments

F277 S. 28I inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 136(1); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

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C197 S. 28I applied (1.12.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), s. 14(3)(d); S.I. 2004/2999, art. 2, Sch.

C198 S. 28I applied by Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), s. 109B(2)(a) (as inserted (31.1.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), ss. 18, 59; S.I. 2008/99, art. 2)

S. 28I applied (31.1.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), ss. 23(3)(a), 59; S.I. 2008/99, art. 2

S. 28I applied (31.3.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), ss. 46(4), 59; S.I. 2008/309, art. 3

C199 S. 28I applied by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), s. 46B(2) (as inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes) by Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3), ss. 160, 183(1)(5)(e))

C200 S. 28I applied (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), ss. 48(9), 94(1) (with s. 48(10)); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(g)

C201 S. 28I applied (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), ss. 47(11), 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(g)

[^{F278}28J Search warrants: safeguards.

- (1) The entry or search of premises under a warrant is unlawful unless it complies with this section and section 28K.
- (2) If an immigration officer applies for a warrant, he must—
- (a) state the ground on which he makes the application and the provision of this Act under which the warrant would be issued;
 - [^{F279}(aa) if the application is for a warrant authorising entry and search on more than one occasion, state the ground on which the officer applies for such a warrant, and whether the officer seeks a warrant authorising an unlimited number of entries, or (if not) the maximum number of entries desired;]
 - [^{F280}(b) specify the matters set out in subsection (2A) below; and]
 - (c) identify, so far as is practicable, the persons or articles to be sought.

[The matters which must be specified pursuant to subsection (2)(b) above are—

^{F281}(2A) (a) if the application relates to one or more sets of premises specified in the application, each set of premises which it is desired to enter and search;

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- (b) if the application relates to any premises occupied or controlled by a person specified in the application—
 - (i) as many sets of premises which it is desired to enter and search as it is reasonably practicable to specify;
 - (ii) the person who is in occupation or control of those premises and any others which it is desired to enter and search;
 - (iii) why it is necessary to search more premises than those specified under sub-paragraph (i);
 - (iv) why it is not reasonably practicable to specify all the premises which it is desired to enter and search.]
- (3) In Northern Ireland, an application for a warrant is to be supported by a complaint in writing and substantiated on oath.
- (4) Otherwise, an application for a warrant is to be made ex parte and supported by an information in writing or, in Scotland, evidence on oath.
- (5) The officer must answer on oath any question that the justice of the peace or sheriff hearing the application asks him.
- (6) A warrant shall authorise an entry on one occasion only [^{F282}unless it specifies that it authorises multiple entries] .
- [If it specifies that it authorises multiple entries, it must also specify whether the number ^{F283}(6A) of entries authorised is unlimited, or limited to a specified maximum.]
- (7) A warrant must specify—
 - (a) the name of the person applying for it;
 - (b) the date on which it is issued;
 - [^{F284}(c) each set of premises to be searched, or (in the case of an all premises warrant) the person who is in occupation or control of premises to be searched, together with any premises under the person's occupation or control which can be specified and which are to be searched; and]
 - (d) the provision of this Act under which it is issued.
- (8) A warrant must identify, so far as is practicable, the persons or articles to be sought.
- [^{F285}(9) Two copies must be made of a warrant which specifies only one set of premises and does not authorise multiple entries; and as many copies as are reasonably required may be made of any other kind of warrant.]
- (10) The copies must be clearly certified as copies.
- [All premises warrant” means a warrant issued in response to an application of the kind ^{F286}(10A) mentioned in section 24E(6)(b), 28D(1A)(b) or 28FB(1A)(b) or paragraph 25A(6AA) (b) of Schedule 2.
- (10B) References in this section to a warrant authorising multiple entries is to a warrant of the kind mentioned in section 24E(8), 28D(1C) or 28FB(3A) or paragraph 25A(6AC) of Schedule 2.]
- (11) “Warrant” means a warrant to enter and search premises issued to an immigration officer under this Part or under paragraph 17(2) [^{F287}or 25A(6A)] of Schedule 2.]

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- F279** S. 28J(2)(aa) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 4(2)(a); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F280** S. 28J(2)(b) substituted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 4(2)(b); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F281** S. 28J(2A) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 4(3); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F282** Words in s. 28J(6) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 4(4); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F283** S. 28J(6A) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 4(5); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F284** S. 28J(7)(c) substituted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 4(6); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F285** S. 28J(9) substituted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 4(7); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F286** S. 28J(10A)(10B) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 4(8); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F287** Words in s. 28J(11) inserted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 1 para. 4; S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(y)

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- C121** Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by The Immigration (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/981), Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1 (with art. 6)
- C202** S. 28J applied by 1999 c. 33, s. 109B(2)(b) (as inserted (31.1.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), ss. 18, 59; S.I. 2008/99, art. 2)
S. 28J applied (31.1.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), ss. 23(3)(b), 59; S.I. 2008/99, art. 2
S. 28J applied (with modifications) (31.3.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), ss. 45(4), 59; S.I. 2008/309, art. 3
- C203** S. 28J applied (with modifications) (15.1.2018) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 10 para. 10(4); S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)

[^{F288}28K Execution of warrants.

- (1) A warrant may be executed by any immigration officer.
- (2) A warrant may authorise persons to accompany the officer executing it.

[A person so authorised has the same powers as the officer whom the person

^{F289}(2A) accompanies in respect of—

- (a) the execution of the warrant, and
- (b) the seizure or detention of anything to which the warrant relates.

(2B) But the person may exercise those powers only in the company, and under the supervision, of an immigration officer.]

- (3) Entry and search under a warrant must be—
 - (a) within [^{F290}three months] from the date of its issue; and

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- (b) at a reasonable hour, unless it appears to the officer executing it that the purpose of a search might be frustrated.

[If the warrant is an all premises warrant, no premises which are not specified in it
^{F291}(3A) may be entered or searched unless an immigration officer of at least the rank of chief immigration officer has in writing authorised them to be entered.

(3B) No premises may be entered or searched for the second or any subsequent time under a warrant which authorises multiple entries unless an immigration officer of at least the rank of chief immigration officer has in writing authorised that entry to those premises.]

(4) If the occupier of premises which are to be entered and searched is present at the time when an immigration officer seeks to execute a warrant, the officer must—

- (a) identify himself to the occupier and [^{F292}, if not in uniform,] produce identification showing that he is an immigration officer;
 (b) show the occupier the warrant; and
 (c) supply him with a copy of it.

(5) If—

- (a) the occupier is not present, but
 (b) some other person who appears to the officer to be in charge of the premises is present,

subsection (4) has effect as if each reference to the occupier were a reference to that other person.

(6) If there is no person present who appears to the officer to be in charge of the premises, the officer must leave a copy of the warrant in a prominent place on the premises.

(7) A search under a warrant may only be a search to the extent required for the purpose for which the warrant was issued.

(8) An officer executing a warrant must make an endorsement on it stating—

- (a) whether the persons or articles sought were found; and
 (b) whether any articles, other than articles which were sought, were seized.

[Unless the warrant is a warrant specifying one set of premises only, the officer must
^{F293}(8A) comply with subsection (8) separately in respect of each set of premises entered and searched.

(8B) Subject to subsection (8C), a warrant must be returned in accordance with subsection (9)—

- (a) when it has been executed, or
 (b) in the case of a specific premises warrant which has not been executed, an all premises warrant or any warrant authorising multiple entries, on the expiry of the period of three months referred to in subsection (3) or sooner.

(8C) Subsection (8B) does not apply to a warrant issued by a justice of the peace in Scotland or by the sheriff if the warrant has been executed.]

(9) [^{F294}The warrant] must be returned—

- [^{F295}(a) if issued by a justice of the peace in England and Wales, to the designated officer for the local justice area in which the justice was acting when he issued the warrant;]

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- (b) if issued by a justice of the peace in Northern Ireland, to the clerk of petty sessions ^{F296} ...;
 - (c) if issued by a justice of the peace in Scotland, to the clerk of the district court for the commission area for which the justice of the peace was appointed;
 - (d) if issued by the sheriff, to the sheriff clerk.
- (10) A warrant returned under subsection (9)(a) must be retained for 12 months by the [^{F297}designated officer] .
- (11) A warrant issued under subsection (9)(b) or (c) must be retained for 12 months by the clerk.
- (12) A warrant returned under subsection (9)(d) must be retained for 12 months by the sheriff clerk.
- (13) If during that 12 month period the occupier of the premises to which it relates asks to inspect it, he must be allowed to do so.
- [In subsection (8B)—
- ^{F298}(13A) “specific premises warrant” means a warrant which is not an all premises warrant;
- “all premises warrant” means a warrant issued in response to an application of the kind mentioned in section 24E(6)(b), 28D(1A)(b) or 28FB(1A)(b) or paragraph 25A(6AA)(b) of Schedule 2.
- (13B) The reference in subsection (8B) to a warrant authorising multiple entries is to a warrant of the kind mentioned in section 24E(8), 28D(1C) or 28FB(3A) or paragraph 25A(6AC) of Schedule 2.]
- (14) “Warrant” means a warrant to enter and search premises issued to an immigration officer under this Part or under paragraph 17(2) [^{F299}or 25A(6A)] of Schedule 2.]

Textual Amendments

- F288** S. 28K inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 138; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)
- F289** S. 28K(2A)(2B) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 5(2); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F290** Words in s. 28K(3) substituted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 5(3); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F291** S. 28K(3A)(3B) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 5(4); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F292** Words in s. 28K(4)(a) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 5(5); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F293** S. 28K(8A)-(8C) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 5(6); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F294** Words in s. 28K(9) substituted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 5(7); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F295** S. 28K(9)(a) substituted (1.4.2005) by Courts Act 2003 (c. 39), s. 109(1), Sch. 8 para. 148(2); S.I. 2005/910, art. 3(y)(bb)
- F296** Words in s. 28K(9)(b) repealed (N.I.) (31.10.2016) by Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 9), s. 106(2), Sch. 1 para. 64(2), Sch. 9 Pt. 1 (with Sch. 8 para. 1); S.R. 2016/387, art. 2(k)(l) (with art. 3)
- F297** Words in s. 28K(10) substituted (1.4.2005) by Courts Act 2003 (c. 39), s. 109(1), Sch. 8 para. 148(3); S.I. 2005/910, art. 3(y)(bb)

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F298 S. 28K(13A)(13B) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 8 para. 5(8)**; S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)

F299 Words in s. 28K(14) inserted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), **Sch. 1 para. 4**; S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(y)

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C204 S. 28K applied by Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), s. 109B(2)(c) (as inserted (31.1.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), **ss. 18, 59**; S.I. 2008/99, **art. 2**)

S. 28K applied (31.1.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), **ss. 23(2)(c), 59**; S.I. 2008/99, {act. 2}

S. 28K applied (with modifications) (31.3.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), **ss. 45(4), 59**; S.I. 2008/309, **art. 3**

C205 S. 28K applied (with modifications) (15.1.2018) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 10 para. 10(4)**; S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)

C206 S. 28K(9)(a)(10) amended (*temp.* until 1.4.2001) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(2), **Sch. 15 para. 4(b)**; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, **Sch.**; S.I. 2001/916, art. 2(a)(ii) (with **Sch. 2 para. 2**)

[^{F300}28L Interpretation of Part III.

[[^{F302}Subject to subsection (1A)] in this Part, “premises” and “items subject to legal [^{F301}(1)] privilege” have the same meaning—

- (a) in relation to England and Wales, as in the ^{M16}Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984;
- (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, as in the ^{M17}Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989; and
- (c) in relation to Scotland, as in section [^{F303}412 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002].]

[^{F304}(1A) In this Part “premises” also includes any artificial island, installation or structure (including one in the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom).]

[^{F305}(2) In this Part “business premises” means premises (or any part of premises) not used as a dwelling.

(3) In this Part “employee records” means records which show an employee’s—

- (a) name,
- (b) date of birth,
- (c) address,
- (d) length of service,
- (e) rate of pay, or
- (f) nationality or citizenship.

(4) The Secretary of State may by order amend section 28CA(3)(a) to reflect a change in nomenclature.

(5) An order under subsection (4)—

- (a) must be made by statutory instrument, and
- (b) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.]

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- F300** S. 28L inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 139(1); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)
- F301** S. 28L renumbered (8.1.2003) as s. 28L(1) by virtue of 2002 c. 41, s. 155(1) (with s. 159); S.I. 2002/2811, art. 2, Sch.
- F302** Words in s. 28L(1) inserted (12.4.2023) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 6 para. 5(a); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)
- F303** Words in s. 28L(1)(c) substituted (24.2.2003) by 2002 c. 29, s. 456, Sch. 11 para. 6; S.I. 2003/120, art. 2, Sch. (subject to transitional provisions and savings in arts. 3-6 (as amended by S.I. 2003/333, art. 14))
- F304** S. 28L(1A) inserted (12.4.2023) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 6 para. 5(b); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)
- F305** S. 28L(2)-(5) inserted (8.1.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 155(2) (with s. 159); S.I. 2002/2811, art. 2, Sch.

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- C207** S. 28L(1) applied by Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), s. 109B(2)(d) (as inserted (31.1.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), ss. 18, 59; S.I. 2008/99, art. 2)
- S. 28L(1) applied (31.1.2008) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), ss. 23(3)(d), 59; S.I. 2008/99, art. 2

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- M16** 1984 c. 60.
- M17** S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12).

[^{F306}PART 3A

MARITIME ENFORCEMENT

Textual Amendments

- F306** Pt. 3A inserted (31.5.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 14 para. 7; S.I. 2016/603, reg. 2(d)

[^{F307}28L] Enforcement powers in relation to ships: United Kingdom

- (1) An immigration officer or an enforcement officer may exercise the powers set out in Part A1 of Schedule 4A (“Part A1 powers”) in relation to any of the following in United Kingdom waters, foreign waters or international waters—
- a United Kingdom ship;
 - a ship without nationality;
 - a foreign ship;
 - a ship registered under the law of a relevant territory.
- (2) But Part A1 powers may be exercised only—
- for the purpose of preventing, detecting, investigating or prosecuting a relevant offence, and

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- (b) in accordance with the rest of this section.
- (3) The authority of the Secretary of State is required before an immigration officer or an enforcement officer may exercise Part A1 powers in relation to—
- (a) a United Kingdom ship in foreign waters,
 - (b) a ship without nationality,
 - (c) a foreign ship, or
 - (d) a ship registered under the law of a relevant territory.]

Textual Amendments

F307 S. 28LA inserted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), **Sch. 7 para. 2**; S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

28M Enforcement powers in relation to ships: England and Wales

- (1) [^{F308}An English and Welsh constable] may exercise the powers set out in Part 1 of Schedule 4A (“Part 1 powers”) in relation to any of the following in England and Wales waters—
- (a) a United Kingdom ship;
 - (b) a ship without nationality;
 - (c) a foreign ship;
 - (d) a ship registered under the law of a relevant territory.
- (2) But Part 1 powers may be exercised only—
- (a) for the purpose of preventing, detecting, investigating or prosecuting an offence under [^{F309}(i) section 24B,] 25, [^{F310}or 25A][^{F311}, or (ii) section 21 of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006, and]
 - (b) in accordance with the rest of this section.
- (3) The authority of the Secretary of State is required before ^{F312}... an English and Welsh constable ^{F313}... may exercise Part 1 powers in relation to a foreign ship, or a ship registered under the law of a relevant territory, within the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom.
- (4) Authority for the purposes of subsection (3) may be given in relation to a foreign ship only if the Convention permits the exercise of Part 1 powers in relation to the ship.

Textual Amendments

F308 Words in s. 28M(1) substituted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), **Sch. 7 para. 3(a)**; S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

F309 Words in S. 28M(2)(a) substituted (12.4.2023) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), **Sch. 6 para. 6(a)**; S.I. 2023/283, **reg. 3(b)**

F310 Words in s. 28M(2)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1309), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 1(1)(a)(vii)** (with Sch. 1 para. 1(5))

F311 S. 28M(2)(a)(ii) and word substituted (12.4.2023) for word by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), **Sch. 6 para. 6(b)**; S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

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F312 Words in s. 28M(3) omitted (28.6.2022) by virtue of Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), **Sch. 7 para. 3(b)(i)**; S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

F313 Words in s. 28M(3) omitted (28.6.2022) by virtue of Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), **Sch. 7 para. 3(b)(ii)**; S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

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28N Enforcement powers in relation to ships: Scotland

- (1) [^{F314}A Scottish constable] may exercise the powers set out in Part 2 of Schedule 4A (“Part 2 powers”) in relation to any of the following in Scotland waters—
 - (a) a United Kingdom ship;
 - (b) a ship without nationality;
 - (c) a foreign ship;
 - (d) a ship registered under the law of a relevant territory.
- (2) But Part 2 powers may be exercised only—
 - (a) for the purpose of preventing, detecting, investigating or prosecuting an offence under [^{F315}(i) section 24B,] 25 [^{F316}or 25A][^{F317}, or
 - (ii) section 21 of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006, and]
 - (b) in accordance with the rest of this section.
- (3) The authority of the Secretary of State is required before ^{F318}... a Scottish constable ^{F319}... may exercise Part 2 powers in relation to a foreign ship, or a ship registered under the law of a relevant territory, within the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom.
- (4) Authority for the purposes of subsection (3) may be given in relation to a foreign ship only if the Convention permits the exercise of Part 2 powers in relation to the ship.

Textual Amendments

F314 Words in s. 28N(1) substituted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), **Sch. 7 para. 4(a)**; S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

F315 Words in s. 28N(2)(a) substituted (12.4.2023) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), **Sch. 6 para. 7(a)**; S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

F316 Words in s. 28N(2)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1309), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 1(1)(a)(viii)** (with Sch. 1 para. 1(5))

F317 S. 28N(2)(a)(ii) and word substituted (12.4.2023) for word by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), **Sch. 6 para. 7(b)**; S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

F318 Words in s. 28N(3) omitted (28.6.2022) by virtue of Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), **Sch. 7 para. 4(b)(i)**; S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

F319 Words in s. 28N(3) omitted (28.6.2022) by virtue of Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), **Sch. 7 para. 4(b)(ii)**; S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

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280 Enforcement powers in relation to ships: Northern Ireland

- (1) [^{F320}A Northern Ireland constable] may exercise the powers set out in Part 3 of Schedule 4A (“Part 3 powers”) in relation to any of the following in Northern Ireland waters—
- (a) a United Kingdom ship;
 - (b) a ship without nationality;
 - (c) a foreign ship;
 - (d) a ship registered under the law of a relevant territory.
- (2) But Part 3 powers may be exercised only—
- (a) for the purpose of preventing, detecting, investigating or prosecuting an offence under
 - [^{F321}(i) section 24B,] 25 [^{F322}or 25A][^{F323}, or
 - (ii) section 21 of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006, and]
 - (b) in accordance with the rest of this section.
- (3) The authority of the Secretary of State is required before ^{F324}... a Northern Ireland constable ^{F325}... may exercise Part 3 powers in relation to a foreign ship, or a ship registered under the law of a relevant territory, within the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom.
- (4) Authority for the purposes of subsection (3) may be given in relation to a foreign ship only if the Convention permits the exercise of Part 3 powers in relation to the ship.

Textual Amendments

- F320** Words in s. 280(1) substituted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 7 para. 5\(a\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)
- F321** Words in s. 280(2)(a) substituted (12.4.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 6 para. 8\(a\)](#); S.I. 2023/283, [reg. 3\(b\)](#)
- F322** Words in s. 280(2)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Act 2020 \(Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1309\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 1 para. 1\(1\)\(a\)\(ix\)](#) (with Sch. 1 para. 1(5))
- F323** S. 280(2)(a)(ii) and word substituted (12.4.2023) for word by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 6 para. 8\(b\)](#); S.I. 2023/283, [reg. 3\(b\)](#)
- F324** Words in s. 280(3) omitted (28.6.2022) by virtue of [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 7 para. 5\(b\)\(i\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)
- F325** Words in s. 280(3) omitted (28.6.2022) by virtue of [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 7 para. 5\(b\)\(ii\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

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28P Hot pursuit of ships in United Kingdom waters

- (1) [^{F326}An English and Welsh constable] may exercise Part 1 powers in relation to a ship in Scotland waters or in Northern Ireland waters if—
 - (a) the ship is pursued there,
 - (b) immediately before the pursuit of the ship, the ship was in England and Wales waters, and
 - (c) the condition in subsection (7) is met.
- (2) Part 1 powers may be exercised under subsection (1) only—
 - (a) for the purpose mentioned in subsection (2)(a) of section 28M, and
 - (b) (if relevant) in accordance with subsections (3) and (4) of that section.
- (3) [^{F327}A Scottish constable] may exercise Part 2 powers in relation to a ship in England and Wales waters or in Northern Ireland waters if—
 - (a) the ship is pursued there,
 - (b) immediately before the pursuit of the ship, the ship was in Scotland waters, and
 - (c) the condition in subsection (7) is met.
- (4) Part 2 powers may be exercised under subsection (3) only—
 - (a) for the purpose mentioned in subsection (2)(a) of section 28N, and
 - (b) (if relevant) in accordance with subsections (3) and (4) of that section.
- (5) [^{F328}A Northern Ireland constable] may exercise Part 3 powers in relation to a ship in England and Wales waters or in Scotland waters if—
 - (a) the ship is pursued there,
 - (b) immediately before the pursuit of the ship, the ship was in Northern Ireland waters, and
 - (c) the condition in subsection (7) is met.
- (6) Part 3 powers may be exercised under subsection (5) only—
 - (a) for the purpose mentioned in subsection (2)(a) of section 28O, and
 - (b) (if relevant) in accordance with subsections (3) and (4) of that section.
- (7) The condition referred to in subsection (1)(c), (3)(c) and (5)(c) is that—
 - (a) before the pursuit of the ship, a signal is given for it to stop, and
 - (b) the pursuit of the ship is not interrupted.
- (8) The signal referred to in subsection (7)(a) must be given in such a way as to be audible or visible from the ship.
- (9) For the purposes of subsection (7)(b), pursuit is not interrupted by reason only of the fact that—
 - (a) the method of carrying out the pursuit, or
 - (b) the identity of the ship or aircraft carrying out the pursuit,changes during the course of the pursuit.
- (10) Nothing in this Part affects any other legal right of hot pursuit that a constable ^{F329}... may have.

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Textual Amendments

- F326** Words in s. 28P(1) substituted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\), s. 87\(1\), Sch. 7 para. 6\(a\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)
- F327** Words in s. 28P(3) substituted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\), s. 87\(1\), Sch. 7 para. 6\(b\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)
- F328** Words in s. 28P(5) substituted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\), s. 87\(1\), Sch. 7 para. 6\(c\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)
- F329** Words in s. 28P(10) omitted (28.6.2022) by virtue of [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\), s. 87\(1\), Sch. 7 para. 6\(d\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

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[^{F330}28P] Power to seize and dispose of ships etc.

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) an immigration officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that a ship has been used in the commission of a relevant offence, and
 - (b) the ship is in United Kingdom waters or otherwise in the United Kingdom.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the immigration officer may seize the ship and any property relating to the operation or use of the ship.
- (3) The authority of the Secretary of State is required before an immigration officer may seize anything under this section.
- (4) If an immigration officer seizes a foreign ship or a ship registered under the law of a relevant territory, the Secretary of State must notify the home state or relevant territory in question that the ship has been seized.
- (5) In subsection (4) “home state”, in relation to a foreign ship, means—
 - (a) the State in which the ship is registered, or
 - (b) the State whose flag the ship is otherwise entitled to fly.
- (6) Where a ship without nationality, or property relating to the operation or use of a ship without nationality, is seized under this section—
 - (a) section 26 of the UK Borders Act 2007 (disposal of property) and any regulations made under that section do not apply in respect of that ship or other property, and
 - (b) subsections (7) to (12) apply instead.
- (7) The Secretary of State may—
 - (a) return the ship or other property to the person whom the Secretary of State believes to be its owner, or
 - (b) after the relevant period—
 - (i) dispose of the ship or other property, or
 - (ii) determine that the ship or other property is to be retained to be used in the course of, or in connection with, a function under the Immigration Acts.

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- (8) On the making of a determination under subsection (7)(b)(ii), the ship or other property vests in the Secretary of State.
- (9) The relevant period is the period of 31 days beginning with the date on which the ship or other property was seized.
- (10) Before exercising a power under subsection (7)(b), the Secretary of State must make reasonable efforts to—
 - (a) ascertain the identity of the owner of the ship or other property, and
 - (b) subject to subsection (11), notify that person that the ship or other property has been seized.
- (11) The Secretary of State is not required to notify a person under subsection (10)(b) if to do so may prejudice any criminal investigation or criminal proceedings.
- (12) Disposal under this section may be in any manner the Secretary of State thinks fit, including—
 - (a) by sale;
 - (b) by dismantling;
 - (c) by destruction;
 - (d) by donation of the ship or other property to a charity or other not-for-profit body.]

Textual Amendments

F330 S. 28PA inserted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 7 para. 7; S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

28Q Interpretation of Part 3A

- (1) In this Part—

“the Convention” means the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (Cmnd 8941) and any modifications of that Convention agreed after the passing of this Act that have entered into force in relation to the United Kingdom;

“enforcement officer” means—

- (a) a person who is a commissioned officer of any of Her Majesty's ships, or
- (b) a person in command or charge of any aircraft or hovercraft of the Royal Navy, the Army or the Royal Air Force;

“England and Wales waters” means the sea and other waters within the seaward limits of the territorial sea adjacent to England and Wales;

“English and Welsh constable” means only a person who is—

- (a) a member of a police force in England and Wales,
- (b) a member of the British Transport Police Force, or
- (c) a port constable, within the meaning of section 7 of the Marine Navigation Act 2013, or a person appointed to act as a constable under provision made by virtue of section 16 of the Harbours Act 1964;

“foreign ship” means a ship which—

- (a) is registered in a State other than the United Kingdom, or

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(b) is not so registered but is entitled to fly the flag of a State other than the United Kingdom;

[^{F331}“foreign waters” means the sea and other waters within the seaward limits of the territorial sea adjacent to any relevant territory or any State other than the United Kingdom;]

[^{F331}“international waters” means waters beyond the territorial sea of the United Kingdom or of any other State or relevant territory;]

“Northern Ireland constable” means only a person who is—

- (a) a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland,
- (b) a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve, or
- (c) a person appointed as a special constable in Northern Ireland by virtue of provision incorporating section 79 of the Harbours, Docks, and Piers Clauses Act 1847;

“Northern Ireland waters” means the sea and other waters within the seaward limits of the territorial sea adjacent to Northern Ireland;

[^{F331}“Part A1 powers” means the powers set out in Part A1 of Schedule 4A;]

“Part 1 powers” means the powers set out in Part 1 of Schedule 4A;

“Part 2 powers” means the powers set out in Part 2 of that Schedule;

“Part 3 powers” means the powers set out in Part 3 of that Schedule;

[^{F331}“relevant offence” means—

- (a) an offence under section 24(A1), (B1), (D1) or (E1), 24B, 25 or 25A,
- (b) an offence under section 25B to the extent that the section continues to apply by virtue of regulation 5(7) of the Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1309),
- (c) an offence under section 21 of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006, or
- (d) an offence under section 1 of the Criminal Attempts Act 1981 or Article 3 of the Criminal Attempts and Conspiracy (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 (S.I. 1983/1120 (N.I. 13)), or in Scotland at common law, of attempting to commit an offence mentioned in paragraph (a) to (c);”, and]

“relevant territory” means—

- (a) the Isle of Man;
- (b) any of the Channel Islands;
- (c) a British overseas territory;

“Scottish constable” means only a person who is a constable, within the meaning of section 99 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (asp 8);

“Scotland waters” means the sea and other waters within the seaward limits of the territorial sea adjacent to Scotland;

[^{F332}“ship” includes—

- (a) every description of vessel (including a hovercraft), and
- (b) any other structure (whether with or without means of propulsion) constructed or used to carry persons, goods, plant or machinery by water;]

“ship without nationality” means a ship which—

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- (a) is not registered in, or otherwise entitled to fly the flag of, any State or relevant territory, or
- (b) sails under the flags of two or more States or relevant territories, or under the flags of a State and relevant territory, using them according to convenience;

“United Kingdom ship” means a ship which—

- (a) is registered under Part 2 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995,
- (b) is a Government ship within the meaning of that Act,
- (c) is not registered in any State or relevant territory but is wholly owned by persons each of whom has a United Kingdom connection, or
- (d) is registered under an Order in Council under section 1 of the Hovercraft Act 1968.

