



## 2011 CHAPTER 16

### **PART 5**

#### GENERAL

##### **Power to detain vessels, etc.**

**49.—**(1) Where an inspector appointed by the Department certifies in writing that the inspector is satisfied that an offence under or by virtue of this Act is being or has been committed on board a vessel in port, the vessel may be detained.

(2) A certificate under subsection (1) must—

- (a) specify each offence to which it relates, and
- (b) set out the inspector's reasons for being satisfied that each offence to which it relates is being or has been committed.

(3) An inspector who detains a vessel in reliance on a certificate under subsection (1) must as soon as is reasonably practicable give a copy of it to the master or person in charge of the vessel.

(4) A vessel may be detained under subsection (1) until the Department otherwise directs.

(5) The Department may by regulations—

- (a) apply this section to aircraft or hovercraft, with such modifications as the Department thinks fit, or
- (b) make such other provision for the detention of aircraft or hovercraft in relation to offences under or by virtue of this Act as the Department thinks fit.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, Section 49.