



Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 37

PART I

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE IN CONNECTION WITH WORK, AND CONTROL OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES AND CERTAIN EMISSIONS INTO THE ATMOSPHERE

Enforcement

[^{F1} 25A Power of customs officer to detain articles and substances.

- (1) A customs officer may, for the purpose of facilitating the exercise or performance by any enforcing authority or inspector of any of the powers or duties of the authority or inspector under any of the relevant statutory provisions, seize any imported article or imported substance and detain it for not more than two working days.
- (2) Anything seized and detained under this section shall be dealt with during the period of its detention in such manner as the Commissioners of Customs and Excise may direct.
- (3) In subsection (1) above the reference to two working days is a reference to a period of forty-eight hours calculated from the time when the goods in question are seized but disregarding so much of any period as falls on a Saturday or Sunday or on Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act ^{M1} 1971 in the part of Great Britain where the goods are seized.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 25A inserted by [Consumer Protection Act 1987 \(c. 43, SIF 109:1\)](#), s. 36, [Sch. 3 para. 3](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 1-59 applied by S.I. 2001/2127 art. 8A 8B (as inserted (E.W.S.) (6.4.2011) by [The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 \(Application outside Great Britain\) \(Variation\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/745\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3(2))
- C2** Ss. 19-28 applied (with modifications) (1.1.1993) by S.I. 1992/3073, reg. 28, [Sch. 6 para. 1\(b\)](#)

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- Ss. 18(6)(7)(b), 19-22, 23(1)(2)(5), 24-26, 33(1)(e)-(h)(o)(2)(2A)(3)(4)(e), 34(3)-(5), 35, 36(1)(2), 37-39, 42 applied (with modifications) (9.1.1995) by S.I. 1994/3260, **reg. 17(3)(5)**
- Ss. 18-27, 33(1)(e)-(i)(n)(o)(2)-(4), 34(2)-(6), 36(1), 37-42, 46 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (16.4.1996) by S.I. 1996/772, **reg. 17**
- Ss. 19-28, 33-35, 38, 39, 41, 42 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (1.3.1996) by S.I. 1996/192, **reg. 15, Sch. 14 para. 1(b)**
- Ss. 19-28, 33-35, 38, 39, 41, 42 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (1.7.1997) by S.I. 1997/831, **reg. 19(1)-(4), Sch. 15 para. 1(a)(b)**
- Ss. 16-26, 33-42, 47 applied (15.11.2000) by S.I. 2000/2831, **reg. 26(1)(a)**
- Ss. 16-26 applied (E.W.S.) (24.7.2002) by S.I. 2002/1689, **reg. 14(1)(a)**
- Ss. 18-26 applied (31.3.2002) by S.I. 2002/528, **reg. 10**
- C3** Ss. 19-28 modified (6.4.1992) by S.I. 1992/711, **regs. 1(2), 28(3)(b)(5)(a)**
- C4** Ss. 18-26 applied (with modifications) (19.11.1999) by S.I. 1999/2892, **reg. 16(1)**
- C5** Ss. 19-28 applied (with modifications) (29.11.1999) by S.I. 1999/2001, **reg. 24(1), Sch. 8 para. 1(b)**
- C6** Ss. 1-59, 80-82 applied (11.7.2001) by S.I. 2001/2127, **arts. 4(1), 5(1)(2), 6(1), 7(1), 8(1), 10** (with art. 11) (as amended by S.I. 2009/1750, **art. 2(2)(4)**)
- C7** S. 25A applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (3.5.2004) by S.I. 2004/129, **reg. 23(3)(c)**; s. 25A applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (22.4.2005) by S.I. 2005/928, {**reg. 4(2)-(6)**}
- C8** Ss. 1-59, 80-82 applied (temp.) (5.8.2009) by The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (Application outside Great Britain) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2127), **arts. 8A, 8B** (as inserted by S.I. 2009/1750, **art. 2(3)**)
- C9** Ss. 19-28 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (4.7.2010 for certain purposes and otherwise 4.7.2013) by The Pyrotechnic Articles (Safety) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1554), **regs. 1, 18, 37(1)**, {**Sch. 4 paras. 1, 2**}
- C10** Ss. 18-26 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (1.9.2013) by The Biocidal Products and Chemicals (Appointment of Authorities and Enforcement) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1506), **regs. 2(1), 8(1)** (with **reg. 3(4), (5), 8(2)-(7), 31**)
- C11** Ss. 25A-28 applied (with modifications) (1.3.2014) by The Biocidal Products and Chemicals (Appointment of Authorities and Enforcement) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1506), **regs. 2(4), 19** (with **reg. 3(4)(5)31**)
- C12** Ss. 16-26 applied (E.W.S.) (1.10.2014) by The Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/1663), **regs. 1, 30(2)(a)** (with **reg. 3(1)(2)**)
- C13** Ss. 19-28 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (1.10.2014) by The Explosives Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/1638), **reg. 1(1), Sch. 12 paras. 2, 3**
- C14** Ss. 18-28 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (1.6.2015) by The Biocidal Products and Chemicals (Appointment of Authorities and Enforcement) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1506), **regs. 2(2), 17(1)** (with **reg. 3(4)(5)31**)
- C15** S. 25A applied (with modifications) (17.8.2015) by The Pyrotechnic Articles (Safety) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1553), **reg. 1, Sch. 8 paras. 1(i), 2**
- C16** Ss. 19-28 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2014/1638, **Sch. 12 paras. 5-7** (as substituted (E.W.S.) (20.4.2016) by The Explosives Regulations 2014 (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/315), **reg. 1, Sch. 1** (with **regs. 2(1), 15**))
- C17** S. 25A applied (with modifications) (8.12.2016) by The Simple Pressure Vessels (Safety) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1092), **reg. 1, Sch. 6 paras. 1(h), 2** (with **reg. 3**)
- C18** S. 25A applied (with modifications) (8.12.2016) by The Pressure Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1105), **reg. 1, Sch. 8 paras. 1(h), 2** (with **reg. 88**)
- C19** S. 25A applied (with modifications) (8.12.2016) by The Lifts Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1093), **reg. 1, Sch. 8 paras. 1(i), 2** (with **regs. 3-5**)
- C20** S. 25A applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (8.12.2016) by The Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1107), **reg. 1(1), Sch. 4 para. 1(h)**
- C21** S. 25A applied (with modifications) (8.12.2016) by The Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1101), **reg. 1, Sch. 4 paras. 1, 2** (with **reg. 3**)

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- C22** S. 25A applied (with modifications) (21.4.2018) by [The Personal Protective Equipment \(Enforcement\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/390\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 2** (with reg. 2(1)-(3))
- C23** S. 25A applied (with modifications) (21.4.2018) by [The Gas Appliances \(Enforcement\) and Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/389\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 2** (with reg. 2)
- C24** S. 25A applied (with modifications) (30.7.2018) by [The Cableway Installations Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/816\)](#), regs. 1, **21(1)-(3)** (with reg. 4)

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