[^{F331}“United Kingdom waters” means the sea and other waters within the seaward limits of the United Kingdom’s territorial sea;]

- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of “United Kingdom ship” in subsection (1), a person has a “United Kingdom connection” if the person is—
- (a) a British citizen, a British overseas territories citizen or a British Overseas citizen,
 - (b) an individual who is habitually resident in the United Kingdom, or
 - (c) a body corporate which is established under the law of a part of the United Kingdom and has its principal place of business in the United Kingdom.]

Textual Amendments

F331 Words in s. 28Q inserted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\), s. 87\(1\), Sch. 7 para. 8\(a\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

F332 Words in s. 28Q substituted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\), s. 87\(1\), Sch. 7 para. 8\(b\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

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PART IV

SUPPLEMENTARY

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C208 Pt. 4 extended in part (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (13.3.2008 for certain purposes and 1.5.2008 otherwise) by [The Immigration \(Isle of Man\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/680\), arts. 1\(2\), 5, 6\(2\)\(c\), 7, Sch. 3, Sch. 10 Pt. 1](#) (with Sch. 2 para. 2) (as amended (29.6.2011) by [S.I. 2011/1408, art. 1, Sch. paras. 1, 2\(b\)](#); (14.3.2019) by [S.I. 2019/562, arts. 1, 5, 11](#); and (11.11.2021) by [S.I. 2021/1277, arts. 1\(2\), 8](#))

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29 Contributions for expenses of persons returning abroad.

F333

Textual Amendments

F333 S. 29 repealed (1.4.2003) by 2002 c. 41, ss. 58(5)(a), 161, Sch. 9 (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/754, art. 2, Sch. 1 (with transitional provisions in arts. 3, 4, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2003/1040 and 2003/1339))

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30 Return of mental patients.

F334(1)

F335(2)

Textual Amendments

F334 S. 30(1) repealed (1.1.1983) by **British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61), s. 52(7), Sch. 9** (with Sch. 8 para. 8); S.I. 1982/933, art. 2 [Editorial note: According to the *Chronological Table of the Statutes (1951-1987)* (HMSO, 1989) there were no amendments made to s. 30 between the date of Royal Assent and the repeal of s. 30(1) on 1.1.1983 and therefore the text of s. 30 as in force immediately before the commencement of the British Nationality Act 1981 is the same as that of the **Original (As enacted) Version** of this section.]

F335 S. 30 repealed by **Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 36, SIF 85), s. 127(2), Sch. 5**

31 Expenses.

There shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament any expenses incurred [^{F336}by the Lord Chancellor under Schedule 5 to this Act or] by a Secretary of State under or by virtue of this Act—

- (a) by way of administrative expenses ^{F337} . . . ; or
- (b) in connection with the removal of any person from the United Kingdom under Schedule 2 or 3 to this Act or the departure with him of his dependants, or his or their maintenance pending departure; or

^{F338}(c)
(d) ^{F339}

Textual Amendments

F336 Words inserted by S.I. 1987/465, art. 3(1)(4)

F337 Words repealed by **British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61), s. 52(7), Sch. 9** (with Sch. 8 para. 8)

F338 S. 31(c) repealed by S.I. 1987/465, art. 3(1)(4)

F339 S. 31(d) repealed (1.4.2003) by 2002 c. 41, ss. 58(5)(b), 161, Sch. 9 (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/754, art. 2, Sch. 1 (with transitional provisions in arts. 3, 4, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2003/1040 and S.I. 2003/1339))

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[^{F340} **31A Procedural requirements as to applications.**

^{F341}]

Textual Amendments

F340 S. 31A inserted (22.5.2000 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.8.2003) by 1999 c. 33, ss. 165, 170(4); S.I. 2000/1282, art. 2, Sch.; S.I. 2003/1862, art. 2

F341 S. 31A repealed (29.2.2008) by Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13), ss. 50(3)(a), 61, 62, Sch. 3; S.I. 2008/310, art. 2(2)

32 General provisions as to Orders in Council, etc.

- (1) Any power conferred by Part I of this Act to make an Order in Council or order (other than a deportation order) or to give any directions includes power to revoke or vary the Order in Council, order or directions.
- (2) Any document purporting to be an order, notice or direction made or given by the Secretary of State for the purposes of [^{F342}the Immigration Acts] and to be signed by him or on his behalf, and any document purporting to be a certificate of the Secretary of State so given and to be signed by him [^{F343}or on his behalf], shall be received in evidence, and shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to be made or issued by him.
- (3) Prima facie evidence of any such order, notice, direction or certificate as aforesaid may, in any legal proceedings or [^{F344}other proceedings under the Immigration Acts], be given by the production of a document bearing a certificate purporting to be signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State and stating that the document is a true copy of the order, notice, direction or certificate.
- (4) Where an order under section 8(2) above applies to persons specified in a schedule to the order, or any directions of the Secretary of State given for the purposes of [^{F345}the Immigration Acts] apply to persons specified in a schedule to the directions, prima facie evidence of the provisions of the order or directions other than the schedule and of any entry contained in the schedule may, in any legal proceedings or [^{F346}other proceedings under the Immigration Acts], be given by the production of a document purporting to be signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State and stating that the document is a true copy of the said provisions and of the relevant entry.
- (5) ^{F347}

Textual Amendments

F342 Words in s. 32(2) substituted (6.12.1999) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 45(2)(a)(6); S.I. 1999/3190, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

F343 Words in s. 32(2) inserted (6.12.1999) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 45(2)(b); S.I. 1999/3190, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

F344 Words in s. 32(3) substituted (6.12.1999) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 45(3); S.I. 1999/3190, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

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- F345** Words in s. 32(4) substituted (6.12.1999) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 45(4)(a); S.I. 1999/3190, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)
- F346** Words in s. 32(4) substituted (6.12.1999) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 45(4)(b); S.I. 1999/3190, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)
- F347** S. 32(5) repealed (30.3.2006) by Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13), ss. 61, 62, 64(3)(a), Sch. 3

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C209** S. 32 extended (with modifications) to Guernsey (1.8.1993) by S.I. 1993/1796 art. 3(1), Sch. 1 Pt. I
S. 32 extended (with modifications) to Jersey (1.8.1993) by S.I. 1993/1797 art. 3(1), Sch. 1 Pt. I (as amended (17.10.2012) by S.I. 2012/2593, arts. 1, 2(2))
- C210** S. 32: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (17.10.2012 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by The Immigration and Asylum (Jersey) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2593), arts. 1, 2(2)
- C211** S. 32: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by The Immigration (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/981), Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1 (with art. 6)

33 Interpretation.

- (1) For purposes of this Act, except in so far as the context otherwise requires—
- “aircraft” includes hovercraft, “airport” includes hoverport and “port” includes airport;
- “captain” means master (of a ship) or commander (of an aircraft);
- [^{F348}“certificate of entitlement” means a certificate under section 10 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 that a person has the right of abode in the United Kingdom;]
- ^{F349} . . .
- [^{F350}“Convention adoption” has the same meaning as in the ^{M18}Adoption Act 1976 and [^{F351}the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007][^{F352}or in the Adoption and Children Act 2002];]
- “crew”, in relation to a ship or aircraft, means all persons actually employed in the working or service of the ship or aircraft, including the captain, and “member of the crew” shall be construed accordingly;
- [^{F353}“entrant” means a person entering or seeking to enter the United Kingdom and “illegal entrant” means a person—
- (a) unlawfully entering or seeking to enter in breach of a deportation order or of the immigration laws, or
- (b) entering or seeking to enter by means which include deception by another person,
- and includes also a person who has entered as mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) above;]
- “entry clearance” means a visa, entry certificate or other document which, in accordance with the immigration rules, is to be taken as evidence [^{F354}or the requisite evidence] of a person’s eligibility, though not [^{F355}a British citizen], for entry into the United Kingdom (but does not include a work permit);
- [^{F356}“an ETA” has the meaning given by section 11C;]

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“immigration laws” means this Act and any law for purposes similar to this Act which is for the time being or has (before or after the passing of this Act) been in force in any part of the United Kingdom and Islands;

“immigration rules” means the rules for the time being laid down as mentioned in section 3(2) above;

“the Islands” means the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, and “the United Kingdom and Islands” means the United Kingdom and the Islands taken together;

[^{F357}“justice of the peace”, in relation to Northern Ireland, means lay magistrate;]

“legally adopted” means adopted in pursuance of an order made by any court in the United Kingdom and Islands [^{F358}, under a Convention adoption] or by any adoption specified as an overseas adoption by order of the Secretary of State under [^{F359}section 4 of the ^{M19}Adoption Act 1968][^{F360}section 87 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002]; [^{F361}or by regulations made by the Scottish Ministers under section 67(1) of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007]

“limited leave” and “indefinite leave” mean respectively leave under this Act to enter or remain in the United Kingdom which is, and one which is not, limited as to duration;

“settled” shall be construed in accordance [^{F362}with subsection (2A) below;]

“ship” includes every description of vessel used in navigation;

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[^{F363}“United Kingdom passport” means a current passport issued by the Government of the United Kingdom, or by the Lieutenant-Governor of any of the Islands, or by the Government of any territory which is for the time being a dependent territory within the meaning of the ^{M20}British Nationality Act 1981;]

“work permit” means a permit indicating, in accordance with the immigration rules, that a person named in it is eligible, though not [^{F355}a British citizen], for entry into the United Kingdom for the purpose of taking employment.

[^{F364}(1A) A reference to being an owner of a vehicle, ship or aircraft includes a reference to being any of a number of persons who jointly own it.]

(2) It is hereby declared that, except as otherwise provided in this Act, a person is not to be treated for the purposes of any provision of this Act as ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom or in any of the Islands at a time when he is there in breach of the immigration laws.

[^{F365}(2A) Subject to section 8(5) above, references to a person being settled in the United Kingdom are references to his being ordinarily resident there without being subject under the immigration laws to any restriction on the period for which he may remain.]

(3) The ports of entry for purposes of this Act, and the ports of exit for purposes of any Order in Council under section 3(7) above, shall be such ports as may from time to time be designated for the purpose by order of the Secretary of State made by statutory instrument.

[^{F366}(4) For the purposes of this Act, the question of whether an appeal is pending shall be determined [^{F367}in accordance with section 104 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (pending appeals)]]

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- (5) This Act shall not be taken to supersede or impair any power exercisable by Her Majesty in relation to aliens by virtue of Her prerogative.

Textual Amendments

- F348** S. 33(1): definition of "certificate of entitlement" substituted (21.12.2006) by 2002 c. 41, s. 10(5)(b) (with s. 159); S.I. 2006/3144, **art. 2**
- F349** Definitions of "Concessionaires" and "tunnel system" repealed (2.8.1993) by S.I. 1993/1813, arts. 9, 1, **Sch. 6 Pt. I**
- F350** Definition of "Convention adoption" inserted (1.6.2003) by 1999 c. 18, s. 15(1), Sch. 2 para. 2(a) (with s. 17(1)); S.I. 2003/362, **art. 2**
- F351** Words in definition of "Convention adoption" in s. 33(1) substituted (15.7.2011) by The Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1740), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 1(a)**
- F352** Words in definition of "Convention adoption" in s. 33(1) inserted (30.12.2005) by 2002 c. 38, s. 139, Sch. 3 para. 15(a) (with Sch. 4 paras. 6-8); S.I. 2005/2213, **art. 2(o)**
- F353** S. 33: Definitions of "entrant" and "illegal entrant" substituted (1.10.1996) by 1996 c. 49, s. 12(1), **Sch. 2 para. 4(1)**; S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, **Sch. Pt. III**
- F354** Words inserted by Immigration Act 1988 (c. 14, SIF 62), s. 10, **Sch. para. 5**
- F355** Words substituted by British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61), s. 52(7), **Sch. 4 para. 2** (with Sch. 8 para. 8)
- F356** Words in s. 33(1) inserted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), **ss. 75(4)**, 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 26
- F357** Words in s. 33(1) inserted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), **ss. 79(1)**, 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 28
- F358** Words in definition of "legally adopted" inserted (1.6.2003) by 1999 c. 18, s. 15(1), Sch. 2 para. 2(b) (with s. 17(1)); S.I. 2003/362, **art. 2**
- F359** In s. 33(1) in the definition of "legally adopted" the words "section 72(2) of the Adoption Act 1976" substituted (E.W.) for the words "section 4 of the Adoption Act 1968" by Adoption Act 1976 (c. 36), s. 73(2), **Sch. 3 Pt. I para. 17**
- F360** In s. 33(1) in the definition of "legally adopted" the words "section 87 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002" substituted (30.12.2005) for the words "section 72(2) of the Adoption Act 1976" by 2002 c. 38, s. 139, Sch. 3 para. 15(b) (with Sch. 4 paras. 6-8); S.I. 2005/2213, **art. 2(o)**
- F361** Words in definition of "legally adopted" in s. 33(1) inserted (15.7.2011) by The Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1740), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 1(b)**
- F362** Words substituted by British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61), s. 52(7), **Sch. 4 para. 7(a)(i)** (with Sch. 8 para. 8)
- F363** Definition inserted by British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61), s. 52(7), **Sch. 4 para. 7(a)(ii)** (with Sch. 8 para. 8)
- F364** S. 33(1A) inserted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 144(8) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F365** S. 33(2A) inserted by British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61), s. 52(7), **Sch. 4 para. 7(b)** (with Sch. 8 para. 8)
- F366** S. 33(4) substituted (2.10.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1), Sch. 14 paras. 43, **55**; S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, **Sch. 1** (subject to transitional provisions in art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2)
- F367** Words in s. 33(4) substituted (1.4.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 114, Sch. 7 para. 1 (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/754, **art. 2**, Sch. 1 (with transitional provisions in arts. 3, 4, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2003/1040 and 2003/1339))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C212** S. 33 modified (2.8.1993) by S.I. 1993/1813, arts. 7(1), 1, **Sch. 4 para. 1(10)** (as amended (1.12.1997) by S.I. 1994/1405, art. 8, **Sch. 4 para. 11** Table)
S. 33 extended (with modifications) to Guernsey (1.8.1993) by S.I. 1993/1796, art. 3(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. I**

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- S. 33 extended (with modifications) to Jersey (1.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1797, art. 3\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. I](#) (as amended (5.6.2003) by [S.I. 2003/1252, art. 3](#)) (as amended (17.10.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2593, arts. 1, 2\(2\)](#))
- C213** S. 33: amendment to earlier affecting [S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) (17.10.2012 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by [The Immigration and Asylum \(Jersey\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2593\), arts. 1, 2\(2\)](#)
- C214** S. 33: amendment to earlier affecting [S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/981\), Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1](#) (with art. 6)
- C215** S. 33 modified by [S.I. 1994/1405, art. 7](#) (as amended (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Channel Tunnel \(International Arrangements and Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Amendment\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/915\), arts. 1\(3\), 11](#))
- C216** S. 33 modified (30.9.2020 immediately after the entry into force of [S.I. 2020/915, art. 5](#)) by [The Channel Tunnel \(Arrangements with the Kingdom of the Netherlands\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/916\), arts. 1\(3\), 6](#)

Marginal Citations

- M18** 1976 c. 36.
M19 1968 c. 53.
M20 1981 c. 61.

34 Repeal, transitional and temporary.

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, the enactments mentioned in Schedule 6 to this Act are hereby repealed, as from the coming into force of this Act, to the extent mentioned in column 3 of the Schedule; and—
- this Act, as from its coming into force, shall apply in relation to entrants or others arriving in the United Kingdom at whatever date before or after it comes into force; and
 - after this Act comes into force anything done under or for the purposes of the former immigration laws shall have effect, in so far as any corresponding action could be taken under or for the purposes of this Act, as if done by way of action so taken, and in relation to anything so done this Act shall apply accordingly.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1)(a) and (b) above, a person refused leave to land by virtue of the ^{M21}Aliens Restriction Act 1914 shall be treated as having been refused leave to enter under this Act, and a person given leave to land by virtue of that Act shall be treated as having been given leave to enter under this Act; and similarly with the ^{M22}Commonwealth Immigrants Acts 1962 and 1968.
- (3) A person treated in accordance with subsection (2) above as having leave to enter the United Kingdom—
- shall be treated as having an indefinite leave, if he is not at the coming into force of this Act subject to a condition limiting his stay in the United Kingdom; and
 - shall be treated, if he is then subject to such a condition, as having a limited leave of such duration, and subject to such conditions (capable of being attached to leave under this Act), as correspond to the conditions to which he is then subject, but not to conditions not capable of being so attached.

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This subsection shall have effect in relation to any restriction or requirement imposed by Order in Council under the^{M23} Aliens Restriction Act 1914 as if it had been imposed by way of a landing condition.

- (4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this Act, the former immigration laws shall continue to apply, and this Act shall not apply,—
 - (a) in relation to the making of deportation orders and matters connected therewith in any case where a decision to make the order has been notified to the person concerned before the coming into force of this Act;
 - (b) in relation to removal from the United Kingdom and matters connected therewith (including detention pending removal or pending the giving of directions for removal) in any case where a person is to be removed in pursuance of a decision taken before the coming into force of this Act or in pursuance of a deportation order to the making of which paragraph (a) above applies;
 - (c) in relation to appeals against any decision taken or other thing done under the former immigration laws, whether taken or done before the coming into force of this Act or by virtue of this subsection.

- (5) Subsection (1) above shall not be taken as empowering a court on appeal to recommend for deportation a person whom the court below could not recommend for deportation, or as affecting any right of appeal in respect of a recommendation for deportation made before this Act comes into force, or as enabling a notice given before this Act comes into force and not complying with section 6(2) to take the place of the notice required by section 6(2) to be given before a person is recommended for deportation.

F368(6)

<p>Textual Amendments</p> <p>F368 S. 34(6) repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50 s. 1(1), Sch. 1 Pt. XVI Group.1</p> <hr/> <p>Marginal Citations</p> <p>M21 1914 c. 12.</p> <p>M22 1962 c. 21.</p> <p>M23 1914 c. 12.</p>
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35 Commencement, and interim provisions.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided by this Act, Parts I to III of this Act shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may appoint by order made by statutory instrument; and references to the coming into force of this Act shall be construed as references to the beginning of the day so appointed.
- (2) Section 25 above, except section 25(2), and section 28 in its application to offences under section 25(1) shall come into force at the end of one month beginning with the date this Act is passed.
- (3)

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Subordinate Legislation Made

P1 1.1.1973 appointed under s. 35(1) by [S.I. 1972/1514](#)

Textual Amendments

F369 S. 35(3)–(5) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1986 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. XIII](#)

36 Power to extend to Islands.

Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct that any of the provisions of this Act shall extend, with such exceptions, adaptations and modifications, if any, as may be specified in the Order, to any of the Islands; and any Order in Council under this subsection may be varied or revoked by a further Order in Council.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C217 S. 36 applied by [Immigration \(Carriers' Liability\) Act 1987 \(c. 24, SIF 62\)](#), s. 2(3) and by [Immigration Act 1988 \(c.14, SIF 62\)](#), s. 12(5)

C218 S. 36 extended by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\)](#), s. 53(5)(7)

C219 S. 36 power to extend (with modifications) (Channel Islands or Isle of Man) any amendments or repeals made to this Act by 2016 c. 19, to which this section relates (12.5.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), ss.94(5), 95(6)(7)(a)

C220 S. 36 power extended (23.5.2018) by [Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 \(c. 13\)](#), ss. 63(6), 64(1) (with ss. 52(3), 53, 58)

C221 S. 36 power extended (28.4.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), ss. 86(5)(6)(a), 87(3) (c)

37 Short title and extent.

(1) This Act may be cited as the Immigration Act 1971.

(2) It is hereby declared that this Act extends to Northern Ireland, and (without prejudice to any provision of Schedule 1 to this Act as to the extent of that Schedule) where an enactment repealed by this Act extends outside the United Kingdom, the repeal shall be of like extent.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C222 S. 37 extended (with modifications) (1.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1796](#), art. 3(1), Sch. 1 Pt. I (Guernsey), [S.I. 1993/1797](#), art. 3(1), Sch. 1 Pt. I (Jersey) (as amended (17.10.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2593](#), arts. 1, 2(2))

C223 S. 37: amendment to earlier affecting [S.I. 1993/1797](#), Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (17.10.2012 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by [The Immigration and Asylum \(Jersey\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2593\)](#), arts. 1, 2(2)

C224 S. 37: amendment to earlier affecting [S.I. 1993/1797](#), Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/981\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1](#) (with art. 6)

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SCHEDULES

F370 SCHEDULE 1

Textual Amendments

F370 Sch. 1 repealed (1.1.1983) by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\)](#), s. 52(7), [Sch. 9](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 8](#)); [S.I. 1982/933](#), [art. 2](#) [Editorial note: According to the *Chronological Table of the Statutes (1951-1987)* (HMSO, 1989) there were no amendments made to Sch. 1 between the date of Royal Assent and its substitution on 1.1.1983 and therefore the text of Sch. 1 as in force immediately before the commencement of the British Nationality Act 1981 is the same as that of the [Original \(As enacted\) Version](#) of this Schedule.]

SCHEDULE 2

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS AS TO CONTROL ON ENTRY ETC.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C225** Sch. 2 modified (10.6.1991) by [Criminal Justice \(International Co-operation\) Act 1990 \(c. 5, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. [6\(6\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 1991/1072](#), art. 2, [Sch. Pt. I](#)
- C226** Sch. 2 modified (2.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1813](#), arts. 7(1), 1, [Sch. 4 para. 1\(11\)](#) (as amended: (1.12.1997) by [S.I. 1994/1405](#), art. 8, [Sch. 4 para. 11](#); (30.7.2000) by [S.I. 2000/1775](#), arts. 1, [2\(2\)](#); (25.5.2001) by [S.I. 2001/1544](#), arts. 1(2), [6\(3\)](#) (as itself amended (2.1.2008) by [S.I. 2007/3579](#), [art. 2\(2\)\(3\)](#)); (5.8.2014) by [S.I. 2014/1814](#), arts. 1, [2\(3\)\(4\)](#); and (30.9.2020) by [S.I. 2020/915](#), arts. 1(2), [5\(5\)](#))
Sch. 2 extended (with modifications): (Guernsey) (1.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1796](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#); (Jersey) (1.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1797](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) (as amended (17.10.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2593](#), arts. 1, [2\(2\)](#))
Sch. 2 applied (20.7.1994) by [S.I. 1994/1895](#), [art. 20\(2\)](#)
Sch. 2 amended (2.10.2000) by [1999 c. 33](#), s. [66](#); [S.I. 2000/2444](#), art. 2, [Sch. 1](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [art. 3](#), [Sch. 2 para. 2](#))
Sch. 2 extended (10.2.2003) (with modifications) by [2002 c. 41](#), s. [62\(3\)](#) (with s. 159); [S.I. 2003/1](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 2](#), [Sch. 2](#)
Sch. 2 amended (1.4.2003) by [2002 c. 41](#), s. [68](#) (with s. 159); [S.I. 2003/754](#), art. 2, [Sch. 1](#) (with transitional provisions in [arts. 3, 4](#), [Sch. 2](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/1040](#) and [S.I. 2003/1339](#))
- C227** Sch. 2 applied by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1003\)](#), reg. [24\(4\)](#) (as substituted (1.6.2009) by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1117\)](#), reg. 2, [Sch. 1 para. 10\(c\)](#))
- C228** Sch. 2 applied in part (with modifications) by [S.I. 2006/1003](#), reg. [29AA\(6\)\(7\)](#) (as inserted (28.7.2014) by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1976\)](#), reg. 1, [Sch. para. 8](#) (with reg. 4))
- C229** Sch. 2 applied (1.2.2017 for specified purposes) by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1052\)](#), regs. [1\(2\)\(b\)](#), [40\(7\)](#), [41\(7\)](#)

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- C230** Sch. 2 modified (31.7.2017) by [The Criminal Justice \(European Investigation Order\) Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/730\)](#), regs. 1(1), **55(7)(b)** (with reg. 3)
- C231** Sch. 2 modified (31.7.2017) by [The Criminal Justice \(European Investigation Order\) Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/730\)](#), regs. 1(1), **21(8)(b)** (with reg. 3)
- C232** Schs. 2-4: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by [The Immigration \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/981\)](#), **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1** (with art. 6)
- C233** Sch. 2 modified (30.9.2020 immediately after the entry into force of S.I. 2020/915, art. 5) by [The Channel Tunnel \(Arrangements with the Kingdom of the Netherlands\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/916\)](#), arts. 1(3), **6**
- C234** Sch. 2 modified by S.I. 1994/1405, art. 7 (as amended (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Channel Tunnel \(International Arrangements and Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Amendment\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/915\)](#), arts. 1(3), **11**)
- C235** Sch. 2 modified (31.12.2020) by [The Citizens' Rights \(Frontier Workers\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1213\)](#), regs. 1(2)(3), **13(2)**
- C236** Sch. 2 modified (31.12.2020) by [The Citizens' Rights \(Frontier Workers\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1213\)](#), regs. 1(2)(3), **7**
- C237** Sch. 2 applied (31.12.2020) by [The Citizens' Rights \(Frontier Workers\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1213\)](#), regs. 1(2)(3), **16(1)(4)**

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C238** Sch. 2 Pt. I applied (with modifications) (2.10.2000) by [1999 c. 33, s. 58\(3\)](#), **Sch. 4 Pt. II para. 12**; [S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, Sch. 1](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2](#))
Sch. 2 Pt. I amended (2.10.2000) by [1999 c. 33, s. 58\(3\)](#), **Sch. 4 Pt. II para. 15**; [S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, Sch. 1](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2](#))
Sch. 2 Pt. I applied (with modifications) (2.10.2000 with application as mentioned in regs. 9, 28) by [S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 32\(3\)\(7\)](#) (as substituted (1.4.2003) for [reg. 34\(3\)\(10\)](#) by [S.I. 2003/549, reg. 2\(8\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#)))
- C239** Sch. 2 Pt. I applied (1.2.2017 for specified purposes) by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1052\)](#), regs. 1(2)(b), **40(4)**

Immigration officers and medical inspectors

- 1 (1) Immigration officers for the purposes of this Act shall be appointed by the Secretary of State, and he may arrange with the Commissioners of Customs and Excise for the employment of officers of customs and excise as immigration officers under this Act.
- (2) Medical inspectors for the purposes of this Act may be appointed by the Secretary of State or, in Northern Ireland, by the Minister of Health and Social Services or other appropriate Minister of the Government of Northern Ireland in pursuance of arrangements made between that Minister and the Secretary of State, and shall be fully qualified medical practitioners.
- [^{F371}(2A) The Secretary of State may direct that his function of appointing medical inspectors under sub-paragraph (2) is also to be exercisable by such persons specified in the direction who exercise functions relating to health in England or Wales.]

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- (3) In the exercise of their functions under this Act immigration officers shall act in accordance with such instructions (not inconsistent with the immigration rules) as may be given them by the Secretary of State, and medical inspectors shall act in accordance with such instructions as may be given them by the Secretary of State or, in Northern Ireland, as may be given in pursuance of the arrangements mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) above by the Minister making appointments of medical inspectors in Northern Ireland.
- (4) An immigration officer or medical inspector may board any ship [^{F372}or aircraft] for the purpose of exercising his functions under this Act.
- (5) An immigration officer, for the purpose of satisfying himself whether there are persons he may wish to examine under paragraph 2 below, may search any ship [^{F372}or aircraft] and anything on board it, or any vehicle [^{F373}or container] taken off a ship or aircraft on which it has been brought to the United Kingdom.
- [^{F374}(6) For the purposes of searching a container under sub-paragraph (5), an immigration officer may direct any person who has control of the container to deliver the container to a place specified by the immigration officer.
- (7) In this paragraph, “container” has the same meaning as in the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (see section 1(1) of that Act).]

Textual Amendments

- F371** Sch. 2 para. 1(2A) inserted (23.9.2004) by [Health Protection Agency Act 2004 \(c. 17\)](#), ss. 11(1), 12(3), [Sch. 3 para. 3](#)
- F372** Words in Sch. 2 para. 1(4)(5) substituted (2.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1813](#), arts. 8, 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(a\)](#)
- F373** Words in [Sch. 2 para. 1\(5\)](#) inserted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), ss. [44\(2\)](#), [87\(5\)\(f\)](#)
- F374** [Sch. 2 para. 1\(6\)\(7\)](#) inserted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), ss. [44\(3\)](#), [87\(5\)\(f\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C240** Reference to Minister of Health and Social Services in para. 1(2) to be construed as reference to head of Department of Health and Social Services and reference to other appropriate Minister of the Government of Northern Ireland to be construed as reference to the head of a Northern Ireland Department: [Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 7
- Sch. 2 para. 1(2): transfer of certain functions (S.)(1.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/1750](#), arts. 1, 2, [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 7); [S.I. 1998/3178](#), [art. 3](#)
- C241** Sch. 2 para. 1(3): transfer of certain functions (S.)(1.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/1750](#), arts. 1, 2, [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 7); [S.I. 1998/3178](#), [art. 3](#)

Examination by immigration officers, and medical examination

- 2 (1) An immigration officer may examine any persons [^{F375}within sub-paragraph (1A)] arrived in the United Kingdom by ship [^{F376}or aircraft] (including transit passengers, members of the crew and others not seeking to enter the United Kingdom) for the purpose of determining—
- (a) whether any of them is or is not [^{F377}a British citizen]; and
 - (b) whether, if he is not, he may or may not enter the United Kingdom without leave; and

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- [^{F378}(c) whether, if he may not—
- (i) he has been given leave which is still in force,
 - (ii) he should be given leave and for what period or on what conditions (if any), or
 - (iii) he should be refused leave][^{F379}; and
- (d) whether, if he has been given leave which is still in force, his leave should be curtailed.]

[^{F380}(1A) The persons are—

- (a) any person who has arrived in the United Kingdom by ship or aircraft (including transit passengers, members of the crew and others not seeking to enter the United Kingdom);
- (b) any person who has arrived in United Kingdom waters by ship or aircraft who the immigration officer has reason to believe is an offshore worker.

(1B) In sub-paragraph (1A), “offshore worker” and “United Kingdom waters” have the same meaning as in section 11A.]

- (2) Any such person, if he is seeking to enter the United Kingdom, may be examined also by a medical inspector or by any qualified person carrying out a test or examination required by a medical inspector.
- (3) A person, on being examined under this paragraph by an immigration officer or medical inspector, may be required in writing by him to submit to further examination; but a requirement under this sub-paragraph shall not prevent a person who arrives as a transit passenger, or as a member of the crew of a ship or aircraft, or for the purpose of joining a ship or aircraft as a member of the crew, from leaving by his intended ship or aircraft.

Textual Amendments

- F375** Words in Sch. 2 para. 2(1) substituted (12.4.2023) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 6 para. 9(2)(a); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)
- F376** Words in Sch. 2 para. 2(1) substituted (2.8.1993) by S.I. 1993/1813, arts 8, 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(b)
- F377** Words substituted by British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61), s. 52(7), Sch. 4 para. 2 (with Sch. 8 para. 8)
- F378** Sch. 2 para. 2(1)(c) substituted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 56; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)
- F379** Sch. 2 para. 2(1)(d) inserted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), ss. 46(2), 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(g)
- F380** Sch. 2 para. 2(1A)(1B) inserted (12.4.2023) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 6 para. 9(2)(b); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C242** Sch. 2 para. 2 excluded by Immigration Act 1988 (c. 14, SIF 62), s. 8(4)
Sch. 2 para. 2 modified (18.7.2001) by S.I. 2001/2950, art. 3
- C243** Sch. 2 paras. 2-4, 7, 16-18, 21-24 applied (with modifications) (2.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 24(2) (with regs. 9, 28)

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[^{F381} Examination of persons who arrive with continuing leave]

Textual Amendments

F381 Heading inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 57; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch

[^{F382}2A(1) This paragraph applies to a person who has arrived in the United Kingdom with leave to enter which is in force but which was given to him before his arrival.

- (2) He may be examined by an immigration officer for the purpose of establishing—
 - (a) whether there has been such a change in the circumstances of his case, since that leave was given, that it should be cancelled;
 - (b) whether that leave was obtained as a result of false information given by him or his failure to disclose material facts; or
 - (c) whether there are medical grounds on which that leave should be cancelled.

[Where the person’s leave to enter derives, by virtue of section 3A(3), from an entry
^{F383}(2A) clearance, he may also be examined by an immigration officer for the purpose of establishing whether the leave should be cancelled on the grounds that the person’s purpose in arriving in the United Kingdom is different from the purpose specified in the entry clearance.]

- (3) He may also be examined by an immigration officer for the purpose of determining whether it would be conducive to the public good for that leave to be cancelled.
- (4) He may also be examined by a medical inspector or by any qualified person carrying out a test or examination required by a medical inspector.
- (5) A person examined under this paragraph may be required by the officer or inspector to submit to further examination.
- (6) A requirement under sub-paragraph (5) does not prevent a person who arrives—
 - (a) as a transit passenger,
 - (b) as a member of the crew of a ship or aircraft, or
 - (c) for the purpose of joining a ship or aircraft as a member of the crew, from leaving by his intended ship or aircraft.
- (7) An immigration officer examining a person under this paragraph may by notice suspend his leave to enter until the examination is completed.
- (8) An immigration officer may, on the completion of any examination of a person under this paragraph, cancel his leave to enter.

^{F384}(9)

(10) A requirement imposed under sub-paragraph (5) and a notice given under sub-paragraph (7) must be in writing.]

Textual Amendments

F382 Sch. 2 para. 2A inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 58; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

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F383 Sch. 2 para. 2A(2A) inserted (1.10.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), s. 18; S.I. 2004/2523, art. 2, Sch.

F384 Sch. 2 para. 2A(9) omitted (1.12.2016) by virtue of Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), ss. 65(1), 94(1) (with s. 65(3)); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(h)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C244 Sch. 2 paras. 2-4, 7, 16-18, 21-24 applied (with modifications) (2.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 24(2) (with regs. 9, 28)

Sch. 2 para. 2A extended (14.12.2001) by 2001 c. 24, ss. 22(2)(g)(3), 127(2)

3 (1) An immigration officer [^{F385}or designated person] may examine any person who is embarking or seeking to embark in the United Kingdom ^{F386}. . . for the purpose of determining whether he is [^{F387}a British citizen][^{F388}and, if he is not a British citizen, for the purpose of establishing—

- (a) his identity;
- (b) whether he entered the United Kingdom lawfully;
- (c) whether he has complied with any conditions of leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom;
- (d) whether his return to the United Kingdom is prohibited or restricted.

[^{F389}(1A) If a person is examined under sub-paragraph (1) (whether by an immigration officer or designated person), an immigration officer may require the person, by notice in writing, to submit to further examination by the immigration officer for a purpose specified in that sub-paragraph.]

(2) So long as any Order in Council is in force under section 3(7) of this Act, an immigration officer may examine any person who is embarking or seeking to embark in the United Kingdom ^{F386}. . . for the purpose of determining—

- (a) whether any of the provisions of the Order apply to him; and
- (b) whether, if so, any power conferred by the Order should be exercised in relation to him and in what way.]

Textual Amendments

F385 Words in Sch. 2 para. 3(1) inserted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 8 para. 2(2); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(bb)

F386 Words in Sch. 2 para. 3(1)(2) repealed (2.8.1993) by S.I. 1993/1813 arts. 1, 9, Sch. 6 Pt. I

F387 Words substituted by British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61), s. 52(7), Sch. 4 para. 2 (with Sch. 8 para. 8)

F388 Words in Sch. 2 para. 3 substituted (31.8.2006) by Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13), s. 42(2); S.I. 2006/2226, art. 3, Sch. 1 (subject to transitional provisions in art. 4)

F389 Sch. 2 para. 3(1A) substituted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 8 para. 2(3); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(bb)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C245 Sch. 2 paras. 2-4, 7, 16-18, 21-24 applied (with modifications) (2.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 24(2) (with regs. 9, 28)

Information and documents

4 (1) It shall be the duty of any person examined under paragraph 2 [^{F390}, 2A] or 3 above to furnish to the person carrying out the examination all such information in his

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possession as that person may require for the purpose of [F391that or any other person's functions] under that paragraph.

- (2) A person on his examination under paragraph 2 [F390, 2A] or 3 above by an immigration officer [F392, or on his examination under paragraph 3 above by a designated person, shall, if so required by an immigration officer or designated person] —
- (a) produce either a valid passport with photograph or some other document satisfactorily establishing his identity and nationality or citizenship; and
 - (b) declare whether or not he is carrying or conveying [F393, or has carried or conveyed,] documents of any relevant description specified by [F394the immigration officer or designated person], and produce any documents of that description which he is carrying or conveying.

In paragraph (b), “relevant description” means any description appearing to [F395the immigration officer or designated person] to be relevant for the purposes of the examination.

(2A) F396

- (3) Where under sub-paragraph (2)(b) above a person has been required to declare whether or not he is carrying or conveying [F397, or has carried or conveyed,] documents of any description,
- F398[(a) he and any baggage or vehicle belonging to him or under his control; and
 (b) any ship, aircraft or vehicle in which he arrived in the United Kingdom,]
 may be searched with a view to ascertaining whether he is doing [F399or, as the case may be, has done] so by [F400an immigration officer or a person acting under the directions of an immigration officer]:

Provided that no woman or girl shall be searched except by a woman.

- [F401(4) Where a passport or other document is [F402produced to or found by an immigration officer] in accordance with this paragraph [F403, the immigration officer] may examine it and detain it—
- (a) for the purpose of examining it, for a period not exceeding 7 days;
 - (b) for any purpose, until the person to whom the document relates is given leave to enter the United Kingdom or is about to depart or be removed following refusal of leave or until it is decided that the person does not require leave to enter;
 - (c) after a time described in paragraph (b), while the immigration officer thinks that the document may be required in connection with proceedings in respect of an appeal under the Immigration Acts or in respect of an offence.

[Where a passport or other document is produced to a designated person in accordance F404(4A) with this paragraph, the designated person—

- (a) may examine it and detain it; and
- (b) must deliver any detained passport or document to an immigration officer as soon as reasonably practicable.

- (4B) If a passport or document is delivered to an immigration officer in accordance with sub-paragraph (4A)(b), sub-paragraph (4) applies as if the immigration officer had

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detained the document (and, accordingly, the immigration officer may continue to detain it in accordance with sub-paragraph (4)(a), (b) or (c)).]

(5) For the purpose of ascertaining that a passport or other document produced or found in accordance with this paragraph relates to a person examined under paragraph 2, 2A or 3 above, the person carrying out the examination^[F405], or any immigration officer or designated person,] may require the person being examined to provide ^[F406]biometric] information (whether or not by submitting to a process by means of which information is obtained or recorded)^{F407}....]

^[F408](6) Biometric information” has the meaning given by section 15 of the UK Borders Act 2007.]

^[F409](7) A person (“P”) who is under 16 may not be required to provide biometric information under sub-paragraph (5) unless—

- (a) the decision to require P to provide the information has been confirmed by a chief immigration officer, and
- (b) the information is provided in the presence of a person of full age who is—
 - (i) P's parent or guardian, or
 - (ii) a person who for the time being takes responsibility for P.

(8) The person mentioned in sub-paragraph (7)(b)(ii) may not be—

- (a) a person who is entitled to require the provision of information under sub-paragraph (5) (an “authorised person”), or
- (b) an officer of the Secretary of State who is not such a person.

(9) Sub-paragraph (7) does not prevent an authorised person requiring the provision of biometric information by a person the authorised person reasonably believes to be 16 or over.]

Textual Amendments

- F390** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(1)(2) inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 58; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)
- F391** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(1) substituted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 8 para. 3(2); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(bb)
- F392** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(2) substituted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 8 para. 3(3)(a); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(bb)
- F393** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(2)(b) inserted (1.10.1996) by 1996 c. 49, s. 12(1), Sch. 2 para. 5(1); S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, Sch. Pt. III
- F394** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(2)(b) substituted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 8 para. 3(3)(b); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(bb)
- F395** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(2) substituted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 8 para. 3(3)(c); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(bb)
- F396** Sch. 2 para. 4(2A) repealed (31.8.2006) by Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13), ss. {27(2)}, 61, {Sch. 3}; S.I. 2006/2226, art. 3, Sch. 1 (subject to transitional provisions in art. 4)
- F397** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(3) inserted (1.10.1996) by 1996 c. 49, s. 12(1), Sch. 2 para. 5(2)(a); S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, Sch. Pt. III
- F398** Sch. 2 para. 4(3)(a)(b) substituted (1.10.1996) for words by 1996 c. 49, s. 12(1), Sch. 2 para. 5(2)(b); S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, Sch. Pt. III
- F399** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(3) inserted (1.10.1996) by 1996 c. 49, s. 12(1), Sch. 2 para. 5(2)(c); S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, Sch. Pt. III

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- F400** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(3) substituted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 8 para. 3\(4\)](#); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(bb)
- F401** Sch. 2 para. 4(4)(5) substituted (31.8.2006) for Sch. 2 para. 4(4) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\), s. 27\(1\)](#); S.I. 2006/2226, art. 3, Sch. 1 (subject to transitional provisions in art. 4)
- F402** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(4) substituted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 8 para. 3\(5\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(bb)
- F403** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(4) substituted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 8 para. 3\(5\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(bb)
- F404** Sch. 2 para. 4(4A)(4B) inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 8 para. 3\(6\)](#); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(bb)
- F405** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(5) inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 8 para. 3\(7\)](#); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(bb)
- F406** Word in Sch. 2 para. 4(5) inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 2 para. 1\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(z)
- F407** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(5) omitted (28.7.2014) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 2 para. 1\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(z)
- F408** Sch. 2 para. 4(6) inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 2 para. 1\(3\)](#); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(z)
- F409** Sch. 2 para. 4(7)-(9) inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), ss. 13\(2\), 75\(3\)](#); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(l)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C246** Sch. 2 paras. 2-4, 7, 16-18, 21-24 applied (with modifications) (2.10.2000) by [S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 24\(2\)](#) (with [regs. 9, 28](#))
 Sch. 2 para. 4 modified (18.7.2001) by [S.I. 2001/2590, art. 3](#)

- 5 The Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument make provision for ^{F410}requiring—
- (a) passengers] disembarking or embarking in the United Kingdom, or any class of such passengers, to produce to an immigration officer, if so required, landing or embarkation ^{F411}cards, and
- (b) passengers embarking in the United Kingdom, or any class of such passengers, to produce to a designated person, if so required, embarkation cards, in such form] as the Secretary of State may direct, and for requiring the owners or agents of ships and aircraft to supply such cards to those passengers.

Textual Amendments

- F410** Word preceding and in Sch. 2 para. 5(a) substituted for words (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 8 para. 4\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(bb)
- F411** Sch. 2 para. 5(b) and surrounding words substituted for words (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 8 para. 4\(3\)](#); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(bb)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C247** Sch. 2 para. 5 modified (14.3.2003) by [The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(Commencement No. 4\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/754\), arts. 3, 4, Sch. 2 para. 4\(6\)](#)

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^{F412}Designated persons

Textual Amendments

F412 Sch. 2 para. 5A and cross-heading inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\)](#), [Sch. 8 para. 5](#); [S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3\(bb\)](#)

- 5A (1) In this Schedule “designated person” means a person designated by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this Schedule.
- (2) A designation under this paragraph is subject to such limitations as may be specified in the designation.
- (3) A limitation under sub-paragraph (2) may, in particular, relate to the functions that are exercisable by virtue of the designation (and, accordingly, the exercise of functions under this Schedule by a designated person is subject to any such limitations specified in the person's designation).
- (4) A designation under this paragraph—
- (a) may be permanent or for a specified period,
 - (b) may (in either case) be withdrawn, and
 - (c) may be varied.
- (5) The power to designate, or to withdraw or vary a designation, is exercised by the Secretary of State giving notice to the person in question.
- (6) The Secretary of State may designate a person under this paragraph only if the Secretary of State is satisfied that the person—
- (a) is capable of effectively carrying out the functions that are exercisable by virtue of the designation,
 - (b) has received adequate training in respect of the exercise of those functions, and
 - (c) is otherwise a suitable person to exercise those functions.]

^{F413}Directions to carriers and operators of ports etc

Textual Amendments

F413 Sch. 2 para. 5B and cross-heading inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\)](#), [Sch. 8 para. 6](#); [S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3\(bb\)](#)

- 5B (1) The Secretary of State may direct—
- (a) an owner or agent of a ship or aircraft, or
 - (b) a person concerned in the management of a port,
- to make arrangements for designated persons to exercise a specified function, or a function of a specified description, in relation to persons of a specified description.
- (2) A direction under this paragraph must specify—
- (a) the port where, and
 - (b) the date (or dates) and time (or times) when,
- a function is to be exercised under the arrangements.

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- (3) A direction under this paragraph must be in writing.
- (4) A direction under this paragraph may specify a description of persons by reference, in particular, to—
 - (a) the destination to which persons are travelling;
 - (b) the route by which persons are travelling;
 - (c) the date and time when the persons are travelling.
- (5) In this paragraph—
 - “function” means a function under this Schedule;
 - “specified” means specified in a direction under this paragraph.]

Notice of leave to enter or of refusal of leave

- 6 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, where a person examined by an immigration officer under paragraph 2 above is to be given a limited leave to enter the United Kingdom or is to be refused leave, the notice giving or refusing leave shall be given not later than [^{F414}twenty-four hours] after the conclusion of his examination (including any further examination) in pursuance of that paragraph; and if notice giving or refusing leave is not given him before the end of those [^{F414}twenty-four hours], he shall (if not [^{F415}a British citizen]) be deemed to have been given [^{F414}leave to enter the United Kingdom for a period of six months subject to a condition prohibiting his taking employment] and the immigration officer shall as soon as may be give him written notice of that leave.
- (2) Where on a person’s examination under paragraph 2 above he is given notice of leave to enter the United Kingdom, then at any time before the end of [^{F416}twenty-four hours] from the conclusion of the examination he may be given a further notice in writing by an immigration officer cancelling the earlier notice and refusing him leave to enter.
- (3) Where in accordance with this paragraph a person is given notice refusing him leave to enter the United Kingdom, that notice may at any time be cancelled by notice in writing given him by an immigration officer; and where a person is given a notice of cancellation under this sub-paragraph, [^{F417}and the immigration officer does not at the same time give him indefinite or limited leave to enter [^{F418}or require him to submit to further examination], he shall be deemed to have been given leave to enter for a period of six months subject to a condition prohibiting his taking employment and the immigration officer shall as soon as may be give him written notice of that leave.]
- (4) Where an entrant is a member of a party in charge of a person appearing to the immigration officer to be a responsible person, any notice to be given in relation to that entrant in accordance with this paragraph shall be duly given if delivered to the person in charge of the party.

Textual Amendments

- F414** Words substituted by [Immigration Act 1988 \(c. 14, SIF 62\), s. 10, Sch. paras. 7, 8\(1\)\(3\)](#) respectively
- F415** Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\), s. 52\(7\), Sch. 4 para. 2](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 8](#))
- F416** Words substituted by [Immigration Act 1988 \(c. 14, SIF 62\), s. 10, Sch. para. 7](#)
- F417** Words substituted by [Immigration Act 1988 \(c. 14, SIF 62\), s. 10, Sch. para. 8\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- F418** Words in s. 6(3) inserted (8.1.2003) by [2002 c. 41, s. 119](#), (with s. 159); [S.I. 2002/2811, art. 2, Sch.](#)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C248** Sch. 2 para. 6(2) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2006/1003, reg. 23A (as inserted (6.4.2015) by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/694\)](#), reg. 2, [Sch. 1 para. 9](#))
- C249** Sch. 2 para. 6(2) applied (1.2.2017 for specified purposes) by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1052\)](#), regs. 1(2)(b), [31\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- C250** Sch. 2 para. 6(2) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by [The Citizens' Rights \(Frontier Workers\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1213\)](#), regs. 1(2)(3), [14\(2\)](#)
- C251** Sch. 2 para. 6(3)(4) modified by [Immigration Act 1988 \(c. 14, SIF 62\)](#), s. [8\(6\)](#)

[^{F419} Power to require medical examination after entry]

Textual Amendments

- F419** Heading substituted (14.2.2000) by [1999 c. 33, s. 169\(1\)](#), [Sch. 14 paras. 43, 59](#); [S.I. 2000/168](#), art. 2, [Sch](#)

- [^{F420}7** (1) This paragraph applies if an immigration officer examining a person under paragraph 2 decides—
- (a) that he may be given leave to enter the United Kingdom; but
 - (b) that a further medical test or examination may be required in the interests of public health.
- (2) This paragraph also applies if an immigration officer examining a person under paragraph 2A decides—
- (a) that his leave to enter the United Kingdom should not be cancelled; but
 - (b) that a further medical test or examination may be required in the interests of public health.
- (3) The immigration officer may give the person concerned notice in writing requiring him—
- (a) to report his arrival to such medical officer of health as may be specified in the notice; and
 - (b) to attend at such place and time and submit to such test or examination (if any), as that medical officer of health may require.
- (4) In reaching a decision under paragraph (b) of sub-paragraph (1) or (2), the immigration officer must act on the advice of—
- (a) a medical inspector; or
 - (b) if no medical inspector is available, a fully qualified medical practitioner.]

Textual Amendments

- F420** Sch. 2 para. 7 substituted (14.2.2000) by [1999 c. 33, s. 169\(1\)](#), [Sch. 14 paras. 43, 59](#); [S.I. 2000/168](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by [S.I. 2003/1252](#), art. 2, Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C252** Sch. 2 paras. 2-4, 7, 16-18, 21-24 applied (with modifications) (2.10.2000) by [S.I. 2000/2326](#), reg. [24\(2\)](#) (with [regs. 9, 28](#))

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C253 Sch. 2 para. 7(1)(3)(4) modified (18.7.2001) by [S.I. 2001/2590](#), **art. 3**

Removal of persons refused leave to enter and illegal entrants

- 8 (1) Where a person arriving in the United Kingdom is refused leave to enter, an immigration officer may, subject to sub-paragraph (2) below—
- (a) give the captain of the ship or aircraft in which he arrives directions requiring the captain to remove him from the United Kingdom in that ship or aircraft; or
 - (b) give the owners or agents of that ship or aircraft directions requiring them to remove him from the United Kingdom in any ship or aircraft specified or indicated in the directions, being a ship or aircraft of which they are the owners or agents; or
 - (c) give those owners or agents ^{F421} . . . directions requiring them to make arrangements for his removal from the United Kingdom in any ship or aircraft specified or indicated in the directions to a country or territory so specified, being either—
 - (i) a country of which he is a national or citizen; or
 - (ii) a country or territory in which he has obtained a passport or other document of identity; or
 - (iii) a country or territory in which he embarked for the United Kingdom; or
 - (iv) a country or territory to which there is reason to believe that he will be admitted.
- (2) No directions shall be given under this paragraph in respect of anyone after the expiration of two months beginning with the date on which he was refused leave to enter the United Kingdom [^{F422}(ignoring any period during which an appeal by him under the Immigration Acts is pending)] [^{F423}except that directions may be given under sub-paragraph (1)(b) or (c) after the end of that period if the immigration officer has within that period given written notice to the owners or agents in question of his intention to give directions to them in respect of that person].

Textual Amendments

F421 Words in Sch. 2 para. 8(1)(c) repealed (2.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1813](#), **art. 9(1)**, **Sch. 6 Pt. I**

F422 Words in Sch. 2 para. 8(2) inserted (1.4.2003) by [2002 c. 41](#), s. 114, **Sch. 7 para. 4** (with s. 159); [S.I. 2003/754](#), **art. 2**, **Sch. 1** (with transitional provisions in arts. 3, 4, Sch. 2 (as amended by [S.I. 2003/1040](#) and [S.I. 2003/1339](#)))

F423 Words inserted by [Immigration Act 1988 \(c. 14, SIF 62\)](#), s. 10, **Sch. para. 9(1)(4)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C254 Sch. 2 para. 8 applied (2.10.2000 with application as mentioned in reg. 9 of the applying S.I.) by [S.I. 2000/2326](#), **reg. 25(3)(a)**

Sch. 2 para. 8 modified (18.7.2001) by [S.I. 2001/2590](#), **art. 3**

Sch. 2 para. 8 extended (14.12.2001) by [2001 c. 24](#), **ss. 22(2)(h)(3)**, 127(2)

Sch. 2 para. 8 applied (with modifications) (17.7.2002) by [S.I. 2002/1832](#), **art. 2(2)**, **Sch.**

C255 Sch. 2 para. 8 applied (with modifications) (31.1.2020) by [The Immigration \(Citizens' Rights Appeals\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/61\)](#), **reg. 1(2)**, **Sch. 3 para. 2(1)(a)(2)**

C256 Sch. 2 para. 8(2) amended (2.10.2000) by [1999 c. 33](#), s. 58(3), **Sch. 4 Pt. II para. 13**; [S.I. 2000/2444](#), **art. 2**, **Sch. 1** (subject to transitional provisions in **art. 3**, **Sch. 2 para. 2**)

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C257 Sch. 2 para. 8(2) modified (2.10.2000 with application as mentioned in regs. 9, 28 of the modifying S.I.) by S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 32(4)(7) (as substituted (1.4.2003) for reg. 34(4)(10) by S.I. 2003/549, reg. 2(8) (with reg. 3))

9 ^{F424}(1) Where an illegal entrant is not given leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom, an immigration officer may give any such directions in respect of him as in a case within paragraph 8 above are authorised by paragraph 8(1).

^{F425}(2) Any leave to enter the United Kingdom which is obtained by deception shall be disregarded for the purposes of this paragraph.]

Textual Amendments

F424 Sch 2 para. 9 renumbered as 9(1) (1.10.1996) by 1996 c. 49, s. 12(1), Sch. 2 para.6; S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, Sch. Pt.III

F425 Sch. 2 para. 9(2) inserted (1.10.1996) by 1996 c. 49, s. 12(1), Sch. 2 para.6; S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, Sch. Pt.III

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C258 Sch. 2 para. 9 extended (14.12.2001) by 2001 c. 24, ss. 22(2)(h)(3), 127(2)

Sch. 2 para. 9 modified (18.7.2001) by S.I. 2001/2590, art. 3

Sch. 2 para. 9 applied (with modifications) (17.7.2002) by S.I. 2002/1832, art. 2(2), Sch.

- 10 (1) Where it appears to the Secretary of State either—
- (a) that directions might be given in respect of a person under paragraph 8 or 9 above, but that it is not practicable for them to be given or that, if given, they would be ineffective; or
 - (b) that directions might have been given in respect of a person under paragraph 8 above ^{F426}but that the requirements of paragraph 8(2) have not been complied with];
- then the Secretary of State may give to the owners or agents of any ship or aircraft any such directions in respect of that person as are authorised by paragraph 8(1)(c).
- (2) Where the Secretary of State may give directions for a person's removal in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) above, he may instead give directions for his removal in accordance with arrangements to be made by the Secretary of State to any country or territory to which he could be removed under sub-paragraph (1).
- (3) The costs of complying with any directions given under this paragraph shall be defrayed by the Secretary of State.

Textual Amendments

F426 Words substituted by Immigration Act 1988 (c. 14, SIF 62), s. 10, Sch. para. 9(2)(4)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C259 Sch. 2 para. 10 applied (2.10.2000) by 1999 c. 33, ss. 9(4), 10(7); S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, Sch. 1 (subject to transitional provisions in art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

Sch. 2 para. 10 applied (2.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 25(3) (with regs. 9, 28)

Sch. 2 para. 10 extended (14.12.2001) by 2001 c. 24, ss. 22(2)(h)(3), 127(2)

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C260 Sch. 2 para. 10 applied (with modifications) (31.1.2020) by [The Immigration \(Citizens' Rights Appeals\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/61\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 2(1)(a)(2)**

[^{F427}10A Where directions are given in respect of a person under any of paragraphs 8 to 10 above, directions to the same effect may be given under that paragraph in respect of a member of the person's family.]

Textual Amendments

F427 Sch. 2 para. 10A inserted (10.2.2003) by [2002 c. 41, s. 73\(1\)](#) (with s. 159); [S.I. 2003/1](#), **art. 2, Sch.**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C261 Sch. 2 para. 10A applied (with modifications) (31.1.2020) by [The Immigration \(Citizens' Rights Appeals\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/61\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 2(1)(a)(2)**

11 A person in respect of whom directions are given under any of paragraphs 8 to 10 above may be placed, under the authority of an immigration officer [^{F428}or the Secretary of State], on board any ship or aircraft in which he is to be removed in accordance with the directions.

Textual Amendments

F428 Words in Sch. 2 para. 11 inserted (20.10.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 75(3), **Sch. 9 para. 1**; [S.I. 2014/2771](#), arts. 2(e), 4(g) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8; and with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/2928](#), art. 2 (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), arts. 1(3), 9))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C262 Sch. 2 para. 11 applied (2.10.2000) by [Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 \(c. 33\)](#), ss. 9(4), 10(9)(a) (as substituted (20.10.2014) by [2014 c. 22, ss. 1, 75\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2014/2771](#), art. 2(a) (with arts. 9-11) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8; and with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/2928](#), art. 2 (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), arts. 1(3), 9)); [S.I. 2000/2444](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1** (subject to transitional provisions in art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2) (which amending provision was extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by [S.I. 2003/1252](#), art. 2, **Sch.**)

Sch. 2 para. 11 applied (2.10.2000) by [S.I. 2000/2326](#), **reg. 25(3)** (with regs. 9, 28)

Sch. 2 para. 11 applied (with modifications) (12.7.2002) by [S.I. 2002/1832](#), art. 2(2), **Sch.**

C263 Sch. 2 para. 11 applied (with modifications) (31.1.2020) by [The Immigration \(Citizens' Rights Appeals\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/61\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 2(1)(a)(2)**

Seamen and aircrews

12 (1) If, on a person's examination by an immigration officer under paragraph 2 above, the immigration officer is satisfied that he has come to the United Kingdom for the purpose of joining a ship or aircraft as a member of the crew, then the immigration officer may limit the duration of any leave he gives that person to enter the United Kingdom by requiring him to leave the United Kingdom in a ship or aircraft specified or indicated by the notice giving leave.

(2) Where a person (not being [^{F429}a British citizen]) arrives in the United Kingdom for the purpose of joining a ship or aircraft as a member of the crew and, having been given leave to enter as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) above, remains beyond the

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time limited by that leave, or is reasonably suspected by an immigration officer of intending to do so, an immigration officer may—

- (a) give the captain of that ship or aircraft directions requiring the captain to remove him from the United Kingdom in that ship or aircraft; or
- (b) give the owners or agents of that ship or aircraft directions requiring them to remove him from the United Kingdom in any ship or aircraft specified or indicated in the directions, being a ship or aircraft of which they are the owners or agents; or
- (c) give those owners or agents directions requiring them to make arrangements for his removal from the United Kingdom in any ship or aircraft specified or indicated in the directions to a country or territory so specified, being either—
 - (i) a country of which he is a national or citizen; or
 - (ii) a country or territory in which he has obtained a passport or other document of identity; or
 - (iii) a country or territory in which he embarked for the United Kingdom; or
 - (iv) a country or territory where he was engaged as a member of the crew of the ship or aircraft which he arrived in the United Kingdom to join; or
 - (v) a country or territory to which there is reason to believe that he will be admitted.

Textual Amendments

F429 Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\), s. 52\(7\)](#), **Sch. 4 para. 2** (with [Sch. 8 para. 8](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C264 Sch. 2 para. 12 extended (14.12.2001) by [2001 c. 24, ss. 22\(2\)\(h\)\(3\)](#), [127\(2\)](#)

- 13 (1) Where a person being a member of the crew of a ship or aircraft is examined by an immigration officer under paragraph 2 above, the immigration officer may limit the duration of any leave he gives that person to enter the United Kingdom—
- (a) in the manner authorised by paragraph 12(1) above; or
 - (b) if that person is to be allowed to enter the United Kingdom in order to receive hospital treatment, by requiring him, on completion of that treatment, to leave the United Kingdom in accordance with arrangements to be made for his repatriation; or
 - (c) by requiring him to leave the United Kingdom within a specified period in accordance with arrangements to be made for his repatriation.
- (2) Where a person (not being ^{F430}a British citizen]) arrives in the United Kingdom as a member of the crew of a ship or aircraft, and either—
- (A) having lawfully entered the United Kingdom without leave by virtue of section 8(1) of this Act, he remains without leave beyond the time allowed by section 8(1), or is reasonably suspected by an immigration officer of intending to do so; or
 - (B) having been given leave limited as mentioned in subparagraph (1) above, he remains beyond the time limited by that leave, or is reasonably suspected by an immigration officer of intending to do so;

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an immigration officer may—

- (a) give the captain of the ship or aircraft in which he arrived directions requiring the captain to remove him from the United Kingdom in that ship or aircraft; or
- (b) give the owners or agents of that ship or aircraft directions requiring them to remove him from the United Kingdom in any ship or aircraft specified or indicated in the directions, being a ship or aircraft of which they are the owners or agents; or
- (c) give those owners or agents directions requiring them to make arrangements for his removal from the United Kingdom in any ship or aircraft specified or indicated in the directions to a country or territory so specified, being either—
 - (i) a country of which he is a national or citizen; or
 - (ii) a country or territory in which he has obtained a passport or other document of identity; or
 - (iii) a country in which he embarked for the United Kingdom; or
 - (iv) a country or territory in which he was engaged as a member of the crew of the ship or aircraft in which he arrived in the United Kingdom; or
 - (v) a country or territory to which there is reason to believe that he will be admitted.

Textual Amendments

F430 Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\), s. 52\(7\)](#), **Sch. 4 para. 2** (with [Sch. 8 para. 8](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C265 Sch. 2 para. 13 extended (14.12.2001) by [2001 c. 24, ss. 22\(2\)\(h\)\(3\)](#), [127\(2\)](#)

- 14 (1) Where it appears to the Secretary of State that directions might be given in respect of a person under paragraph 12 or 13 above, but that it is not practicable for them to be given or that, if given, they would be ineffective, then the Secretary of State may give to the owners or agents of any ship or aircraft any such directions in respect of that person as are authorised by paragraph 12(2)(c) or 13(2)(c).
- (2) Where the Secretary of State may give directions for a person's removal in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) above, he may instead give directions for his removal in accordance with arrangements to be made by the Secretary of State to any country or territory to which he could be removed under sub-paragraph (1).
- (3) The costs of complying with any directions given under this paragraph shall be defrayed by the Secretary of State.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C266 Sch. 2 para. 14 extended (14.12.2001) by [2001 c. 24, ss. 22\(2\)\(h\)\(3\)](#), [127\(2\)](#)

- 15 A person in respect of whom directions are given under any of paragraphs 12 to 14 above may be placed, under the authority of an immigration officer, on board any ship or aircraft in which he is to be removed in accordance with the directions.

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[^{F431}Search of premises in connection with removal

Textual Amendments

F431 Sch. 2 para. 15A inserted (12.7.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), ss. [46\(3\)](#), [94\(1\)](#); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(g)

- 15A (1) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) an immigration officer is lawfully on any premises, and
 - (b) a person who is liable to be detained under paragraph 16(2) is on the premises.
- (2) The immigration officer may search the premises for documents which—
- (a) relate to the person, and
 - (b) may be evidence for a ground on which the person's leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom may be curtailed.
- (3) The power may be exercised—
- (a) only if the immigration officer has reasonable grounds for believing there are documents within sub-paragraph (2) on the premises, and
 - (b) only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering such documents.
- (4) An immigration officer searching premises under this paragraph may seize any document the officer finds which the officer has reasonable grounds for believing is a document within sub-paragraph (2).
- (5) Sub-paragraph (6) applies where—
- (a) an immigration officer is searching premises under this paragraph, and
 - (b) any document the officer has reasonable grounds for believing is a document within sub-paragraph (2) is stored in any electronic form and is accessible from the premises.
- (6) The immigration officer may require the document to be produced in a form in which it can be taken away and in which it is visible and legible or from which it can readily be produced in a visible and legible form.
- (7) If a requirement under sub-paragraph (6) is not complied with or a document to which that sub-paragraph applies cannot be produced in a form of the kind mentioned in that sub-paragraph, the immigration officer may seize the device or medium on which it is stored.
- (8) But sub-paragraphs (4) to (7) do not apply to a document which the immigration officer has reasonable grounds for believing is an item subject to legal privilege.
- (9) An immigration officer may retain a document seized under this paragraph while—
- (a) the person to whom the document relates is liable to be detained under paragraph 16(2), and
 - (b) the document falls within sub-paragraph (2)(b).
- (10) But a document may not be retained for the purpose mentioned in sub-paragraph (9) if a photograph or copy would be sufficient for that purpose.]

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Detention of persons liable to examination or removal

- 16 (1) A person who may be required to submit to examination under paragraph 2 above may be detained under the authority of an immigration officer pending his examination and pending a decision to give or refuse him leave to enter.
- [^{F432}(1A) A person whose leave to enter has been suspended under paragraph 2A may be detained under the authority of an immigration officer pending—
- (a) completion of his examination under that paragraph; and
 - (b) a decision on whether to cancel his leave to enter.]
- [^{F433}(1B) A person who has been required to submit to further examination under paragraph 3(1A) may be detained under the authority of an immigration officer, for a period not exceeding 12 hours, pending the completion of the examination.]
- [^{F434}(2) If there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that a person is someone in respect of whom directions may be given under any of paragraphs [^{F435}8 to 10A] or 12 to 14, that person may be detained under the authority of an immigration officer pending—
- (a) a decision whether or not to give such directions;
 - (b) his removal in pursuance of such directions.]
- [^{F436}(2A) But the detention of an unaccompanied child under sub-paragraph (2) is subject to paragraph 18B.]
- [^{F437}(2B) The detention under sub-paragraph (2) of a person to whom section 60 (limitation on detention of pregnant women) of the Immigration Act 2016 applies is subject to that section.]
- [^{F438}(2C) A person may be detained under the authority of an immigration officer—
- (a) if the immigration officer suspects that the person meets the four conditions in section 2 of the Illegal Migration Act 2023 (conditions relating to removal from the United Kingdom), pending a decision as to whether the conditions are met;
 - (b) if the immigration officer suspects that the Secretary of State has a duty to make arrangements for the removal of the person from the United Kingdom under that section, pending a decision as to whether the duty applies;
 - (c) if the Secretary of State has such a duty, pending the person's removal from the United Kingdom in accordance with that section;
 - (d) if the person meets those four conditions but the Secretary of State does not have such a duty by virtue of [subsection \(1\) of section 4](#) of that Act—
 - (i) pending a decision to give limited leave to enter or remain under the immigration rules to the person for the purposes of that subsection,
 - (ii) pending a decision to give leave under section 8AA of the Immigration Act 1971 (discretionary leave for persons generally ineligible for leave etc),
 - (iii) pending a decision to give leave under section 65(2) of the Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (leave to remain for victims of slavery or human trafficking), or
 - (iv) pending a decision to remove the person under [subsection \(2\) of section 4](#) of the Illegal Migration Act 2023 (power to remove unaccompanied children), and pending their removal in accordance with that subsection.

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- (2D) But if the immigration officer is satisfied that a woman being detained under sub-paragraph (2C) is pregnant, then the woman may not be detained under that sub-paragraph for a period of—
- (a) more than 72 hours from the relevant time, or
 - (b) more than seven days from the relevant time, in a case where the longer period of detention is authorised personally by a Minister of the Crown (within the meaning of the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975).
- (2E) A woman who has been released as a result of sub-paragraph (2D) may be detained again under sub-paragraph (2C) in accordance with sub-paragraph (2D).
- (2F) Where a woman being detained under sub-paragraph (2C) has previously been detained under section 62(2A) of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 and has not been released in between, the definition of “the relevant time” in sub-paragraph (2G) is to be read as if paragraph (b) referred to the time when the woman was first detained under sub-paragraph (2C) or section 62(2A) of that Act.
- (2G) In sub-paragraphs (2D) to (2F)—
- “the relevant time” means the later of—
- (a) the time at which the immigration officer is first satisfied that the woman is pregnant, and
 - (b) the time at which the detention under sub-paragraph (2C) begins;
- “woman” means a female of any age.
- (2H) The powers in sub-paragraph (2C) may be exercised in respect of an unaccompanied child only in the circumstances specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (2I) The Secretary of State may, by regulations, specify time limits that apply in relation to the detention of an unaccompanied child under sub-paragraph (2C)(d)(iv) (detention of unaccompanied child in relation to removal).
- (2J) Regulations under sub-paragraph (2H) may confer a discretion on the Secretary of State or an immigration officer.
- (2K) Regulations under sub-paragraph (2H) or (2I)—
- (a) may make different provision for different purposes;
 - (b) may make consequential, supplementary, incidental, transitional or saving provision;
 - (c) must be made by statutory instrument.
- (2L) A person who may be detained under sub-paragraph (2C) may no longer be detained under sub-paragraph (1), (1A), (1B), (2), (3) or (4).
- (2M) A person (of any age) detained under sub-paragraph (2C) may be detained in any place that the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (2N) A statutory instrument containing regulations under sub-paragraph (2H) or (2I) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (2P) In sub-paragraphs (2H) and (2I), “unaccompanied child” has the same meaning as in the Illegal Migration Act 2023 (see section 4 of that Act).]
- (3) A person on board a ship or aircraft may, under the authority of an immigration officer, be removed from the ship or aircraft for detention under this paragraph; but

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if an immigration officer so requires the captain of a ship or aircraft shall prevent from disembarking in the United Kingdom any person who has arrived in the United Kingdom in the ship or aircraft and been refused leave to enter, and the captain may for that purpose detain him in custody on board the ship or aircraft.

- (4) The captain of a ship or aircraft, if so required by an immigration officer, shall prevent from disembarking in the United Kingdom or before the directions for his removal have been fulfilled any person placed on board the ship or aircraft under paragraph 11 or 15 above, and the captain may for that purpose detain him in custody on board the ship or aircraft.

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[^{F440}(5) See paragraph 17A for further provision about the period for which persons may be detained under this paragraph.]

Textual Amendments

- F432** Sch. 2 para. 16(1A) inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 60; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. 1 (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)
- F433** Sch. 2 para. 16(1B) inserted (31.8.2006) by Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13), s. 42(3); S.I. 2006/2226, art. 3, Sch. 1 (subject to transitional provisions in art. 4)
- F434** Sch. 2 para. 16(2) substituted (11.11.1999) by 1999 c. 33, ss. 140(1), 170(3) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)
- F435** Words in Sch. 2 para. 16(2) substituted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 73(5) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, art. 2, Sch.
- F436** Sch. 2 para. 16(2A) inserted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), ss. 5(2), 75(3); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(d)
- F437** Sch. 2 para. 16(2B) inserted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), ss. 60(10), 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(m)
- F438** Sch. 2 para. 16(2C)-(2P) inserted (20.7.2023 for specified purposes) by Illegal Migration Act 2023 (c. 37), ss. 11(2), 68(1)(4)(d) (with s. 55(9))
- F439** Sch. 2 para. 16(4A) repealed by S.I. 1993/1813, art. 9(1), Sch. 6 Pt. I
- F440** Sch. 2 para. 16(5) inserted (28.9.2023) by Illegal Migration Act 2023 (c. 37), ss. 12(1)(a), 68(1) (with s. 55(9)); S.I. 2023/989, reg. 2(a)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C267** Sch. 2 para. 16 applied (2.10.2000) by Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), s. 9(4), 10 (as substituted (20.10.2014) by c. 22, ss. 1, 75(3); S.I. 2014/2771, art. 2(a) (with arts. 9-11) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8; and with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/2928, art. 2 (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(3), 9)); S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, Sch. 1 (subject to transitional provisions in art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)
- Sch. 2 para. 16 extended (14.12.2001) by 2001 c. 24, ss. 23(2)(a), 127(2)
- C268** Sch. 2 paras. 2-4, 7, 16-18, 21-24 applied (with modifications) (2.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 24(2) (with regs. 9, 28)
- Sch. 2 para. 16 applied (2.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 25(3)(a) (with regs. 9, 28)
- C269** Sch. 2 paras. 16-18A applied (with modifications) (31.1.2020) by The Immigration (Citizens' Rights Appeals) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/61), reg. 1(2), Sch. 3 para. 2(1)(a)(2)
- C270** Sch. 2 para. 16(1) modified (15.1.2018) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 10 para. 3(3); S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)

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C271 Sch. 2 para. 16(2)-(4) applied by 1999 c. 33, s. 10(9)(b) (as substituted (20.10.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), ss. 1, 75(3); S.I. 2014/2771, art. 2(a) (with arts. 9-11) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8; and with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/2928, art. 2 (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(3), 9)))

17 (1) A person liable to be detained under paragraph 16 above may be arrested without warrant by a constable or by an immigration officer.

(2) If—

(a) a justice of the peace is by written information on oath satisfied that there is reasonable ground for suspecting that a person liable to be arrested under this paragraph is to be found on any premises; or

(b) in Scotland, a sheriff, or a ^{F441} . . . justice of the peace, having jurisdiction in the place where the premises are situated is by evidence on oath so satisfied;

he may grant a warrant [^{F442}authorising any immigration officer or constable to enter], [^{F443}if need be by reasonable force], the premises named in the warrant for the purpose of searching for and arresting that person.

[^{F444}(3) Sub-paragraph (4) applies where an immigration officer or constable—

(a) enters premises in reliance on a warrant under sub-paragraph (2), and

(b) detains a person on the premises.

(4) A detainee custody officer may enter the premises, if need be by reasonable force, for the purpose of carrying out a search.

(5) In sub-paragraph (4)—

“detainee custody officer” means a person in respect of whom a certificate of authorisation is in force under section 154 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33) (detained persons: escort and custody), and

“search” means a search under paragraph 2(1)(a) of Schedule 13 to that Act (escort arrangements: power to search detained person).]

Textual Amendments

F441 Words in Sch. 2 para. 17(2)(b) repealed (1.10.1996) by 1996 c. 49, s. 12(1)(3), Sch. 2 para. 7, Sch. 4; S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, Sch. Pt. III

F442 Words in Sch. 2 para. 17(2) substituted (11.11.1999) by 1999 c. 33, ss. 140(2), 170(3) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

F443 Words in Sch. 2 para. 17(2) substituted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 63 (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, art. 2, Sch.

F444 Sch. 2 para. 17(3)-(5) inserted (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, s. 64 (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, art. 2, Sch.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C272 Sch. 2 para. 17 applied (2.10.2000) by 1999 c. 33, ss. 9(4), 10(7); S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, Sch. 1 (subject to transitional provisions in art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

C273 Sch. 2 paras. 2-4, 7, 16-18, 21-24 applied (with modifications) (2.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 24(2) (with regs. 9, 28)

Sch. 2 para. 17 applied (2.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 25(3)(a) (with regs. 9, 28)

C274 Sch. 2 para. 17 applied by The Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/1003), reg. 24(1) (as substituted (1.6.2009) by The Immigration (European Economic Area) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/1117), reg. 2, Sch. 1 para. 10(a))

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- C275** Sch. 2 para. 17 applied by 1999 c. 33, s. 10(9)(c) (as substituted (20.10.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), ss. 1, 75(3); S.I. 2014/2771, art. 2(a) (with arts. 9-11) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8; and with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/2928, art. 2 (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(3), 9)))
- C276** Sch. 2 para. 17 applied (1.2.2017 for specified purposes) by The Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1052), regs. 1(2)(b), 32(1), 40(7), 41(7)
- C277** Sch. 2 paras. 16-18A applied (with modifications) (31.1.2020) by The Immigration (Citizens' Rights Appeals) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/61), reg. 1(2), Sch. 3 para. 2(1)(a)(2)
- C278** Sch. 2 paras. 17-18A applied by S.I. 2016/1052, reg. 32(6) (as amended (28.9.2023) by Illegal Migration Act 2023 (c. 37), ss. 12(6), 68(1) (with s. 55(9)); S.I. 2023/989, reg. 2(a)
- C279** Sch. 2 para. 17(1) amended (2.8.1993) by S.I. 1993/1813, arts. 6, 1, Sch. 3 Pt. 1 para. 2(2)(a); Sch. 2 para. 17 amended by the said S.I. 1993/1813, arts. 6, 7, Sch. 3 para. 2, Sch. 4 as incorporated (with modifications) (1.12.1997) by S.I. 1994/1405, arts. 6, 8, Sch. 3 para. 3, Sch. 4 para. 11 Table

- [^{F445}17(A)] A person liable to be detained under paragraph 16 may be detained for such period as, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, is reasonably necessary to enable the examination or removal to be carried out, the decision to be made, or the directions to be given.
- (2) Sub-paragraphs (1) to (2), (2C), (3) and (4) of paragraph 16 apply regardless of whether there is anything that for the time being prevents the examination or removal from being carried out, the decision from being made, or the directions from being given.
- (3) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) are subject to—
- (a) paragraph 16(1B) (power to detain for examination for period not exceeding 12 hours);
 - (b) paragraph 16(2A) and paragraph 18B (limitation on detention of unaccompanied children);
 - (c) paragraph 16(2B) and section 60 of the Immigration Act 2016 (limitation on detention of pregnant women);
 - (d) paragraph 16(2D) to (2G) (limitation on detention of pregnant women).
- (4) Sub-paragraph (5) applies if, while a person is detained under paragraph 16, the Secretary of State no longer considers that the examination or removal will be carried out, the decision will be made, or the directions will be given within a reasonable period of time.
- (5) The person may be detained under paragraph 16 for such further period as, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, is reasonably necessary to enable such arrangements to be made for the person's release as the Secretary of State considers to be appropriate.
- (6) In the application of this paragraph in relation to detention under paragraph 16(3), references to "the removal" are to—
- (a) the removal of the person from the ship or aircraft on which the person is detained so that the person may be detained under paragraph 16, or
 - (b) the removal of the person from the United Kingdom in that ship or aircraft.
- (7) In the application of this paragraph in relation to detention under paragraph 16(4), references to "the removal" are to the removal of the person from the United Kingdom in the ship or aircraft on which the person is detained.]

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Textual Amendments

F445 Sch. 2 para. 17A inserted (28.9.2023) by [Illegal Migration Act 2023 \(c. 37\)](#), **ss. 12(1)(b)**, 68(1) (with s. 55(9)); S.I. 2023/989, reg. 2(a)

18 (1) Persons may be detained under paragraph 16 above in such places as the Secretary of State may direct (when not detained in accordance with paragraph 16 on board a ship or aircraft).

[^{F446}(1A) But the detention of an unaccompanied child under paragraph 16(2) is subject to paragraph 18B.]

(2) Where a person is detained [^{F447}or liable to be detained] under paragraph 16, any immigration officer, constable or prison officer, or any other person authorised by the Secretary of State, may take all such steps as may be reasonably necessary for photographing, measuring or otherwise identifying him.

[^{F448}(2A) The power conferred by sub-paragraph (2) includes power to take [^{F449}biometric information (within the meaning given by section 15 of the UK Borders Act 2007)].]

[^{F450}(2B) Paragraph 4(7) to (9) applies to sub-paragraph (2) as it applies to paragraph 4(5).]

(3) Any person detained under paragraph 16 may be taken in the custody of a constable, [^{F451}an immigration officer, or] any person acting under the authority of an immigration officer, to and from any place where his attendance is required for the purpose of ascertaining his citizenship or nationality or of making arrangements for his admission to a country or territory other than the United Kingdom, or where he is required to be for any other purpose connected with the operation of this Act.

(4) A person shall be deemed to be in legal custody at any time when he is detained under paragraph 16 or is being removed in pursuance of sub-paragraph (3) above.

Textual Amendments

F446 Sch. 2 para. 18(1A) inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 5(3)**, 75(3); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(d)

F447 Words in Sch. 2 para. 18(2) inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 9**, 75(3); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(h)

F448 Sch. 2 para. 18(2A) inserted (11.12.2000) by [1999 c. 33, s. 169\(1\)](#), [Sch. 14 paras. 43, 61](#); S.I. 2000/3099, art. 2, [Sch.](#) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, **art. 2**, [Sch.](#))

F449 Words in Sch. 2 para. 18(2A) substituted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 75(3), **Sch. 2 para. 1(4)**; S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(z)

F450 Sch. 2 para. 18(2B) inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 13(3)**, 75(3); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(l)

F451 Words in Sch. 2 para. 18(3) substituted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 75(3), **Sch. 1 para. 1**; S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(y)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C278 Sch. 2 paras. 17-18A applied by S.I. 2016/1052, **reg. 32(6)** (as amended (28.9.2023) by [Illegal Migration Act 2023 \(c. 37\)](#), **ss. 12(6)**, 68(1) (with s. 55(9)); S.I. 2023/989, **reg. 2(a)**)

C280 Sch. 2 para. 18 applied (2.10.2000) by [Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 \(c. 33\)](#), **ss. 9(4)**, 10 (as substituted (20.10.2014) by [2014 c. 22, ss. 1](#), 75(3); S.I. 2014/2771, art. 2(a) (with arts. 9-11) (as amended

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(2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8; and with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/2928](#), art. 2 (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), arts. 1(3), 9)); [S.I. 2000/2444](#), art. 2, [Sch. 1](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [art. 3](#), [Sch. 2 para. 2](#)) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by [S.I. 2003/1252](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#))

C281 Sch. 2 paras. 2-4, 7, 16-18, 21-24 applied (with modifications) (2.10.2000) by [S.I. 2000/2326](#), [reg. 24\(2\)](#) (with [regs. 9](#), 28)

Sch. 2 para. 18 applied (2.10.2000) by [S.I. 2000/2326](#), [reg. 25\(3\)\(a\)](#) (with [regs. 9](#), 28)

C282 Sch. 2 para. 18 applied by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) Regulations 2006](#) ([S.I. 2006/1003](#)), [reg. 24\(1\)](#) (as substituted (1.6.2009) by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2009](#) ([S.I. 2009/1117](#)), [reg. 2](#), [Sch. 1 para. 10\(a\)](#))

C283 Sch. 2 paras. 16-18A applied (with modifications) (31.1.2020) by [The Immigration \(Citizens' Rights Appeals\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020](#) ([S.I. 2020/61](#)), [reg. 1\(2\)](#), [Sch. 3 para. 2\(1\)\(a\)\(2\)](#)

[^{F452}18(A)] An immigration officer or constable may search a person (“P”) who is detained under paragraph 16 for anything which P might use—

- (a) to cause physical injury to P or others, or
- (b) to assist P's escape from legal custody.

(2) The power to search P—

- (a) unless sub-paragraph (3) applies, does not include power to require P to remove any clothing other than an outer coat, jacket or glove, but
- (b) includes power to require P to open P's mouth.

(3) This sub-paragraph applies if an immigration officer or constable has reasonable grounds to believe that there is concealed on P anything which P might use as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1).

(4) The power to search P may be exercised only to the extent reasonably required for the purpose of discovering anything which P might use as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1).

(5) An intimate search (as defined in section 28H(11)) may not be conducted under this paragraph.

(6) An immigration officer or constable may seize and retain anything found on a search of P if the officer or constable has reasonable grounds to believe P might use it as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1).

(7) Nothing seized under sub-paragraph (6) may be retained when P is released from detention under paragraph 16.]

Textual Amendments

F452 Sch. 2 para. 18A inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014](#) (c. 22), s. 75(3), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(1\)](#); [S.I. 2014/1820](#), art. 3(y)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C278 Sch. 2 paras. 17-18A applied by [S.I. 2016/1052](#), [reg. 32\(6\)](#) (as amended (28.9.2023) by [Illegal Migration Act 2023](#) (c. 37), [ss. 12\(6\)](#), 68(1) (with s. 55(9)); [S.I. 2023/989](#), [reg. 2\(a\)](#))

C284 Sch. 2 para. 18A applied by [Immigration and Asylum Act 1999](#) (c. 33), s. 10(9)(e) (as substituted (20.10.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014](#) (c. 22), [ss. 1](#), 75(3); [S.I. 2014/2771](#), art. 2(a) (with [arts. 9-11](#)) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8; and with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/2928](#), art. 2 (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), arts. 1(3), 9))

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C285 Sch. 2 para. 18A applied (1.2.2017 for specified purposes) by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1052\)](#), regs. 1(2)(b), **32(1)**

C286 Sch. 2 paras. 16-18A applied (with modifications) (31.1.2020) by [The Immigration \(Citizens' Rights Appeals\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/61\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 2(1)(a)(2)**

[^{F453}18B] (1) Where a person detained under paragraph 16(2) is an unaccompanied child, the only place where the child may be detained is a short-term holding facility, except where—

- (a) the child is being transferred to or from a short-term holding facility, or
- (b) sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 18 applies.

(2) An unaccompanied child may be detained under paragraph 16(2) in a short-term holding facility for a maximum period of 24 hours, and only for so long as the following two conditions are met.

(3) The first condition is that—

- (a) directions are in force that require the child to be removed from the short-term holding facility within the relevant 24 hour period, or
- (b) a decision on whether or not to give directions is likely to result in such directions.

(4) The second condition is that the immigration officer under whose authority the child is being detained reasonably believes that the child will be removed from the short-term holding facility within the relevant 24 hour period in accordance with those directions.

(5) An unaccompanied child detained under paragraph 16(2) who has been removed from a short-term holding facility and detained elsewhere may be detained again in a short-term holding facility but only if, and for as long as, the relevant 24 hour period has not ended.

(6) An unaccompanied child who has been released following detention under paragraph 16(2) may be detained again in a short-term holding facility in accordance with this paragraph.

(7) In this paragraph—

“relevant 24 hour period”, in relation to the detention of a child in a short-term holding facility, means the period of 24 hours starting when the child was detained (or, in a case falling within sub-paragraph (5), first detained) in a short-term holding facility;

“short-term holding facility” has the same meaning as in Part 8 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;

“unaccompanied child” means a person—

- (a) who is under the age of 18, and
- (b) who is not accompanied (whilst in detention) by his or her parent or another individual who has care of him or her.]

Textual Amendments

F453 Sch. 2 para. 18B inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 5(4)**, 75(3); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(d)

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C287 Sch. 2 para. 18B applied by Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), s. 10(9)(f) (as substituted (20.10.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 1, 75(3)**; [S.I. 2014/2771](#), **art. 2(a)** (with **arts. 9-11**) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), **arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8**; and with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/2928](#), **art. 2** (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), **arts. 1(3), 9**))

- 19 (1) Where a person is refused leave to enter the United Kingdom and directions are given in respect of him under paragraph 8 or 10 above, then subject to the provisions of this paragraph the owners or agents of the ship or aircraft in which he arrived ^{F454} . . . shall be liable to pay the Secretary of State on demand any expenses incurred by the latter in respect of the custody, accommodation or maintenance of that person [^{F455}for any period (not exceeding 14 days)] after his arrival while he was detained or liable to be detained under paragraph 16 above.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) above shall not apply to expenses in respect of a person who, when he arrived in the United Kingdom, held a [^{F456}certificate of entitlement] or a current entry clearance or was the person named in a current work permit; and for this purpose a document purporting to be a [^{F456}certificate of entitlement], entry clearance or work permit is to be regarded as being one unless its falsity is reasonably apparent.
- (3) If, before the directions for a person's removal under paragraph 8 or 10 above have been carried out, he is given leave to enter the United Kingdom, or if he is afterwards given that leave in consequence of the determination in his favour of an appeal under this Act (being an appeal against a refusal of leave to enter by virtue of which the directions were given), or it is determined on an appeal under this Act that he does not require leave to enter (being an appeal occasioned by such a refusal), no sum shall be demanded under subparagraph (1) above for expenses incurred in respect of that person and any sum already demanded and paid shall be refunded.
- (4) Sub-paragraph (1) above shall not have effect in relation to directions which, in consequence of an appeal under this Act, have ceased to have effect or are for the time being of no effect; and the expenses to which that sub-paragraph applies include expenses in conveying the person in question to and from the place where he is detained or accommodated unless the journey is made for the purpose of attending an appeal by him under this Act.

Textual Amendments

F454 Words in Sch. 2 para. 19(1) repealed (2.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1813](#), **art. 9(1)**, **Sch. 6 Pt. I**

F455 Words in Sch. 2 para. 19(1) substituted (1.9.1996) by [1996 c. 49](#), **s. 12(1)**, **Sch. 2 para.8**; [S.I. 1996/2053](#), **art. 2**, **Sch. Pt.II**

F456 Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\)](#), **s. 52(7)**, **Sch. 4 para. 3(1)** (with [Sch. 8 para. 8](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C288 Sch. 2 para. 19 applied (with modifications) (2.10.2000) by [S.I. 2000/2326](#), **reg. 25(3)(b)** (with **regs. 9, 28**)

C289 Sch. 2 para. 19 applied by Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), **s. 10(9)(g)** (as substituted (20.10.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 1, 75(3)**; [S.I. 2014/2771](#), **art. 2(a)** (with **arts. 9-11**) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), **arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8**; and with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/2928](#), **art. 2** (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/371](#), **arts. 1(3), 9**))

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20 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, in either of the following cases, that is to say,—

- (a) where directions are given in respect of an illegal entrant under paragraph 9 or 10 above; and
- (b) where a person has lawfully entered the United Kingdom without leave by virtue of section 8(1) of this Act, but directions are given in respect of him under paragraph 13(2)(A) above or, in a case within paragraph 13(2)(A), under paragraph 14;

the owners or agents of the ship or aircraft in which he arrived in the United Kingdom^{F457} . . . shall be liable to pay the Secretary of State on demand any expenses incurred by the latter in respect of the custody, accommodation or maintenance of that person [F458 for any period (not exceeding 14 days)] after his arrival while he was detained or liable to be detained under paragraph 16 above.

^{F459}[(1A) Sub-paragraph (1) above shall not apply to expenses in respect of an illegal entrant if he obtained leave to enter by deception and the leave has not been cancelled under paragraph 6(2) above.]

(2) If, before the directions for a person's removal from the United Kingdom have been carried out, he is given leave to remain in the United Kingdom, no sum shall be demanded under sub-paragraph (1) above for expenses incurred in respect of that person and any sum already demanded and paid shall be refunded.

(3) Sub-paragraph (1) above shall not have effect in relation to directions which, in consequence of an appeal under this Act, are for the time being of no effect; and the expenses to which that sub-paragraph applies include expenses in conveying the person in question to and from the place where he is detained or accommodated unless the journey is made for the purpose of attending an appeal by him under this Act.

Textual Amendments

F457 Words in Sch. 2 para. 20(1) repealed (2.8.1993) by S.I. 1993/1813 art. 9(1), Sch. 6 Pt. I

F458 Words in Sch. 2 para. 20(1) substituted (1.9.1996) by 1996 c. 49, s. 12(1), **Sch. 2 para. 9(1)**; S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, **Sch. Pt. II**

F459 Sch. 2 para. 20(1A) inserted (1.9.1996) by 1996 c. 49, s. 12(1), **Sch. 2 para. 9(2)**; S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, **Sch. Pt. II**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C290 Sch. 2 para. 20 applied by Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), s. 10(9)(g) (as substituted (20.10.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), ss. 1, 75(3); S.I. 2014/2771, art. 2(a) (with arts. 9-11) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8; and with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/2928, art. 2 (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(3), 9)))

C291 Sch. 2 para. 20(1) restricted (10.6.1991) by Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (c. 5, SIF 39:1), s. 6(6)(b); S.I. 1991/1072, art. 2, **Sch. Pt. I**

Temporary admission or release of persons liable to detention

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Textual Amendments

F460 Sch. 2 paras. 21-25 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 20](#); [S.I. 2017/1241](#), [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2018/31](#), [reg. 2](#))

F46022

Textual Amendments

F460 Sch. 2 paras. 21-25 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 20](#); [S.I. 2017/1241](#), [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2018/31](#), [reg. 2](#))

F46023

Textual Amendments

F460 Sch. 2 paras. 21-25 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 20](#); [S.I. 2017/1241](#), [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2018/31](#), [reg. 2](#))

F46024

Textual Amendments

F460 Sch. 2 paras. 21-25 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 20](#); [S.I. 2017/1241](#), [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2018/31](#), [reg. 2](#))

F46025.

Textual Amendments

F461 Heading inserted (14.2.2000) by [1999 c. 33](#), s. 132(2); [S.I. 2000/168](#), art. 2, [Sch](#)

[^{F461} Entry and search of premises]

Textual Amendments

F461 Heading inserted (14.2.2000) by [1999 c. 33](#), s. 132(2); [S.I. 2000/168](#), art. 2, [Sch](#)

- ^{F462}25(A) This paragraph applies if—
 - (a) a person is arrested under this Schedule; or
 - (b) a person who was arrested [^{F463}other than under this Schedule] is detained by an immigration officer under this Schedule.
- (2) An immigration officer may enter and search any premises—
 - (a) occupied or controlled by the arrested person, or
 - (b) in which that person was when he was arrested, or immediately before he was arrested,

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for relevant documents.

- (3) The power may be exercised—
- (a) only if the officer has reasonable grounds for believing that there are relevant documents on the premises;
 - (b) only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering relevant documents; and
 - (c) subject to sub-paragraph (4), only if a senior officer has authorised its exercise in writing.
- (4) An immigration officer may conduct a search under sub-paragraph (2)—
- (a) before taking the arrested person to a place where he is to be detained; and
 - (b) without obtaining an authorisation under sub-paragraph (3)(c),
- if the presence of that person at a place other than one where he is to be detained is necessary to make an effective search for any relevant documents.
- (5) An officer who has conducted a search under sub-paragraph (4) must inform a senior officer as soon as is practicable.
- (6) The officer authorising a search, or who is informed of one under sub-paragraph (5), must make a record in writing of—
- (a) the grounds for the search; and
 - (b) the nature of the documents that were sought.

[If, on an application made by an immigration officer, a justice of the peace is satisfied^{F464}(6A) that—

- (a) there are reasonable grounds for believing that relevant documents may be found on premises not within sub-paragraph (2) which are [^{F465}mentioned in sub-paragraph (6AA)] , and
- (b) any of the conditions in sub-paragraph (6B) is met, [^{F466}in relation to each set of premises specified in the application,]

the justice of the peace may issue a warrant authorising an immigration officer to enter and search the premises.

[The premises referred to in sub-paragraph (6A) above are—

- ^{F467}(6AA)
- (a) one or more sets of premises specified in the application, or
 - (b) subject to sub-paragraph (6BA), any premises occupied or controlled by a person specified in the application, including such sets of premises as are so specified (in which case the application is for an “all premises warrant”).

(6AB) If the application is for an all premises warrant, the justice of the peace must also be satisfied—

- (a) that there are reasonable grounds for believing that it is necessary to search premises occupied or controlled by the person in question which are not specified in the application in order to find the relevant documents, and
- (b) that it is not reasonably practicable to specify in the application all the premises which the person occupies or controls and which might need to be searched.

(6AC) Subject to sub-paragraph (6BA), the warrant may authorise entry to and search of premises on more than one occasion if, on the application, the justice of the peace

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is satisfied that it is necessary to authorise multiple entries in order to achieve the purpose for which the justice issues the warrant.

(6AD) If it authorises multiple entries, the number of entries authorised may be unlimited, or limited to a maximum.]

(6B) The conditions [^{F468}mentioned in sub-paragraph (6A)(b)] are that—

- (a) it is not practicable to communicate with any person entitled to grant entry to the premises;
- (b) it is practicable to communicate with a person entitled to grant entry to the premises but it is not practicable to communicate with any person entitled to grant access to the relevant documents;
- (c) entry to the premises will not be granted unless a warrant is produced;
- (d) the purpose of a search may be frustrated or seriously prejudiced unless an immigration officer arriving at the premises can secure immediate entry.

[A justice of the peace in Scotland may not issue—

- ^{F469}(6BA) (a) an all premises warrant under this paragraph, or
 (b) a warrant under this paragraph authorising multiple entries.]

(6C) In the application of [^{F470}sub-paragraphs (6A) to (6BA)] to Scotland, references to a justice of the peace are to be treated as references to the sheriff or a justice of the peace.]

(7) An officer searching premises under [^{F471}this paragraph] —

- (a) may seize ^{F472}... any documents he finds which he has reasonable grounds for believing are relevant documents; ^{F473}...

^{F473}(b)

[Sub-paragraph (7B) applies where—

- ^{F474}(7A) (a) an officer is searching premises under this paragraph, and
 (b) any document the officer has reasonable grounds for believing is a relevant document is stored in any electronic form and is accessible from the premises.

(7B) The officer may require the document to be produced in a form in which it can be taken away and in which it is visible and legible or from which it can readily be produced in a visible and legible form.

(7C) If a requirement under sub-paragraph (7B) is not complied with or a document to which that sub-paragraph applies cannot be produced in a form of the kind mentioned in that sub-paragraph, the officer may seize the device or medium on which it is stored.]

(8) But [^{F475}sub-paragraph (7)(a)] does not apply to documents which the officer has reasonable grounds for believing are items subject to legal privilege.

[An immigration officer may retain a document seized under [^{F477}this paragraph] ^{F476}(8A) while the officer has reasonable grounds for believing that—

- (a) the arrested person may be liable to removal from the United Kingdom in accordance with a provision of the Immigration Acts, and
- (b) retention of the document may facilitate the person's removal.]

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- (9) “Relevant documents” means any documents which might—
- (a) establish the arrested person’s identity, nationality or citizenship; or
 - (b) indicate the place from which he has travelled to the United Kingdom or to which he is proposing to go.
- (10) “Senior officer” means an immigration officer not below the rank of chief immigration officer.]

Textual Amendments

- F462** Sch. 2 para. 25A inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 132(2); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)
- F463** Words in Sch. 2 para. 25A(1)(b) substituted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 1 para. 3(2); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(y)
- F464** Sch. 2 paras. 25A(6A)-(6C) inserted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 1 para. 3(3); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(y)
- F465** Words in Sch. 2 para. 25A(6A) substituted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 6(2)(a); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F466** Words in Sch. 2 para. 25A(6A)(b) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 6(2)(b); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F467** Sch. 2 paras. 25A(6AA)-(6AD) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 6(3); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F468** Words in Sch. 2 para. 25A(6b) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 6(4); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F469** Sch. 2 paras. 25A(6BA) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 6(5); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F470** Words in Sch. 2 para. 25A(6C) substituted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 8 para. 6(6); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(k)
- F471** Words in Sch. 2 para. 25A(7) substituted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 1 para. 3(4)(a); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(y)
- F472** Words in Sch. 2 para. 25A(7)(a) omitted (28.7.2014) by virtue of Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 1 para. 3(4)(b); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(y)
- F473** Sch. 2 para. 25A(7)(b) omitted (28.7.2014) by virtue of Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 1 para. 3(4)(c); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(y)
- F474** Sch. 2 paras. 25A(7A)-(7C) inserted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), ss. 46(4)(a), 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(g)
- F475** Words in Sch. 2 para. 25A(8) substituted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), ss. 46(4)(b), 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(g)
- F476** Sch. 2 para. 25A(8A) inserted (28.7.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 75(3), Sch. 1 para. 3(5); S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(y)
- F477** Words in Sch. 2 para. 25A(8A) substituted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), ss. 46(4)(c), 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(g)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C292** Sch. 2 paras. 25A-25E applied by Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), s. 10(9)(j) (as substituted (20.10.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), ss. 1, 75(3); S.I. 2014/2771, art. 2(a) (with arts. 9-11) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8; and with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/2928, art. 2 (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(3), 9)))
- C293** Sch. 2 paras. 25A-25C applied (15.1.2018) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 10 para. 10(8); S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)

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[^{F478} Searching persons arrested by immigration officers]

Textual Amendments

F478 Heading inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 134(2); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch

- [^{F479}25(1)] This paragraph applies if a person is arrested under this Schedule.
- (2) An immigration officer may search the arrested person if he has reasonable grounds for believing that the arrested person may present a danger to himself or others.
 - (3) The officer may search the arrested person for—
 - (a) anything which he might use to assist his escape from lawful custody; or
 - (b) any document which might—
 - (i) establish his identity, nationality or citizenship; or
 - (ii) indicate the place from which he has travelled to the United Kingdom or to which he is proposing to go.
 - (4) The power conferred by sub-paragraph (3) may be exercised—
 - (a) only if the officer has reasonable grounds for believing that the arrested person may have concealed on him anything of a kind mentioned in that sub-paragraph; and
 - (b) only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering any such thing.
 - (5) A power conferred by this paragraph to search a person is not to be read as authorising an officer to require a person to remove any of his clothing in public other than an outer coat, jacket or glove; but it does authorise the search of a person's mouth.
 - (6) An officer searching a person under sub-paragraph (2) may seize and retain anything he finds, if he has reasonable grounds for believing that the person searched might use it to cause physical injury to himself or to another person.
 - (7) An officer searching a person under sub-paragraph (3)(a) may seize and retain anything he finds, if he has reasonable grounds for believing that he might use it to assist his escape from lawful custody.
 - (8) An officer searching a person under sub-paragraph (3)(b) may seize and retain anything he finds, other than an item subject to legal privilege, if he has reasonable grounds for believing that it might be a document falling within that sub-paragraph.
- [Sub-paragraph (8B) applies where—
- ^{F480}(8A)
 - (a) an officer is searching a person under this paragraph, and
 - (b) any document the officer has reasonable grounds for believing is a document within sub-paragraph (3)(b) is stored in any electronic form on a device or medium found on the person.
- (8B) The officer may require the document to be produced in a form in which it can be taken away and in which it is visible and legible or from which it can readily be produced in a visible and legible form.
- (8C) If a requirement under sub-paragraph (8B) is not complied with or a document to which that sub-paragraph applies cannot be produced in a form of the kind mentioned

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in that sub-paragraph, the officer may seize the device or medium on which it is stored.

(8D) Sub-paragraphs (8B) and (8C) do not apply to a document which the officer has reasonable grounds for believing is an item subject to legal privilege.]

(9) Nothing seized under sub-paragraph (6) or (7) may be retained when the person from whom it was seized—

- (a) is no longer in custody, or
- (b) is in the custody of a court but has been released on bail.]

Textual Amendments

F479 Sch. 2 para. 25B inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 134(2); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

F480 Sch. 2 paras. 25B(8A)-(8D) inserted (12.7.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), ss. 46(5), 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(g)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C292 Sch. 2 paras. 25A-25E applied by Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), s. 10(9)(j) (as substituted (20.10.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), ss. 1, 75(3); S.I. 2014/2771, art. 2(a) (with arts. 9-11) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8; and with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/2928, art. 2 (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(3), 9)))

C293 Sch. 2 paras. 25A-25C applied (15.1.2018) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 10 para. 10(8); S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)

[^{F481} Searching persons in police custody]

Textual Amendments

F481 Heading inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 135(2); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch

[^{F482}25(1) This paragraph applies if a person—

- (a) has been arrested under this Schedule; and
- (b) is in custody at a police station.

(2) An immigration officer may, at any time, search the arrested person in order to ascertain whether he has with him—

- (a) anything which he might use to—
 - (i) cause physical injury to himself or others;
 - (ii) damage property;
 - (iii) interfere with evidence; or
 - (iv) assist his escape; or
- (b) any document which might—
 - (i) establish his identity, nationality or citizenship; or
 - (ii) indicate the place from which he has travelled to the United Kingdom or to which he is proposing to go.

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- (3) The power may be exercised only to the extent that the officer considers it to be necessary for the purpose of discovering anything of a kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (2).
- (4) An officer searching a person under this paragraph may seize and retain anything he finds, if he has reasonable grounds for believing that—
- (a) that person might use it for one or more of the purposes mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(a); or
 - (b) it might be a document falling within sub-paragraph (2)(b).
- (5) But the officer may not retain anything seized under sub-paragraph (2)(a)—
- (a) for longer than is necessary in view of the purpose for which the search was carried out; or
 - (b) when the person from whom it was seized is no longer in custody or is in the custody of a court but has been released on bail.
- (6) The person from whom something is seized must be told the reason for the seizure unless he is—
- (a) violent or appears likely to become violent; or
 - (b) incapable of understanding what is said to him.
- (7) An intimate search may not be conducted under this paragraph.
- (8) The person carrying out a search under this paragraph must be of the same sex as the person searched.
- (9) “Intimate search” has the same meaning as in section 28H(11).]

Textual Amendments

F482 Sch. 2 para. 25C inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 135(2); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C292 Sch. 2 paras. 25A-25E applied by Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), s. 10(9)(j) (as substituted (20.10.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), ss. 1, 75(3); S.I. 2014/2771, art. 2(a) (with arts. 9-11) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8; and with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/2928, art. 2 (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(3), 9)))

C293 Sch. 2 paras. 25A-25C applied (15.1.2018) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 10 para. 10(8); S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)

[^{F483}Entry of premises to search for driving licence

Textual Amendments

F483 Sch. 2 paras. 25CA-25CC and cross-headings inserted (31.7.2017 for specified purposes) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), ss. 43(2), 94(1) (with s. 43(5)); S.I. 2017/799, reg. 2

- 25CA (1) An authorised officer may exercise the powers in this section if the officer has reasonable grounds for believing that a person—
- (a) is in possession of a driving licence, and

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- (b) is not lawfully resident in the United Kingdom.
- (2) The authorised officer may enter and search any premises—
 - (a) occupied or controlled by the person, or
 - (b) in which the person was when the person was encountered by the officer, for the driving licence.
- (3) The power conferred by sub-paragraph (2) may be exercised—
 - (a) only if the authorised officer has reasonable grounds for believing that the driving licence is on the premises,
 - (b) only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering the driving licence, and
 - (c) unless the authorised officer is a constable, only if a senior officer has authorised its exercise in writing.
- (4) Sub-paragraph (3)(c) does not apply where it is not reasonably practicable for the authorised officer to obtain the authorisation of a senior officer before exercising the power.
- (5) An authorised officer who has conducted a search in reliance on sub-paragraph (4) must inform a senior officer as soon as is practicable.
- (6) The senior officer authorising a search, or who is informed of one under sub-paragraph (5), must make a record in writing of the grounds for the search.
- (7) In this paragraph and paragraphs 25CB and 25CC—
 - “authorised officer” means—
 - (a) an immigration officer,
 - (b) a constable, or
 - (c) a person of a kind authorised for the purposes of this paragraph and paragraphs 25CB and 25CC by the Secretary of State;
 - “driving licence”—
 - (a) means a licence to drive a motor vehicle granted under Part 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 or Part II of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (SI 1981/154 (NI 1)), and
 - (b) includes a licence of that kind which has been revoked;
 - “senior officer” means—
 - (a) in relation to an authorised officer who is an immigration officer, an immigration officer not below the rank of chief immigration officer;
 - (b) in relation to an authorised officer other than an immigration officer, a person of a kind designated by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this paragraph in relation to an authorised officer of that kind.
- (8) For the purposes of this paragraph and paragraphs 25CB and 25CC a person is not lawfully resident in the United Kingdom if the person requires leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom but does not have it.

Searching persons for driving licences

- 25CB (1) An authorised officer may exercise the powers in this section if the officer has reasonable grounds for believing that a person—
- (a) is in possession of a driving licence, and

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- (b) is not lawfully resident in the United Kingdom.
- (2) The authorised officer may search the person for the driving licence.
- (3) The power conferred by sub-paragraph (2) may be exercised—
 - (a) only if the authorised officer has reasonable grounds for believing that the driving licence may be concealed on the person, and
 - (b) only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering the driving licence.
- (4) An intimate search may not be carried out under sub-paragraph (2).
- (5) In sub-paragraph (4) “intimate search” has the same meaning as in section 28H(11).

Seizure and retention of driving licence

- 25CC (1) If an authorised officer who is exercising a power to search a person or premises finds a driving licence to which this sub-paragraph applies in the course of the search, the officer may seize and retain the licence.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) applies to a driving licence if—
 - (a) the authorised officer finds the licence in the possession of a person who the authorised officer has reasonable grounds for believing is not lawfully resident in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) the authorised officer has reasonable grounds for believing that the holder of the licence is not lawfully resident in the United Kingdom.
 - (3) A driving licence seized under sub-paragraph (1) must, as soon as practicable, be given to—
 - (a) the Secretary of State, in the case of a licence granted by the Secretary of State, or
 - (b) the Department for Infrastructure for Northern Ireland, in the case of a licence granted by the Department.
 - (4) A person who is in possession of a driving licence by virtue of sub-paragraph (3) must retain it if—
 - (a) it has not been revoked,
 - (b) it has been revoked but the time limit for an appeal against revocation of the licence has not expired, or
 - (c) it has been revoked, such an appeal has been brought but the appeal has not been determined.
 - (5) A driving licence which is required to be retained under sub-paragraph (4) must be retained—
 - (a) until a decision is taken not to revoke it, or
 - (b) if it has been or is subsequently revoked—
 - (i) until the time limit for an appeal against revocation of the licence expires without an appeal being brought, or
 - (ii) until such an appeal is determined.
 - (6) A driving licence which is in the possession of a person by virtue of sub-paragraph (3) but which is not required to be retained under sub-paragraphs (4) and (5) must be returned to the holder if—

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- (a) a decision is taken not to revoke the licence, or
 - (b) an appeal against revocation of the licence is determined in favour of the holder.
- (7) Otherwise the driving licence may be dealt with in such manner as that person thinks fit.
- (8) Neither the Secretary of State nor the Department for Infrastructure for Northern Ireland is obliged to re-issue a licence which has been seized and retained under this paragraph.
- (9) References in this paragraph to an appeal against the revocation of a licence are to—
- (a) an appeal under section 100 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, in the case of a licence granted by the Secretary of State, or
 - (b) an appeal under Article 16 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (SI 1981/154 (NI 1)), in the case of a licence granted by the Department for Infrastructure for Northern Ireland.
- (10) References in this paragraph to the holder of a driving licence, in relation to a licence that has been revoked, include the person who was the holder of the licence before it was revoked.]

[^{F484} Access and copying]

Textual Amendments

F484 Heading inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 136(2); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch

- [^{F485}25(f)] If a person showing himself—
- (a) to be the occupier of the premises on which seized material was seized, or
 - (b) to have had custody or control of the material immediately before it was seized,
- asks the immigration officer who seized the material for a record of what he seized, the officer must provide the record to that person within a reasonable time.
- (2) If a relevant person asks an immigration officer for permission to be granted access to seized material, the officer must arrange for that person to have access to the material under the supervision of an immigration officer.
- (3) An immigration officer may photograph or copy, or have photographed or copied, seized material.
- (4) If a relevant person asks an immigration officer for a photograph or copy of seized material, the officer must arrange for—
- (a) that person to have access to the material under the supervision of an immigration officer for the purpose of photographing or copying it; or
 - (b) the material to be photographed or copied.
- (5) A photograph or copy made under sub-paragraph (4)(b) must be supplied within a reasonable time.

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- (6) There is no duty under this paragraph to arrange for access to, or the supply of a photograph or copy of, any material if there are reasonable grounds for believing that to do so would prejudice—
- (a) the exercise of any functions in connection with which the material was seized; or
 - (b) an investigation which is being conducted under this Act, or any criminal proceedings which may be brought as a result.
- (7) “Relevant person” means—
- (a) a person who had custody or control of seized material immediately before it was seized, or
 - (b) someone acting on behalf of such a person.
- (8) “Seized material” means anything which has been seized and retained under this Schedule [^{F486}other than a driving licence seized under paragraph 25CC].]

Textual Amendments

F485 Sch. 2 para. 25D inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 136(2); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

F486 Words in Sch. 2 para. 25D(8) inserted (31.7.2017 for specified purposes) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), ss. 43(3), 94(1); S.I. 2017/799, reg. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C292 Sch. 2 paras. 25A-25E applied by Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), s. 10(9)(j) (as substituted (20.10.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), ss. 1, 75(3); S.I. 2014/2771, art. 2(a) (with arts. 9-11) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8; and with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/2928, art. 2 (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(3), 9)))

[^{F487}25E Section 28L applies for the purposes of this Schedule as it applies for the purposes of Part III.]

Textual Amendments

F487 Sch. 2 para. 25E inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 139; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C292 Sch. 2 paras. 25A-25E applied by Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), s. 10(9)(j) (as substituted (20.10.2014) by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), ss. 1, 75(3); S.I. 2014/2771, art. 2(a) (with arts. 9-11) (as amended (2.3.2015 and 6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(2)(3), 7, 8; and with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/2928, art. 2 (which S.I. is revoked (6.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/371, arts. 1(3), 9)))

Supplementary duties of those connected with ships or aircraft or with ports

- 26 (1) The owners or agents of a ship or aircraft employed to carry passengers for reward shall not, without the approval of the Secretary of State, arrange for the ship or aircraft to call at a port in the United Kingdom other than a port of entry for the purpose of disembarking passengers, if any of the passengers on board may not enter the United Kingdom without leave ^{F488}. . . , or for the purpose of embarking passengers unless

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the owners or agents have reasonable cause to believe all of them to be [^{F489}British citizens].

[^{F490}(1A) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply in such circumstances, if any, as the Secretary of State may by order prescribe.]

(2) The Secretary of State may from time to time give written notice to the owners or agents of any ships or aircraft designating control areas for the embarkation or disembarkation of passengers in any port in the United Kingdom, and specifying the conditions and restrictions (if any) to be observed in any control area; and where by notice given to any owners or agents a control area is for the time being designated for the embarkation or disembarkation of passengers at any port, the owners or agents shall take all reasonable steps to secure that, in the case of their ships or aircraft, passengers do not embark or disembark, as the case may be, at the port outside the control area and that any conditions or restrictions notified to them are observed.

(3) The Secretary of State may also from time to time give to any persons concerned with the management of a port in the United Kingdom written notice designating control areas in the port and specifying conditions or restrictions to be observed in any control area; and any such person shall take all reasonable steps to secure that any conditions or restrictions as notified to him are observed.

[^{F491}(3A) The power conferred by sub-paragraph (1A) is exercisable by statutory instrument; and any such instrument shall be subject to annulment by a resolution of either House of Parliament.]

Textual Amendments

F488 Words in Sch. 2 para. 26(1) repealed (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1)(3), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 64(1)(2), Sch. 16; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

F489 Words substituted by British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61), s. 52(7), Sch. 4 para. 2 (with Sch. 8 para. 8)

F490 Sch. 2 para. 26(1A) inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 64(1)(3); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

F491 Sch. 2 para. 26(3A) inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 64(1)(4); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C294 Sch. 2 para. 26(1) amended (17.2.2003 for certain purposes and 1.4.2003 otherwise) by 1999 c. 33, s. 25(4)(a); S.I. 2003/2, art. 2, Sch.

- 27 (1) The captain of a ship or aircraft arriving in the United Kingdom—
- (a) shall take such steps as may be necessary to secure that persons on board do not disembark there unless either they have been examined by an immigration officer, or they disembark in accordance with arrangements approved by an immigration officer, or they are members of the crew who may lawfully enter the United Kingdom without leave by virtue of section 8(1) of this Act; and
 - (b) where the examination of persons on board is to be carried out on the ship or aircraft, shall take such steps as may be necessary to secure that those to be examined are presented for the purpose in an orderly manner.

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- [^{F492}(1A) Sub-paragraph (1) also applies to the captain of a ship or aircraft arriving in United Kingdom waters if—
- (a) there are offshore workers on board, or
 - (b) an immigration officer has informed the captain that they wish to examine any person on board in the exercise of the power under paragraph 2.
- (1B) In sub-paragraph (1A), “offshore worker” and “United Kingdom waters” have the same meaning as in section 11A.]
- [^{F493}(2) The Secretary of State may by order require, or enable an immigration officer to require, a responsible person in respect of a ship or aircraft to supply—
- (a) a passenger list showing the names and nationality or citizenship of passengers arriving or leaving on board the ship or aircraft;
 - (b) particulars of members of the crew of the ship or aircraft.
- (3) An order under sub-paragraph (2) may relate—
- (a) to all ships or aircraft arriving or expected to arrive in the United Kingdom;
 - (b) to all ships or aircraft leaving or expected to leave the United Kingdom;
 - (c) to ships or aircraft arriving or expected to arrive in the United Kingdom from or by way of a specified country;
 - (d) to ships or aircraft leaving or expected to leave the United Kingdom to travel to or by way of a specified country;
 - (e) to specified ships or specified aircraft.
- (4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2) the following are responsible persons in respect of a ship or aircraft—
- (a) the owner or agent, and
 - (b) the captain.
- (5) An order under sub-paragraph (2)—
- (a) may specify the time at which or period during which information is to be provided,
 - (b) may specify the form and manner in which information is to be provided,
- [^{F494}(ba) may require a responsible person to be able to receive, in a specified form and manner, communications sent by the Secretary of State or an immigration officer relating to the information,]
- (c) shall be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (d) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.]

Textual Amendments

- F492** Sch. 2 para. 27(1A)(1B) inserted (12.4.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 6 para. 9\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)
- F493** Sch. 2 para. 27(2)-(5) substituted (5.11.2007 for certain purposes and 1.3.2008 otherwise) for Sch. 2 para. 27(2) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#), [ss. 31\(2\)](#), 62; S.I. 2007/3138, [arts. 2\(d\)](#), [3\(b\)](#) (as amended by S.I. 2007/3580, [art. 2](#))
- F494** Sch. 2 para. 27(5)(ba) inserted (12.2.2015) by [Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 \(c. 6\)](#), s. 52(5), [Sch. 5 para. 1\(2\)](#)

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[^{F495} Supplementary duties of the Concessionaires]

Textual Amendments

F495 Sch. 2 para. 27A inserted by S.I. 1990/2227, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 13

^{F496}27A

Textual Amendments

F496 Sch. 2 para. 27A repealed (2.8.1993) by S.I. 1993/1813, art. 9, 1, Sch. 6 Pt.I

[^{F497} Passenger information]

Textual Amendments

F497 Heading inserted (3.4.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 18; S.I. 2000/464, art. 2, Sch.

- ^{F498}27(1) This paragraph applies to ships or aircraft—
- (a) which have arrived, or are expected to arrive, in the United Kingdom; or
 - (b) which have left, or are expected to leave, the United Kingdom.
- [This paragraph also applies to ships or aircraft—
- ^{F499}(1A) (a) which have offshore workers on board, and
- (b) which—
 - (i) have arrived, or are expected to arrive, in United Kingdom waters, or
 - (ii) have left, or are expected to leave, United Kingdom waters.]
- (2) If an immigration officer asks the owner or agent (“the carrier”) of a ship or aircraft for passenger information [^{F500}or service information], the carrier must provide that information to the officer.
- (3) The officer may ask for passenger information [^{F500}or service information] relating to—
- (a) a particular ship or particular aircraft of the carrier;
 - (b) particular ships or aircraft (however described) of the carrier; or
 - (c) all of the carrier’s ships or aircraft.
- (4) The officer may ask for—
- (a) all passenger information [^{F500}or service information] in relation to the ship or aircraft concerned; or
 - (b) particular passenger information [^{F500}or service information] in relation to that ship or aircraft.
- (5) A request under sub-paragraph (2)—
- (a) must be in writing;
 - (b) must state the date on which it ceases to have effect; and
 - (c) continues in force until that date, unless withdrawn earlier by written notice by an immigration officer.

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- (6) The date may not be later than six months after the request is made.
- (7) The fact that a request under sub-paragraph (2) has ceased to have effect as a result of sub-paragraph (5) does not prevent the request from being renewed.
- (8) The information must be provided—
- (a) in such form and manner as the Secretary of State may direct; and
 - (b) at such time as may be stated in the request.
- [The officer may require a carrier to be able to receive communications from the
^{F501}(8A) officer in such form and manner as the Secretary of State may direct.]
- (9) “Passenger information” means such information relating to the passengers carried, or expected to be carried, by the ship or aircraft as may be specified.
- [“Service information” means such information relating to the voyage or flight
^{F502}(9A) undertaken by the ship or aircraft as may be specified.]
- [“Offshore worker” and “United Kingdom waters” have the same meaning in this
^{F503}(9B) paragraph as in section 11A.]
- (10) “Specified” means specified in an order made by statutory instrument by the Secretary of State.
- (11) Such an instrument shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.]

Textual Amendments

- F498** Sch. 2 para. 27B inserted (3.4.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 18; S.I. 2000/464, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, art. 2, Sch.)
- F499** Sch. 2 para. 27B(1A) inserted (12.4.2023) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 6 para. 9(4)(a); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)
- F500** Words in Sch. 2 para. 27B inserted (5.11.2007 for certain purposes and 1.3.2008 otherwise) by Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13), ss. 31(3)(a), 62; S.I. 2007/3138, arts. 2(d), 3(b) (as amended by S.I. 2007/3580, art. 2)
- F501** Sch. 2 para. 27B(8A) inserted (12.2.2015) by Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (c. 6), s. 52(5), Sch. 5 para. 1(3)
- F502** Sch. 2 para. 27B(9A) inserted (5.11.2007 for certain purposes and 1.3.2008 otherwise) by Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13), ss. 31(3)(b), 62; S.I. 2007/3138, arts. 2(d), 3(b) (as amended by S.I. 2007/3580, art. 2)
- F503** Sch. 2 para. 27B(9B) inserted (12.4.2023) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 6 para. 9(4)(b); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

- [^{F504}27(1A) The Secretary of State may make regulations requiring responsible persons in respect of ships or aircraft—
- (a) which have arrived, or are expected to arrive, in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) which have left, or are expected to leave, the United Kingdom,
- to supply information to the Secretary of State or an immigration officer.
- [The Secretary of State may also make regulations requiring responsible persons in
^{F505}(1A) respect of ships or aircraft—
- (a) which have offshore workers on board, and

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- (b) which—
- (i) have arrived, or are expected to arrive, in United Kingdom waters, or
 - (ii) have left, or are expected to leave, United Kingdom waters,
- to supply information to the Secretary of State or an immigration officer.]
- (2) The following information may be required under sub-paragraph (1) [^{F506}or (1A)] —
- (a) information about the persons on board;
 - (b) information about the voyage or flight.
- (3) The regulations must—
- (a) specify or describe the classes of ships or aircraft to which they apply;
 - (b) specify the information required to be supplied;
 - (c) specify the time by which the information must be supplied;
 - (d) specify the form and manner in which the information must be supplied.
- (4) The regulations may require responsible persons to be able to receive, in a specified form and manner, communications sent by the Secretary of State or an immigration officer relating to the information.
- (5) For the purposes of this paragraph, the following are responsible persons in respect of a ship or aircraft—
- (a) the owner or agent, and
 - (b) the captain.
- [For the purposes of this paragraph, “offshore workers” and “United Kingdom waters”^{F507}(5A) have the same meaning as in section 11A.]
- (6) Regulations under this paragraph may make different provision for different purposes, and in particular may make different provision for different types of carrier, journey or person on board.
- (7) The power to make regulations under this paragraph is exercisable by statutory instrument; but no regulations under this paragraph are to be made unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.

Textual Amendments

- F504** Sch. 2 paras. 27BA, 27BB inserted (12.2.2015) by [Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 \(c. 6\)](#), s. 52(5), [Sch. 5 para. 1\(4\)](#)
- F505** Sch. 2 para. 27BA(1A) inserted (12.4.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 6 para. 9\(5\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)
- F506** Words in Sch. 2 para. 27BA(2) inserted (12.4.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 6 para. 9\(5\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)
- F507** Sch. 2 para. 27BA(5A) inserted (12.4.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 6 para. 9\(5\)\(c\)](#); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

- 27BB (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations imposing penalties for failure to comply with—
- (a) an order under paragraph 27(2) (order requiring passenger list or particulars of member of crew),

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- (b) any request or requirement under paragraph 27B (passenger and service information), or
 - (c) regulations under paragraph 27BA (passenger, crew and service information).
- (2) Regulations under sub-paragraph (1) may in particular make provision—
- (a) about how a penalty is to be calculated;
 - (b) about the procedure for imposing a penalty;
 - (c) about the enforcement of penalties;
 - (d) allowing for an appeal against a decision to impose a penalty;
- and the regulations may make different provision for different purposes.
- (3) Provision in the regulations about the procedure for imposing a penalty must provide for a person to be given an opportunity to object to a proposed penalty in the circumstances set out in the regulations.
- (4) The regulations must provide that no penalty may be imposed on a person for failure to comply with an order under paragraph 27(2), a request or requirement under paragraph 27B or regulations under paragraph 27BA where—
- (a) proceedings have been instituted against the person under section 27 in respect of the same failure; or
 - (b) the failure consists of a failure to provide information that the person has also been required to provide under section 32 or 32A of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 and—
 - (i) a penalty has been imposed on the person in respect of a failure to provide that information by virtue of regulations made under section 32B of that Act, or
 - (ii) proceedings have been instituted against the person under section 34 of that Act in respect of a failure to provide that information; or
 - (c) the failure consists of a failure to provide information that the person has also been required to provide under an authority-to-carry scheme made under section 22 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and a penalty has been imposed on the person in respect of a failure to provide that information by virtue of regulations made under section 24 of that Act.
- (5) Any penalty paid by virtue of this paragraph must be paid into the Consolidated Fund.
- (6) The power to make regulations under this paragraph is exercisable by statutory instrument; but no regulations under this paragraph are to be made unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.]

Textual Amendments

F504 Sch. 2 paras. 27BA, 27BB inserted (12.2.2015) by [Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 \(c. 6\)](#), s. 52(5), [Sch. 5 para. 1\(4\)](#)

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[^{F508} Notification of non-EEA arrivals]

Textual Amendments

F508 Heading inserted (3.4.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 19; S.I. 2000/464, art. 2, Sch.

^{F509}27C

Textual Amendments

F509 Sch. 2 para. 27C omitted (12.2.2015) by virtue of Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (c. 6), s. 52(5), Sch. 5 para. 1(5)

PART II

EFFECT OF APPEALS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C295 Sch. 2 Pt. II amended (26.7.1993) by 1993 c. 23, s. 8(6), Sch. 2 para.9; S.I. 1993/1655, art.2
Sch. 2 Pt. II extended (with modifications) (Isle of Man) (1.4.1997) by S.I. 1997/275, art. 2(1), Sch.
Sch. 2 Pt. II: power to modify conferred (11.6.1998) by 1997 c. 68, s. 5(4)(a); S.I. 1998/1336, art.2
Sch. 2 Pt. II extended (3.8.1998) by 1997 c. 68, s. 2, Sch. 2 paras.3(1), 4; S.I. 1998/1892, art.2

Stay on directions for removal

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Textual Amendments

F510 Sch. 2 para. 28 repealed (2.10.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1)(3), Sch. 14 paras. 43, 65, Sch. 16; S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, Sch. 1 (subject to transitional provisions in art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C296 Sch. 2 para. 28 continued (14.3.2003) by The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/754), arts. 3, 4, Sch. 2 para. 2(10)(a)

Grant of bail pending appeal

^{F511}29

Textual Amendments

F511 Sch. 2 paras. 29-34 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), Sch. 10 para. 20; S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)

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Restrictions on grant of bail

F51130

Textual Amendments
F511 Sch. 2 paras. 29-34 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 20](#); S.I. 2017/1241, [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, [reg. 2](#))

Forfeiture of recognizances

F51131

Textual Amendments
F511 Sch. 2 paras. 29-34 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 20](#); S.I. 2017/1241, [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, [reg. 2](#))

F51132

Textual Amendments
F511 Sch. 2 paras. 29-34 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 20](#); S.I. 2017/1241, [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, [reg. 2](#))

Arrest of appellants released on bail

F51133

Textual Amendments
F511 Sch. 2 paras. 29-34 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 20](#); S.I. 2017/1241, [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, [reg. 2](#))

F51133A

Textual Amendments
F511 Sch. 2 paras. 29-34 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 20](#); S.I. 2017/1241, [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, [reg. 2](#))

F512 [Grant of bail pending removal]

Textual Amendments
F512 Sch. 2 para. 34 and cross heading inserted (1.9.1996) by [1996 c. 49](#), s. 12(1), [Sch. 2 para.12](#); S.I. 1996/2053, [art. 2](#), [Sch. Pt.II](#)

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Textual Amendments

F511 Sch. 2 paras. 29-34 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 20](#); [S.I. 2017/1241](#), reg. 2(c) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2018/31](#), reg. 2)

SCHEDULE 3

Section 5.

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS AS TO DEPORTATION

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C297** Schs. 2-4 extended (with modifications) to Guernsey (1.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1796](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#)
Schs. 2-4 extended (with modifications) to Jersey (1.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1797](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#)
(as amended (17.10.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2593](#), arts. 1, 2(2))
Sch. 3 modified (2.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1813](#), arts. 7(1), 1, [Sch. 4 para. 1\(12\)](#)
Sch. 3 amended (2.10.2000) by [1999 c. 33](#), s. 58(3), [Sch. 4 Pt. II para. 15](#); [S.I. 2000/2444](#), art. 2, [Sch](#)
(subject to transitional provisions in [art. 3](#), [Sch. 2 para. 2](#))
Sch. 3 applied (with modifications) (2.10.2000) by [1999 c. 33](#), s. 58(3), [Sch. 4 Pt. II para. 12](#); [S.I. 2000/2444](#), art. 2, [Sch](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [art. 3](#), [Sch. 2 para. 2](#))
Sch. 3 applied (2.10.2000 with application as mentioned in reg. 9) by [S.I. 2000/2326](#), [reg. 26\(3\)](#)
Sch. 3 restricted (2.10.2000 with application as mentioned in regs. 9, 28) by [S.I. 2000/2326](#), [reg. 32\(2\)\(7\)](#) (as substituted (1.4.2003) for reg. 34(2)(10) by [S.I. 2003/549](#), [reg. 2\(8\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#)))
Sch. 3 applied (with modifications) (2.10.2000 with application as mentioned in regs. 9, 28) by [S.I. 2000/2326](#), [reg. 32\(3\)\(7\)](#) (as substituted (1.4.2003) for reg. 34(3)(10) by [S.I. 2003/549](#), [reg. 2\(8\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#)))
- C298** Sch. 3 applied (1.2.2017 for specified purposes) by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1052\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\)\(b\)](#), [32\(3\)](#), 40(4)
- C299** Sch. 3 modified (30.9.2020 immediately after the entry into force of [S.I. 2020/915](#), art. 5) by [The Channel Tunnel \(Arrangements with the Kingdom of the Netherlands\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/916\)](#), arts. 1(3), [6](#)
- C300** Sch. 3 modified by [S.I. 1994/1405](#), art. 7 (as amended (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Channel Tunnel \(International Arrangements and Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Amendment\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/915\)](#), arts. 1(3), [11](#))
- C301** Sch. 3 applied (31.12.2020) by [The Citizens' Rights \(Frontier Workers\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1213\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#), [16\(3\)](#)

Removal of persons liable to deportation

- 1 (1) Where a deportation order is in force against any person, the Secretary of State may give directions for his removal to a country or territory specified in the directions being either—
- (a) a country of which he is a national or citizen; or
 - (b) a country or territory to which there is reason to believe that he will be admitted.
- (2) The directions under sub-paragraph (1) above may be either—

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- (a) directions given to the captain of a ship or aircraft about to leave the United Kingdom requiring him to remove the person in question in that ship or aircraft; or
 - (b) directions given to the owners or agents of any ship or aircraft requiring them to make arrangements for his removal in a ship or aircraft specified or indicated in the directions; or
 - (c) directions for his removal in accordance with arrangements to be made by the Secretary of State.
- (3) In relation to directions given under this paragraph, paragraphs 11 and 16(4) of Schedule 2 to this Act shall apply, with the substitution of references to the Secretary of State for references to an immigration officer, as they apply in relation to directions for removal given under paragraph 8 of that Schedule.
- (4) The Secretary of State, if he thinks fit, may apply in or towards payment of the expenses of or incidental to the voyage from the United Kingdom of a person against whom a deportation order is in force, or the maintenance until departure of such a person and his dependants, if any, any money belonging to that person; and except so far as they are paid as aforesaid, those expenses shall be defrayed by the Secretary of State.

Detention or control pending deportation

- 2 (1) Where a recommendation for deportation made by a court is in force in respect of any person, [^{F513}and that person is not detained in pursuance of the sentence or order of any court], he shall^{F514}... be detained pending the making of a deportation order in pursuance of the recommendation, [^{F515}unless—
- (a) the court by which the recommendation is made grants bail to the person, or
 - (b) the person is released on immigration bail under Schedule 10 to the Immigration Act 2016.]

[^{F516}(1A) Where—

- (a) a recommendation for deportation made by a court on conviction of a person is in force in respect of him; and
 - (b) he appeals against his conviction or against that recommendation,
- the powers that the court determining the appeal may exercise include power to [^{F517}release the person on bail without setting aside the recommendation.]]
- (2) Where notice has been given to a person in accordance with regulations under [^{F518}section 105 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (notice of decision)] of a decision to make a deportation order against him, [^{F519}and he is not detained in pursuance of the sentence or order of a court], he may be detained under the authority of the Secretary of State pending the making of the deportation order.
- (3) Where a deportation order is in force against any person, he may be detained under the authority of the Secretary of State pending his removal or departure from the United Kingdom (and if already detained by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) or (2) above when the order is made, shall continue to be detained [^{F520}unless he is released on immigration bail under Schedule 10 to the Immigration Act 2016.]

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- [^{F521}(3A) A person liable to be detained under sub-paragraph (1), (2) or (3) may be detained for such period as, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, is reasonably necessary to enable the deportation order to be made, or the removal to be carried out.
- (3B) Sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) apply regardless of whether there is anything that for the time being prevents the deportation order from being made or the removal from being carried out.
- (3C) Sub-paragraphs (3A) and (3B) are subject to sub-paragraph (4ZA) and section 60 of the Immigration Act 2016 (limitation on detention of pregnant women).
- (3D) Sub-paragraph (3E) applies if, while a person is detained under sub-paragraph (1), (2) or (3), the Secretary of State no longer considers that the deportation order will be made or the removal will be carried out within a reasonable period of time.
- (3E) The person may be detained under that sub-paragraph for such further period as, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, is reasonably necessary to enable such arrangements to be made for the person's release as the Secretary of State considers to be appropriate.]
- (4) In relation to detention under sub-paragraph (2) or (3) above, paragraphs [^{F522}17, 18, 18A] and 25A to 25E of Schedule 2 to this Act shall apply as they apply in relation to detention under paragraph 16 of that Schedule [^{F523}; and for that purpose the reference in paragraph 17(1) to a person liable to detention includes a reference to a person who would be liable to detention upon receipt of a notice which is ready to be given to him.]
- [^{F524}(4ZA) The detention under sub-paragraph (1), (2) or (3) of a person to whom section 60 (limitation on detention of pregnant women) of the Immigration Act 2016 applies is subject to that section.]
- [^{F525}(5) The provisions of Schedule 10 to the Immigration Act 2016 that apply in relation to the grant of immigration bail by the First-tier Tribunal apply in relation to the grant of bail by the court under sub-paragraph (1) or (1A).
- (6) If the court grants bail to a person under sub-paragraph (1) or (1A), Schedule 10 to the Immigration Act 2016 applies in relation to that person as if the person had been granted immigration bail by the First-tier Tribunal under that Schedule.
- (7) A reference in any provision of, or made under, an enactment other than this paragraph to immigration bail granted, or a condition imposed, under Schedule 10 to the Immigration Act 2016 includes bail granted by the court under sub-paragraph (1) or (1A) or (as the case may be) a condition imposed by the court on the grant of such bail.]

Textual Amendments

- F513** Words in Sch. 3 para. 2(1) substituted (1.10.2004) by [Asylum and Immigration \(Treatment of Claimants, etc.\) Act 2004 \(c. 19\), s. 34\(1\)](#); S.I. 2004/2523, [art. 2](#), Sch.
- F514** Words in Sch. 3 para. 2(1) omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\), s. 94\(1\)](#), [Sch. 10 para. 21\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#); S.I. 2017/1241, [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, [reg. 2](#))
- F515** Words in Sch. 3 para. 2(1) substituted (15.1.2018) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\), s. 94\(1\)](#), [Sch. 10 para. 21\(2\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#); S.I. 2017/1241, [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, [reg. 2](#))
- F516** Para. 2(1A) inserted by [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48\), s. 80\(2\)](#), [Sch. 10 para. 1 \(b\)](#)

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- F517** Words in Sch. 3 para. 2(1A) substituted (15.1.2018) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), **Sch. 10 para. 21(2)(b)**; S.I. 2017/1241, [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, [reg. 2](#))
- F518** Words in Sch. 3 para. 2(2) substituted (1.4.2003) by [2002 c. 41](#), s. 114, [Sch. 7 para. 7](#) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/754, [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1](#) (with transitional provisions in arts. 3, 4, [Sch. 2](#) (as amended by S.I. 2003/1040 and 2003/1339))
- F519** Words in Sch. 3 para. 2(2) substituted (1.10.2004) by [Asylum and Immigration \(Treatment of Claimants, etc.\) Act 2004 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 34(2); S.I. 2004/2523, [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#)
- F520** Words in Sch. 3 para. 2(3) substituted (15.1.2018) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), **Sch. 10 para. 21(2)(c)**; S.I. 2017/1241, [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, [reg. 2](#))
- F521** Sch. 3 para. 2(3A)-(3E) inserted (28.9.2023) by [Illegal Migration Act 2023 \(c. 37\)](#), **ss. 12(2)(a)**, 68(1) (with s. 55(9)); S.I. 2023/989, [reg. 2\(a\)](#)
- F522** Words in Sch. 3 para. 2(4) substituted (28.9.2023) by [Illegal Migration Act 2023 \(c. 37\)](#), **ss. 12(2)(b)**, 68(1) (with s. 55(9)); S.I. 2023/989, [reg. 2\(a\)](#)
- F523** Words in Sch. 3 para. 2(4) inserted (31.8.2006) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 53; S.I. 2006/2226, [art. 3](#), [Sch. 1](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [art. 4](#))
- F524** Sch. 3 para. 2(4ZA) inserted (12.7.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), **ss. 60(11)**, 94(1); S.I. 2016/603, [reg. 3\(m\)](#)
- F525** Sch. 3 para. 2(5)-(7) substituted for Sch. 3 para. 2(4A)-(6) (15.1.2018) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), **Sch. 10 para. 21(2)(d)**; S.I. 2017/1241, [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, [reg. 2](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C302** Sch. 3 para. 2(3)(4)(6) amended (26.7.1993) by [1993 c. 23](#), s. 7(4); S.I. 1993/1655, [art. 2](#)
 Sch. 3 para. 2 extended (14.12.2001) by [2001 c. 24](#), s. 23(2)(b)

Effect of appeals

F526₃

Textual Amendments

- F526** Sch. 3 paras. 3-10 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), **Sch. 10 para. 21(3)**; S.I. 2017/1241, [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, [reg. 2](#))

Powers of courts pending deportation

F526₄

Textual Amendments

- F526** Sch. 3 paras. 3-10 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), **Sch. 10 para. 21(3)**; S.I. 2017/1241, [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, [reg. 2](#))

F526₅

Textual Amendments

- F526** Sch. 3 paras. 3-10 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), **Sch. 10 para. 21(3)**; S.I. 2017/1241, [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, [reg. 2](#))

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Textual Amendments

F526 Sch. 3 paras. 3-10 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 21\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2017/1241](#), [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2018/31](#), [reg. 2](#))

F5267

Textual Amendments

F526 Sch. 3 paras. 3-10 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 21\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2017/1241](#), [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2018/31](#), [reg. 2](#))

F5268

Textual Amendments

F526 Sch. 3 paras. 3-10 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 21\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2017/1241](#), [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2018/31](#), [reg. 2](#))

F5269

Textual Amendments

F526 Sch. 3 paras. 3-10 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 21\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2017/1241](#), [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2018/31](#), [reg. 2](#))

F52610

Textual Amendments

F526 Sch. 3 paras. 3-10 omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 21\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2017/1241](#), [reg. 2\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2018/31](#), [reg. 2](#))

SCHEDULE 4

Section 9.

INTEGRATION WITH UNITED KINGDOM LAW OF IMMIGRATION LAW OF ISLANDS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C303 Sch. 4 extended (with modifications) (1.8.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1796](#), art 3(1), Sch. 1 Pt. I (Guernsey), [S.I. 1993/1797](#), art. 3(1), Sch. 1 Pt. I (Jersey) (as amended (17.10.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2593](#), [arts. 1, 2\(2\)](#))

Leave to enter

- 1 (1) Where under the immigration laws of any of the Islands a person is or has been given leave to enter or remain in the island, or is or has been refused leave, this Act shall have effect in relation to him, if he is not [^{F527}a British citizen][^{F528}or an Irish citizen],

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as if the leave were leave (of like duration) given under this Act to enter or remain in the United Kingdom, or, as the case may be, as if he had under this Act been refused leave to enter the United Kingdom.

- (2) Where under the immigration laws of any of the Islands a person has a limited leave to enter or remain in the island subject to any such conditions as are authorised in the United Kingdom by section 3(1) of this Act (being conditions imposed by notice given to him, whether the notice of leave or a subsequent notice), then on his coming to the United Kingdom this Act shall apply, if he is not [^{F527}a British citizen][^{F529}or an Irish citizen], as if those conditions related to his stay in the United Kingdom and had been imposed by notice under this Act.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) above, anything having effect in the United Kingdom by virtue of either of those sub-paragraphs may in relation to the United Kingdom be varied or revoked under this Act in like manner, and subject to the like appeal (if any), as if it had originated under this Act as mentioned in that sub-paragraph.
- (4) Where anything having effect in the United Kingdom by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) or (2) above ceases to have effect or is altered in effect as mentioned in sub-paragraph (3) or otherwise by anything done under this Act, sub-paragraph (1) or (2) shall not thereafter apply to it or, as the case may be, shall apply to it as so altered in effect.
- (5) Nothing in this paragraph shall be taken as conferring on a person a right of appeal under this Act against any decision or action taken in any of the Islands.

Textual Amendments

F527 Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\), s. 52\(7\), Sch. 4 para. 2](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 8](#))

F528 Words in [Sch. 4 para. 1\(1\)](#) inserted (31.12.2020 immediately before IP completion day) by [Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Act 2020 \(c. 20\), ss. 2\(4\)\(a\), 9\(1\)](#) (with [s. 4\(2\)](#)); [S.I. 2020/1279, reg. 3](#) (with saving in [S.I. 2020/1309, regs. 1\(2\), 84, Sch. 5 para. 10](#))

F529 Words in [Sch. 4 para. 1\(2\)](#) inserted (31.12.2020 immediately before IP completion day) by [Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Act 2020 \(c. 20\), ss. 2\(4\)\(a\), 9\(1\)](#) (with [s. 4\(2\)](#)); [S.I. 2020/1279, reg. 3](#) (with saving in [S.I. 2020/1309, regs. 1\(2\), 84, Sch. 5 para. 10](#))

2 Notwithstanding section 3(4) of this Act, leave given to a person under this Act to enter or remain in the United Kingdom shall not continue to apply on his return to the United Kingdom after an absence if he has during that absence entered any of the Islands in circumstances in which he is required under the immigration laws of that island to obtain leave to enter.

Deportation

- [^{F530}3 (1) This Act has effect in relation to a person who is subject to an Islands deportation order as if the order were a deportation order made against him under this Act.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply if the person concerned is—
 - (a) a British citizen;
 - [an Irish citizen;]
 - ^{F531}(aa)
 - ^{F532}(b)

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- F532(c)
- [a relevant person (see paragraph 3A); or]
- F533(ca)
- (d) a member of the family of a British citizen who is neither [F534a British citizen nor an Irish citizen].
- (3) The Secretary of State does not, as a result of sub-paragraph (1), have power to revoke an Islands deportation order.
- (4) In any particular case, the Secretary of State may direct that paragraph [F535(aa), (ca)] or (d) of sub-paragraph (2) is not to apply in relation to the Islands deportation order.
- (5) Nothing in this paragraph makes it unlawful for a person in respect of whom an Islands deportation order is in force in any of the Islands to enter the United Kingdom on his way from that island to a place outside the United Kingdom.
- (6) “Islands deportation order” means an order made under the immigration laws of any of the Islands under which a person is, or has been, ordered to leave the island and forbidden to return.
- (7) Subsections (10) and (12) to (14) of section 80 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 apply for the purposes of this section as they apply for the purposes of that section.]

Textual Amendments

- F530** Sch. 4 para. 3 substituted (2.10.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(1), Sch. 14 paras. 43, **70**; S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, **Sch** (subject to transitional provisions in art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2)
- F531** Sch. 4 para. 3(2)(aa) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1309), regs. 1(2), **5(5)(a)(i)**
- F532** Sch. 4 para. 3(2)(b)(c) and word omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1309), regs. 1(2), **5(5)(a)(ii)**
- F533** Sch. 4 para. 3(2)(ca) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1309), regs. 1(2), **5(5)(a)(iii)**
- F534** Words in Sch. 4 para. 3(2)(d) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1309), regs. 1(2), **5(5)(a)(iv)**
- F535** Words in Sch. 4 para. 3(4) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1309), regs. 1(2), **5(5)(b)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C304** Sch. 4 para. 3 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by The Citizens' Rights (Application Deadline and Temporary Protection) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1209), regs. 1(1), **3(4)**, 4(5), 12(1)(c)

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^{F536} *Relevant person for purposes of paragraph 3*

Textual Amendments

F536 Sch. 4 para. 3A inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Act 2020 \(Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1309\)](#), regs. 1(2), 5(6)

- 3A (1) For the purposes of paragraph 3, a person is a “relevant person”—
- (a) if the person is in the United Kingdom (whether or not they have entered within the meaning of section 11(1)) having arrived with entry clearance granted by virtue of relevant entry clearance immigration rules;
 - (b) if the person has leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom granted by virtue of residence scheme immigration rules;
 - (c) if the person may be granted leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom as a person who has a right to enter the United Kingdom by virtue of—
 - (i) Article 32(1)(b) of the EU withdrawal agreement;
 - (ii) Article 31(1)(b) of the EEA EFTA separation agreement, or
 - (iii) Article 26(a)(1)(b) of the Swiss citizens’ rights agreement,
 whether or not the person has been granted such leave, or
 - (d) if the person may enter the United Kingdom by virtue of regulations made under section 8 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (frontier workers), whether or not the person has entered by virtue of those regulations.
- (2) In this paragraph—
- “EEA EFTA separation agreement” and “Swiss citizens’ rights agreement” have the same meanings as in the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (see section 39(1) of that Act);
- “relevant entry clearance immigration rules” and “residence scheme immigration rules” have the meanings given by section 17 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020.]

Illegal entrants

- 4 Notwithstanding anything in section 1(3) of this Act, it shall not be lawful for a person who is not [^{F537}a British citizen][^{F538}or an Irish citizen] to enter the United Kingdom from any of the Islands where his presence was unlawful under the immigration laws of that island, unless he is given leave to enter.

Textual Amendments

F537 Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61\)](#), s. 52(7), **Sch. 4 para. 2** (with [Sch. 8 para. 8](#))

F538 Words in [Sch. 4 para. 4](#) inserted (31.12.2020 immediately before IP completion day) by [Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Act 2020 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 2(4)(b)**, 9(1) (with s. 4(2)); [S.I. 2020/1279](#), reg. 3 (with saving in [S.I. 2020/1309](#), regs. 1(2), 84, [Sch. 5 para. 10](#))

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[^{F539}SCHEDULE 4A

Sections 28M, 28N and 28O

ENFORCEMENT POWERS IN RELATION TO SHIPS

Textual Amendments

F539 Sch. 4A inserted (31.5.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 14 para. 8**; S.I. 2016/603, reg. 2(d)

[^{F540}PART A1

UNITED KINGDOM

Textual Amendments

F540 Sch. 4A Pts. A1-M1 inserted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), **Sch. 7 para. 10**; S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

Introductory

- A1 (1) This Part of this Schedule sets out the powers exercisable by immigration officers and enforcement officers (referred to in this Part of this Schedule as “relevant officers”) under section 28LA.
- (2) In this Part of this Schedule—
- “items subject to legal privilege” means items in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege (in Scotland, to confidentiality of communications) could be maintained in legal proceedings;
- “the ship” means the ship in relation to which the powers set out in this Part of this Schedule are exercised.

Power to stop, board, divert and detain

- B1 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that—
- (a) a relevant offence is being, or has been, committed on the ship, or
- (b) the ship is otherwise being used in connection with the commission of a relevant offence.
- (2) The relevant officer may—
- (a) stop the ship;
- (b) board the ship;
- (c) require the ship to be taken to any place (on land or on water) in the United Kingdom or elsewhere and detained there;
- (d) require the ship to leave United Kingdom waters.
- (3) The relevant officer may require the master of the ship or any member of its crew to take such action as is necessary for the purposes of sub-paragraph (2).
- (4) Where a ship is required to be taken to a place under sub-paragraph (2)(c), the relevant officer may require any person on board the ship to take such action as is

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reasonably necessary to ensure that person is taken to that place or to any other place determined by the relevant officer.

- (5) Where a ship is required to leave United Kingdom waters under sub-paragraph (2)(d), the relevant officer may require any person on board the ship to take such action as is reasonably necessary to ensure that person leaves United Kingdom waters.
- (6) The authority of the Secretary of State is required before a relevant officer may exercise the power under sub-paragraph (2)(c) to require the ship to be taken to any place—
 - (a) within a State other than the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) within a relevant territory.
- (7) But a relevant officer acting under authority given under section 28LA(3)(c) or (d) in relation to a foreign ship or a ship registered under the law of a relevant territory may require the ship to be taken to a place mentioned in sub-paragraph (8) without authority under sub-paragraph (6).
- (8) Those places are—
 - (a) a place in the home state or relevant territory in question, or
 - (b) if the home state or relevant territory requests, a place in any other State or relevant territory willing to receive the ship.
- (9) A relevant officer must give notice in writing to the master of any ship detained under this paragraph.
- (10) The notice must state that the ship is to be detained until the notice is withdrawn by the giving of a further notice in writing signed by a relevant officer.
- (11) The requirement to give notice under sub-paragraph (9) does not apply where it is not reasonably possible to identify who is the master of the ship.
- (12) In this paragraph “home state”, in relation to a foreign ship, means—
 - (a) the State in which the ship is registered, or
 - (b) the State whose flag the ship is otherwise entitled to fly.

Power to search and obtain information

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- (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that there is evidence on the ship (other than items subject to legal privilege) relating—
 - (a) to a relevant offence or,
 - (b) to an offence that is connected with a relevant offence.
 - (2) The relevant officer may search—
 - (a) the ship;
 - (b) anyone on the ship;
 - (c) anything on the ship (including cargo).
 - (3) The relevant officer may require a person on the ship to give information about themselves or about anything on the ship.
 - (4) The power to search conferred by sub-paragraph (2)—

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- (a) is only a power to search to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering evidence of the kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), and
 - (b) in the case of a search of a person, does not authorise a relevant officer to require the person to remove any clothing in public other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves.
- (5) In exercising a power conferred by sub-paragraph (2) or (3) a relevant officer may—
- (a) open any containers;
 - (b) require the production of documents, books or records relating to the ship or anything on it (but not including anything the relevant officer has reasonable grounds to believe is an item subject to legal privilege);
 - (c) make photographs or copies of anything the production of which the relevant officer has power to require.
- (6) The power in sub-paragraph (5)(b) to require the production of documents, books or records includes, in relation to documents, books or records kept in electronic form, power to require the provision of the documents, books or records in a form in which they are legible and can be taken away.
- (7) Sub-paragraph (5) is without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by sub-paragraphs (2) and (3).
- (8) A power conferred by this paragraph may be exercised on the ship or elsewhere.

Power of arrest and seizure

- D1 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that a relevant offence has been, or is being, committed on the ship.
- (2) The relevant officer may arrest without a warrant anyone whom the officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting to be guilty of the offence.
- (3) The relevant officer may seize and retain anything found on the ship which appears to the officer to be evidence of the offence (but not including anything that the officer has reasonable grounds to believe to be an item subject to legal privilege).
- (4) A power conferred by this paragraph may be exercised on the ship or elsewhere.

Protective searches of persons

- E1 (1) A relevant officer may search a person found on the ship for anything which the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person might use to—
- (a) cause physical injury,
 - (b) cause damage to property, or
 - (c) endanger the safety of any ship.
- (2) The power conferred by sub-paragraph (1) may be exercised—
- (a) only if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that anything of a kind mentioned in that sub-paragraph is concealed on the person, and
 - (b) only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering any such thing.

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- (3) The relevant officer may seize and retain anything which the officer has grounds to believe might—
 - (a) cause physical injury,
 - (b) cause damage to property, or
 - (c) endanger the safety of any ship.
- (4) If the person is detained, nothing seized under sub-paragraph (3) may be retained when the person is released from detention.
- (5) A power conferred by this paragraph to search a person does not authorise a relevant officer to require the person to remove any clothing in public other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves, but it does authorise the search of a person’s mouth.
- (6) A power conferred by this paragraph may be exercised on the ship or elsewhere.

Search for nationality documents

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- (1) A relevant officer may require a person found on the ship to produce a nationality document.
 - (2) The relevant officer may search a person found on the ship where the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a nationality document is concealed on the person.
 - (3) The power conferred by sub-paragraph (2) may be exercised—
 - (a) only if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a nationality document is concealed on the person, and
 - (b) only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering any such document.
 - (4) Subject as follows, the officer may seize and retain a nationality document for as long as the officer believes the person to whom it relates will arrive in the United Kingdom by virtue of the exercise of the power under paragraph B1.
 - (5) The power to retain a nationality document under sub-paragraph (4) does not affect any other power of an immigration officer to retain a document.
 - (6) Where a nationality document has been seized and retained by a relevant officer who is not an immigration officer, the document must be passed to an immigration officer as soon as is practicable after the ship has arrived in the United Kingdom.
 - (7) The power conferred by this paragraph to search a person does not authorise a relevant officer to—
 - (a) require the person to remove any clothing in public other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves, or
 - (b) seize and retain any document the officer has reasonable grounds to believe to be an item subject to legal privilege.
 - (8) In this paragraph a “nationality document”, in relation to a person, means any document which might—
 - (a) establish the person’s identity, nationality or citizenship, or
 - (b) indicate the place from which the person has travelled to the United Kingdom or to which the person is proposing to go.
 - (9) A power conferred by this paragraph may be exercised on the ship or elsewhere.

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Assistants

- G1 (1) A relevant officer may—
- (a) be accompanied by other persons, and
 - (b) take equipment or materials,
- to assist the officer in the exercise of powers under this Part of this Schedule.
- (2) A person accompanying a relevant officer under sub-paragraph (1) may perform any of the officer's functions under this Part of this Schedule, but only under the officer's supervision.

Reasonable force

- H1 A relevant officer may use reasonable force, if necessary, in the performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule.

Evidence of authority

- I1 A relevant officer must produce evidence of the relevant officer's authority if asked to do so.

Protection of relevant officers

- J1 A relevant officer is not liable in any criminal or civil proceedings for anything done in the purported performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule if the court is satisfied that—
- (a) the act was done in good faith, and
 - (b) there were reasonable grounds for doing it.

Offences under the law of England and Wales

- K1 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of England and Wales if the person—
- (a) intentionally obstructs a relevant officer in the performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule in England and Wales, England and Wales waters, foreign waters or international waters, or
 - (b) fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement made by a relevant officer in the performance of such functions.
- (2) A person who provides information in response to a requirement made by a relevant officer in the performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule in England and Wales, England and Wales waters, foreign waters or international waters commits an offence under the law of England and Wales if—
- (a) the information is false in a material particular, and the person either knows it is, or is reckless as to whether it is, or
 - (b) the person intentionally fails to disclose any material particular.
- (3) A relevant officer may arrest without warrant anyone whom the officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting to be guilty of an offence under this paragraph.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this paragraph is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks, to a fine or to both.

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- (5) In the application of sub-paragraph (4) in relation to an offence committed before the coming into force of section 281(5) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 the reference to 51 weeks is to be read as a reference to 6 months.

Offences under the law of Scotland

- L1 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of Scotland if the person—
- (a) intentionally obstructs a relevant officer in the performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule in Scotland, Scotland waters, foreign waters or international waters, or
 - (b) fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement made by a relevant officer in the performance of such functions.
- (2) A person who provides information in response to a requirement made by a relevant officer in the performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule in Scotland, Scotland waters, foreign waters or international waters commits an offence under the law of Scotland if—
- (a) the information is false in a material particular, and the person either knows it is, or is reckless as to whether it is, or
 - (b) the person intentionally fails to disclose any material particular.
- (3) A relevant officer may arrest without warrant anyone whom the officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting to be guilty of an offence under this paragraph.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this paragraph is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to both.

Offences under the law of Northern Ireland

- M1 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of Northern Ireland if the person—
- (a) intentionally obstructs a relevant officer in the performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule in Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland waters, foreign waters or international waters, or
 - (b) fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement made by a relevant officer in the performance of such functions.
- (2) A person who provides information in response to a requirement made by a relevant officer in the performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule in Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland waters, foreign waters or international waters commits an offence under the law of Northern Ireland if—
- (a) the information is false in a material particular, and the person either knows it is, or is reckless as to whether it is, or
 - (b) the person intentionally fails to disclose any material particular.
- (3) A relevant officer may arrest without warrant anyone whom the officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting to be guilty of an offence under this paragraph.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this paragraph is liable on summary conviction to a term not exceeding 6 months, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to both.]

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PART 1

ENGLAND AND WALES

Introductory

- 1 (1) This Part of this Schedule sets out the powers exercisable by ^{F541}... English and Welsh constables ^{F542}... (referred to in this Part of this Schedule as “relevant officers”) under sections 28M and 28P(1).
- (2) In this Part of this Schedule—
- [^{F543}“the 2006 Act” means the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006;]
- “items subject to legal privilege” has the same meaning as in the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (see section 10 of that Act);
- “the ship” means the ship in relation to which the powers set out in this Part of this Schedule are exercised.

Textual Amendments

- F541** Words in Sch. 4A para. 1(1) omitted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\), s. 87\(1\), Sch. 7 para. 11\(a\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, [Sch. 1 para. 22](#) (with Sch. 2 para. 8)
- F542** Words in Sch. 4A para. 1(1) omitted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\), s. 87\(1\), Sch. 7 para. 11\(b\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, [Sch. 1 para. 22](#) (with Sch. 2 para. 8)
- F543** Words in Sch. 4A para. 1(2) inserted (12.4.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\), s. 87\(1\), Sch. 6 para. 10\(2\)](#); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

Power to stop, board, divert and detain

- 2 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that—
- (a) an offence under section [^{F544}24B, 25 or 25A of this Act or section 21 of the 2006 Act] is being, or has been, committed on the ship, or
- (b) the ship is otherwise being used in connection with the commission of an offence under any of those sections.
- (2) The relevant officer may—
- (a) stop the ship;
- (b) board the ship;
- (c) require the ship to be taken to a port in the United Kingdom and detained there.
- (3) The relevant officer may require the master of the ship, or any member of its crew, to take such action as is necessary for the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)(c).
- (4) A relevant officer must give notice in writing to the master of any ship detained under this paragraph.
- (5) The notice must state that the ship is to be detained until the notice is withdrawn by the giving of a further notice in writing signed by a relevant officer.

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Textual Amendments

F544 Words in [Sch. 4A para. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#) substituted (12.4.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 6 para. 10\(3\)](#); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

Power to search and obtain information

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that there is evidence on the ship (other than items subject to legal privilege) relating—
- (a) to an offence under section [F545 24B, 25, 25A or 25B of this Act or section 21 of the 2006 Act], or
 - (b) to an offence that is connected with an offence under any of those sections.
- (2) The relevant officer may search—
- (a) the ship;
 - (b) anyone on the ship;
 - (c) anything on the ship (including cargo).
- (3) The relevant officer may require a person on the ship to give information about himself or herself or about anything on the ship.
- (4) The power to search conferred by sub-paragraph (2)—
- (a) is only a power to search to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering evidence of the kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), and
 - (b) in the case of a search of a person, does not authorise a relevant officer to require the person to remove any clothing in public other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves.
- (5) In exercising a power conferred by sub-paragraph (2) or (3) a relevant officer may—
- (a) open any containers;
 - (b) require the production of documents, books or records relating to the ship or anything on it (but not including anything the relevant officer has reasonable grounds to believe to be an item subject to legal privilege);
 - (c) make photographs or copies of anything the production of which the relevant officer has power to require.
- (6) The power in sub-paragraph (5)(b) to require the production of documents, books or records includes, in relation to documents, books or records kept in electronic form, power to require the provision of the documents, books or records in a form in which they are legible and can be taken away.
- (7) Sub-paragraph (5) is without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by sub-paragraphs (2) and (3).
- (8) A power conferred by this paragraph may be exercised on the ship or elsewhere.

Textual Amendments

F545 Words in [Sch. 4A para. 3\(1\)\(a\)](#) substituted (12.4.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 6 para. 10\(4\)](#); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

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Power of arrest and seizure

- 4 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that an offence under section [F546 24B, 25, 25A or 25B of this Act or section 21 of the 2006 Act] has been, or is being, committed on the ship.
- (2) The relevant officer may arrest without warrant anyone whom the F547 ... officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting to be guilty of the offence.
- (3) The relevant officer may seize and retain anything found on the ship which appears to the officer to be evidence of the offence (but not including anything that the F548 ... officer has reasonable grounds to believe to be an item subject to legal privilege).
- (4) A power conferred by this paragraph may be exercised on the ship or elsewhere.

Textual Amendments

F546 Words in Sch. 4A para. 4(1) substituted (12.4.2023) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 6 para. 10(5); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

F547 Words in Sch. 4A para. 4(2) omitted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 7 para. 12(a); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

F548 Words in Sch. 4A para. 4(3) omitted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 7 para. 12(b); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

Protective searches of persons

- 5 (1) A relevant officer may search a person found on the ship for anything which the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person might use to—
- (a) cause physical injury,
 - (b) cause damage to property, or
 - (c) endanger the safety of any ship.
- (2) The power conferred by sub-paragraph (1) may be exercised—
- (a) only if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that anything of a kind mentioned in that sub-paragraph is concealed on the person; and
 - (b) only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering any such thing.
- (3) The relevant officer may seize and retain anything which the officer has reasonable grounds to believe might—
- (a) cause physical injury,
 - (b) cause damage to property, or
 - (c) endanger the safety of any ship.
- (4) If the person is detained, nothing seized under sub-paragraph (3) may be retained when the person is released from detention.
- (5) A power conferred by this paragraph to search a person does not authorise a relevant officer to require the person to remove any clothing in public other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves, but it does authorise the search of a person's mouth.
- (6) A power conferred by this paragraph may be exercised on the ship or elsewhere.

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Search for nationality documents

- 6 (1) A relevant officer may require a person found on the ship to produce a nationality document.
- (2) The relevant officer may search a person found on the ship where the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a nationality document is concealed on the person.
- (3) The power conferred by sub-paragraph (2) may be exercised—
- (a) only if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a nationality document is concealed on the person; and
 - (b) only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering any such document.
- (4) Subject as follows, the officer may seize and retain a nationality document for as long as the officer believes the person to whom it relates will arrive in the United Kingdom by virtue of the exercise of the power in paragraph 2.
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- (6) [^{F550}A nationality document that has been seized and retained by a relevant officer] must be passed to an immigration officer as soon as is practicable after the ship has arrived in the United Kingdom.
- (7) The power conferred by this paragraph to search a person does not authorise a relevant officer to—
- (a) require the person to remove any clothing in public other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves, or
 - (b) seize and retain any document the officer has reasonable grounds to believe to be an item subject to legal privilege.
- (8) In this paragraph a “nationality document”, in relation to a person, means any document which might—
- (a) establish the person's identity, nationality or citizenship, or
 - (b) indicate the place from which the person has travelled to the United Kingdom or to which the person is proposing to go.
- (9) A power conferred by this paragraph may be exercised on the ship or elsewhere.

Textual Amendments

F549 Sch. 4A para. 6(5) omitted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 7 para. 13\(a\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, [Sch. 1 para. 22](#) (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

F550 Words in Sch. 4A para. 6(6) substituted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 7 para. 13\(b\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, [Sch. 1 para. 22](#) (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

Assistants

- 7 (1) A relevant officer may—
- (a) be accompanied by other persons, and
 - (b) take equipment or materials,
- to assist the officer in the exercise of powers under this Part of this Schedule.

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- (2) A person accompanying a relevant officer under sub-paragraph (1) may perform any of the officer's functions under this Part of this Schedule, but only under the officer's supervision.

Reasonable force

- 8 A relevant officer may use reasonable force, if necessary, in the performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule.

Evidence of authority

- 9 A relevant officer must produce evidence of the officer's authority if asked to do so.

Protection of relevant officers

- 10 A relevant officer is not liable in any criminal or civil proceedings for anything done in the purported performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule if the court is satisfied that—
- (a) the act was done in good faith, and
 - (b) there were reasonable grounds for doing it.

Offences

- 11 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of England and Wales if the person—
- (a) intentionally obstructs a relevant officer in the performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule, or
 - (b) fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement made by a relevant officer in the performance of those functions.
- (2) A person who provides information in response to a requirement made by a relevant officer in the performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule commits an offence under the law of England and Wales if—
- (a) the information is false in a material particular, and the person either knows it is or is reckless as to whether it is, or
 - (b) the person intentionally fails to disclose any material particular.
- (3) A relevant officer may arrest without warrant anyone whom the officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting to be guilty of an offence under this paragraph.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this paragraph is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks, to a fine or to both.
- (5) In the application of sub-paragraph (4) in relation to an offence committed before the coming into force of section 281(5) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 the reference to 51 weeks is to be read as a reference to 6 months.

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PART 2

SCOTLAND

Introductory

- 12 (1) This Part of this Schedule sets out the powers exercisable by ^{F551}... Scottish constables ^{F552}... (referred to in this Part of this Schedule as “relevant officers”) under sections 28N and 28P(3).
- (2) In this Part of this Schedule—
- [^{F553}“the 2006 Act” means the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006;]
- “items subject to legal privilege” has the same meaning as in Chapter 3 of Part 8 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (see section 412 of that Act);
- “the ship” means the ship in relation to which the powers set out in this Part of this Schedule are exercised.

Textual Amendments

- F551** Words in Sch. 4A para. 12(1) omitted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 7 para. 14\(a\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, [Sch. 1 para. 22](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 8](#))
- F552** Words in Sch. 4A para. 12(1) omitted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 7 para. 14\(b\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, [Sch. 1 para. 22](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 8](#))
- F553** Words in [Sch. 4A para. 12\(2\)](#) inserted (12.4.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 6 para. 10\(6\)](#); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

Power to stop, board, divert and detain

- 13 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that—
- (a) an offence under section [^{F554}24B, 25 or 25A of this Act or section 21 of the 2006 Act] is being, or has been, committed on the ship, or
 - (b) the ship is otherwise being used in connection with the commission of an offence under any of those sections.
- (2) The relevant officer may—
- (a) stop the ship;
 - (b) board the ship;
 - (c) require the ship to be taken to a port in the United Kingdom and detained there.
- (3) The relevant officer may require the master of the ship, or any member of its crew, to take such action as is necessary for the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)(c).
- (4) A relevant officer must give notice in writing to the master of any ship detained under this paragraph.
- (5) The notice must state that the ship is to be detained until the notice is withdrawn by the giving of a further notice in writing signed by a relevant officer.

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Textual Amendments

F554 Words in Sch. 4A para. 13(1)(a) substituted (12.4.2023) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 6 para. 10(7); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

Power to search and obtain information

- 14 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that there is evidence on the ship (other than items subject to legal privilege) relating—
- (a) to an offence under section [F555 24B, 25 or 25A of this Act or section 21 of the 2006 Act], or
 - (b) to an offence that is connected with an offence under any of those sections.
- (2) The relevant officer may search—
- (a) the ship;
 - (b) anyone on the ship;
 - (c) anything on the ship (including cargo).
- (3) The relevant officer may require a person on the ship to give information about himself or herself or about anything on the ship.
- (4) The power to search conferred by sub-paragraph (2)—
- (a) is only a power to search to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering evidence of the kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), and
 - (b) in the case of a search of a person, does not authorise a relevant officer to require the person to remove any clothing in public other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves.
- (5) In exercising a power conferred by sub-paragraph (2) or (3) a relevant officer may—
- (a) open any containers;
 - (b) require the production of documents, books or records relating to the ship or anything on it (but not including anything the relevant officer has reasonable grounds to believe to be an item subject to legal privilege);
 - (c) make photographs or copies of anything the production of which the relevant officer has power to require.
- (6) The power in sub-paragraph (5)(b) to require the production of documents, books or records includes, in relation to documents, books or records kept in electronic form, power to require the provision of the documents, books or records in a form in which they are legible and can be taken away.
- (7) Sub-paragraph (5) is without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by sub-paragraphs (2) and (3).
- (8) A power conferred by this paragraph may be exercised on the ship or elsewhere.

Textual Amendments

F555 Words in Sch. 4A para. 14(1)(a) substituted (12.4.2023) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 6 para. 10(8); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

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Power of arrest and seizure

- 15 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that an offence under section [F556]24B, 25 or 25A of this Act or section 21 of the 2006 Act] has been, or is being, committed on the ship.
- (2) The relevant officer may arrest without warrant anyone whom the officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting to be guilty of the offence.
- (3) The relevant officer may seize and retain anything found on the ship which appears to the officer to be evidence of the offence (but not including anything that the officer has reasonable grounds to believe to be an item subject to legal privilege).
- (4) A power conferred by this paragraph may be exercised on the ship or elsewhere.

Textual Amendments

F556 Words in [Sch. 4A para. 15\(1\)](#) substituted (12.4.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 6 para. 10\(9\)](#); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

Protective searches of persons

- 16 (1) The relevant officer may search a person found on the ship for anything which the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person might use to—
- (a) cause physical injury,
 - (b) cause damage to property, or
 - (c) endanger the safety of any ship.
- (2) The power conferred by sub-paragraph (1) may be exercised—
- (a) only if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that anything of a kind mentioned in that sub-paragraph is concealed on the person; and
 - (b) only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering any such thing.
- (3) The relevant officer may seize and retain anything which the officer has reasonable grounds to believe might—
- (a) cause physical injury,
 - (b) cause damage to property, or
 - (c) endanger the safety of any ship.
- (4) If the person is detained, nothing seized under sub-paragraph (3) may be retained when the person is released from detention.
- (5) A power conferred by this paragraph to search a person does not authorise a relevant officer to require the person to remove any clothing in public other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves, but it does authorise the search of a person's mouth.
- (6) A power conferred by this paragraph may be exercised on the ship or elsewhere.

Search for nationality documents

- 17 (1) The relevant officer may require a person found on the ship to produce a nationality document.

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- (2) The relevant officer may search a person found on the ship where the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a nationality document is concealed on the person.
- (3) The power conferred by sub-paragraph (2) may be exercised—
 - (a) only if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a nationality document is concealed on the person; and
 - (b) only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering any such document.
- (4) Subject as follows, the officer may seize and retain a nationality document for as long as the officer believes the person to whom it relates will arrive in the United Kingdom by virtue of the exercise of the power in paragraph 13.
- ^{F557}(5)
- (6) [^{F558}A nationality document that has been seized and retained by a relevant officer] must be passed to an immigration officer as soon as is practicable after the ship has arrived in the United Kingdom.
- (7) The power conferred by this paragraph to search a person does not authorise a relevant officer to—
 - (a) require the person to remove any clothing in public other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves, or
 - (b) seize and retain any document the officer has reasonable grounds to believe to be an item subject to legal privilege.
- (8) In this paragraph a “nationality document”, in relation to a person, means any document which might—
 - (a) establish the person's identity, nationality or citizenship, or
 - (b) indicate the place from which the person has travelled to the United Kingdom or to which the person is proposing to go.
- (9) A power conferred by this paragraph may be exercised on the ship or elsewhere.

Textual Amendments

F557 Sch. 4A para. 17(5) omitted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 7 para. 15\(a\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, [Sch. 1 para. 22](#) (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

F558 Words in Sch. 4A para. 17(6) substituted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 7 para. 15\(b\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, [Sch. 1 para. 22](#) (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

Assistants

- 18 (1) A relevant officer may—
 - (a) be accompanied by other persons, and
 - (b) take equipment or materials,to assist the officer in the exercise of powers under this Part of this Schedule.
- (2) A person accompanying a relevant officer under sub-paragraph (1) may perform any of the officer's functions under this Part of this Schedule, but only under the officer's supervision.

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Reasonable force

- 19 A relevant officer may use reasonable force, if necessary, in the performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule.

Evidence of authority

- 20 A relevant officer must produce evidence of the officer's authority if asked to do so.

Protection of relevant officers

- 21 A relevant officer is not liable in any criminal or civil proceedings for anything done in the purported performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule if the court is satisfied that—
- (a) the act was done in good faith, and
 - (b) there were reasonable grounds for doing it.

Offences

- 22 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of Scotland if the person—
- (a) intentionally obstructs a relevant officer in the performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule, or
 - (b) fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement made by a relevant officer in the performance of those functions.
- (2) A person who provides information in response to a requirement made by a relevant officer in the performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule commits an offence under the law of Scotland if—
- (a) the information is false in a material particular, and the person either knows it is or is reckless as to whether it is, or
 - (b) the person intentionally fails to disclose any material particular.
- (3) A relevant officer may arrest without warrant anyone whom the officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting to be guilty of an offence under this paragraph.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this paragraph is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to both.

PART 3

NORTHERN IRELAND

Introductory

- 23 (1) This Part of this Schedule sets out the powers exercisable by ^{F559}... Northern Ireland constables ^{F560}... (referred to in this Part of this Schedule as “relevant officers”) under sections 28O and 28P(5).
- (2) In this Part of this Schedule—
- [^{F561}“the 2006 Act” means the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006;]

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“items subject to legal privilege” has the same meaning as in the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (SI 1989/1341 (NI 12)) (see Article 12 of that Order);

“the ship” means the ship in relation to which the powers set out in this Part of this Schedule are exercised.

Textual Amendments

- F559** Words in Sch. 4A para. 23 omitted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 7 para. 16(a); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)
- F560** Words in Sch. 4A para. 23 omitted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 7 para. 16(b); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 22 (with Sch. 2 para. 8)
- F561** Words in Sch. 4A para. 23(2) inserted (12.4.2023) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 6 para. 10(10); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

Power to stop, board, divert and detain

- 24 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that—
- an offence under section [F562 24B, 25 or 25A of this Act or section 21 of the 2006 Act] is being, or has been, committed on the ship, or
 - the ship is otherwise being used in connection with the commission of an offence under any of those sections.
- (2) The relevant officer may—
- stop the ship;
 - board the ship;
 - require the ship to be taken to a port in the United Kingdom and detained there.
- (3) The relevant officer may require the master of the ship, or any member of its crew, to take such action as is necessary for the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)(c).
- (4) A relevant officer must give notice in writing to the master of any ship detained under this paragraph.
- (5) The notice must state that the ship is to be detained until the notice is withdrawn by the giving of a further notice in writing signed by a relevant officer.

Textual Amendments

- F562** Words in Sch. 4A para. 24(1)(a) substituted (12.4.2023) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 6 para. 10(11); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

Power to search and obtain information

- 25 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that there is evidence on the ship (other than items subject to legal privilege) relating—
- to an offence under section [F563 24B, 25 or 25A of this Act or section 21 of the 2006 Act], or
 - to an offence that is connected with an offence under any of those sections.

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- (2) The relevant officer may search—
 - (a) the ship;
 - (b) anyone on the ship;
 - (c) anything on the ship (including cargo).
- (3) The relevant officer may require a person on the ship to give information about himself or herself or about anything on the ship.
- (4) The power to search conferred by sub-paragraph (2)—
 - (a) is only a power to search to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering evidence of the kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), and
 - (b) in the case of a search of a person, does not authorise a relevant officer to require the person to remove any clothing in public other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves.
- (5) In exercising a power conferred by sub-paragraph (2) or (3) a relevant officer may—
 - (a) open any containers;
 - (b) require the production of documents, books or records relating to the ship or anything on it (but not including anything the officer has reasonable grounds to believe to be an item subject to legal privilege);
 - (c) make photographs or copies of anything the production of which the officer has power to require.
- (6) The power in sub-paragraph (5)(b) to require the production of documents, books or records includes, in relation to documents, books or records kept in electronic form, power to require the provision of the documents, books or records in a form in which they are legible and can be taken away.
- (7) Sub-paragraph (5) is without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by sub-paragraphs (2) and (3).
- (8) A power conferred by this paragraph may be exercised on the ship or elsewhere.

Textual Amendments

F563 Words in *Sch. 4A para. 25(1)(a)* substituted (12.4.2023) by *Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), s. 87(1), Sch. 6 para. 10(12)*; S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)

Power of arrest and seizure

- 26 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that an offence under section [F564]24B, 25 or 25A of this Act or section 21 of the 2006 Act] has been, or is being, committed on the ship.
- (2) The relevant officer may arrest without warrant anyone whom the officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting to be guilty of the offence.
- (3) The relevant officer may seize and retain anything found on the ship which appears to the officer to be evidence of the offence (but not including anything that the ^{F565}... officer has reasonable grounds to believe to be an item subject to legal privilege).
- (4) A power conferred by this paragraph may be exercised on the ship or elsewhere.

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Textual Amendments

- F564** Words in Sch. 4A para. 26(1) substituted (12.4.2023) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\), s. 87\(1\)](#), [Sch. 6 para. 10\(13\)](#); S.I. 2023/283, reg. 3(b)
- F565** Words in Sch. 4A para. 26(3) omitted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\), s. 87\(1\)](#), [Sch. 7 para. 17](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, [Sch. 1 para. 22](#) (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

Protective searches of persons

- 27 (1) The relevant officer may search a person found on the ship for anything which the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person might use to—
- cause physical injury,
 - cause damage to property, or
 - endanger the safety of any ship.
- (2) The power conferred by sub-paragraph (1) may be exercised—
- only if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that anything of a kind mentioned in that sub-paragraph is concealed on the person; and
 - only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering any such thing.
- (3) The relevant officer may seize and retain anything which the officer has reasonable grounds to believe might—
- cause physical injury,
 - cause damage to property, or
 - endanger the safety of any ship
- (4) If the person is detained, nothing seized under sub-paragraph (3) may be retained when the person is released from detention.
- (5) A power conferred by this paragraph to search a person does not authorise a relevant officer to require the person to remove any clothing in public other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves, but it does authorise the search of a person's mouth.
- (6) A power conferred by this paragraph may be exercised on the ship or elsewhere.

Search for nationality documents

- 28 (1) The relevant officer may require a person found on the ship to produce a nationality document.
- (2) The relevant officer may search a person found on the ship where the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a nationality document is concealed on the person.
- (3) The power conferred by sub-paragraph (2) may be exercised—
- only if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a nationality document is concealed on the person; and
 - only to the extent that it is reasonably required for the purpose of discovering any such document.
- (4) Subject as follows, the officer may seize and retain a nationality document for as long as the officer believes the person to whom it relates will arrive in the United Kingdom by virtue of the exercise of the power in paragraph 24.

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- ^{F566}(5)
- (6) [^{F567}A nationality document that has been seized and retained by a relevant officer] must be passed to an immigration officer as soon as is practicable after the ship has arrived in the United Kingdom.
- (7) The power conferred by this paragraph to search a person does not authorise a relevant officer to—
- (a) require the person to remove any clothing in public other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves, or
 - (b) seize and retain any document the officer has reasonable grounds to believe to be an item subject to legal privilege.
- (8) In this paragraph a “nationality document”, in relation to a person, means any document which might—
- (a) establish the person's identity, nationality or citizenship, or
 - (b) indicate the place from which the person has travelled to the United Kingdom or to which the person is proposing to go.
- (9) A power conferred by this paragraph may be exercised on the ship or elsewhere.

Textual Amendments

F566 Sch. 4A para. 28(5) omitted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 7 para. 18\(a\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, [Sch. 1 para. 22](#) (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

F567 Words in Sch. 4A para. 28(6) substituted (28.6.2022) by [Nationality and Borders Act 2022 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 87(1), [Sch. 7 para. 18\(b\)](#); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, [Sch. 1 para. 22](#) (with Sch. 2 para. 8)

Assistants

- 29 (1) A relevant officer may—
- (a) be accompanied by other persons, and
 - (b) take equipment or materials,
- to assist the officer in the exercise of powers under this Part of this Schedule.
- (2) A person accompanying a relevant officer under sub-paragraph (1) may perform any of the officer's functions under this Part of this Schedule, but only under the officer's supervision.

Reasonable force

- 30 A relevant officer may use reasonable force, if necessary, in the performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule.

Evidence of authority

- 31 A relevant officer must produce evidence of the officer's authority if asked to do so.

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Protection of relevant officers

- 32 A relevant officer is not liable in any criminal or civil proceedings for anything done in the purported performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule if the court is satisfied that—
- (a) the act was done in good faith, and
 - (b) there were reasonable grounds for doing it.

Offences

- 33 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of Northern Ireland if the person—
- (a) intentionally obstructs a relevant officer in the performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule, or
 - (b) fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement made by a relevant officer in the performance of those functions.
- (2) A person who provides information in response to a requirement made by a relevant officer in the performance of functions under this Part of this Schedule commits an offence under the law of Northern Ireland if—
- (a) the information is false in a material particular, and the person either knows it is or is reckless as to whether it is, or
 - (b) the person intentionally fails to disclose any material particular.
- (3) A relevant officer may arrest without warrant anyone whom the officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting to be guilty of an offence under this paragraph.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this paragraph is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to both.]

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Textual Amendments

F568 Sch. 5 repealed (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 169(3), **Sch. 16** (with s. 169(2), Sch. 15 para. 3(5)); S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, **Sch**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C305 Ss. 18-21, 22(1)-(4)(6)(7), 23 and Sch. 5 amended (26.7.1993) by 1993 c. 23, s. 8(6), **Sch. 2 para. 4(2)** (a)-(f); S.I. 1993/1655, art. 2
Sch. 5 amended (1.9.1996) by 1996 c. 49, s. 3(4)(f); S.I. 1996/2053, art. 2, **Sch. Pt. II**

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X¹SCHEDULE 6

Section 34.

REPEALS

Editorial Information

X1 The text of Sch. 6 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal
4 & 5 Geo. 5. c. 12.	The Aliens Restriction Act 1914.	The whole Act.
9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 92.	The Aliens Restriction (Amendment) Act 1919.	Section 1. Section 2(1). Section 13(3). Section 14(1). Section 5(1).
11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 56.	The British Nationality Act 1948.	In section 6(2), the words from "and, if " to " Act ", Section 4(1) from " and as if " onwards.
6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 10.	The British Nationality Act 1948.	Section 3(2). In section 5(3) the words from " including " to " this Act ".
10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 21.	The Commonwealth Immigrants Act 1962.	The whole Act, except section 12(2) and (4) and section 20(1) and (3). In section 12(2) the words from the beginning to " six, and ". Section 5(1).
1964 c. 81.	The Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964.	Section 2(3).
1965 c. 34.	The British Nationality Act 1965.	In Schedule 3, paragraph 3. Section 38.
1967 c. 4.	The West Indies Act 1967.	The whole Act.
1967 c. 80.	The Criminal Justice Act 1967.	The whole Act.
1968 c. 9.	The Commonwealth Immigrants Act 1968.	In section 51(1), the definition of " recommendation for deportation ".
1968 c. 19.	The Criminal Appeal Act 1968.	In paragraph 1 of the Schedule, sub-paragraph (f) and the words from " and 1962 " to " 1968 ".
1968 c. 59.	The Hovercraft Act 1968.	The whole Act.
1969 c. 21.	The Immigration Appeals Act 1969.	The whole Act.
1970 c. 58.	The Expiring Laws Continuance Act 1970.	The whole Act.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 8B(1)-(3) power to modify conferred by [S.I. 2020/733 reg. 38\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Regulations revoked prospectively by S.I. 2020/1278, regs. 1(2), 66(4))
- s. 8B(1)-(3) power to modify conferred by [S.I. 2021/1404 reg. 23](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. Although it was debated, it was not approved by resolutions of both Houses within the required timeframe, so it has expired with no effect. See the Twelfth Report of Session 2022-23 of the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments)
- s. 10(1) words repealed by [1999 c. 33 Sch. 14 para. 47\(2\)](#)[Sch. 16](#)
- s. 10(2) words substituted by [1999 c. 33 Sch. 14 para. 47\(4\)](#)
- s. 11(1) applied by [2023 c. 37 s. 2\(10\)](#)
- s. 11(1) words inserted by [1999 c. 33 Sch. 14 para. 48](#)
- s. 11(1) words omitted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 10 para. 15\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The prospectively inserted words in s. 11(1) by 1999 c. 33, Sch. 14 para. 48 have not yet been commenced.)
- s. 25(1) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 4\(3\)\(b\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 4(3)(b) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1309, regs. 1(2)(a), 48)
- s. 25(1) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 4\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 4(3)(b) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1309, regs. 1(2)(a), 48)
- s. 25(7)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 4\(3\)\(f\)](#)
- s. 26A(1)(b)(i) words substituted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 32\(2\)](#)
- s. 26A(1)(b)(ii) omitted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 2\(a\)](#)
- s. 26A(2) words substituted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 32\(3\)](#)
- s. 28A(3)(a) word inserted by [2016 c. 19 s. 44\(3\)](#)
- s. 28B(5) word inserted by [2016 c. 19 s. 44\(4\)](#)
- s. 28D(4) word inserted by [2016 c. 19 s. 44\(6\)](#)
- s. 36 power extended by [2020 c. 1 s. 42\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 17A applied by [2023 c. 37 s. 8\(14\)](#)
- Sch. 2 excluded in part by [2002 c. 41, s. 62\(3A\)](#) (as inserted) by [2023 c. 37 s. 11\(8\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 16 cross-heading words inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 11\(3\)](#)

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

- Act applied by [2008 c. 4 s. 133\(7\)\(8\)](#)

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

- s. 10(1A)(1B) inserted by [1999 c. 33 Sch. 14 para. 47\(3\)](#)
- s. 24(1)(fa) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(2\)](#)
- s. 24C-24F inserted by [2016 c. 19 s. 44\(2\)](#)
- s. 26A(1)(b)(ia) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 25](#)
- s. 27(1)(aa) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 27(1)(ba) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 28CA(1)(bb) substituted for word in s. 28CA(1)(b) by [2016 c. 19 s. 44\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 27B(4A) inserted by [2004 c. 19 s. 16](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 26(4) inserted by [2016 c. 19 s. 74\(1\)](#)

- Sch. 2 Pt. 1A inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 13](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 11A inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(4\)](#)