



Consumer Protection Act 1987

1987 CHAPTER 43

PART IV

ENFORCEMENT OF PARTS II AND III

31 Power of customs officer to detain goods.

- (1) A customs officer may, for the purpose of facilitating the exercise by an enforcement authority or officer of such an authority of any functions conferred on the authority or officer by or under Part II of this Act, or by [^{F1}section 29(4) of this Act or Schedule 5 to the Consumer Rights Act 2015] in its application for the purposes of the safety provisions, seize any imported goods and detain them 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 ^{M1}Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in the part of the United Kingdom where the goods are seized.
- (4) In this section and section 32 below “customs officer” means any officer within the meaning of the ^{M2}Customs and Excise Management Act 1979.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 31(1) substituted (1.10.2015) by [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\), s. 100\(5\), Sch. 6 para. 42](#); [S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3\(i\)](#) (with art. 8)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 31 applied (with modifications) (1.1.1993) by [S.I. 1992/3073, reg. 28, Sch. 6 para. 3\(c\)](#)
S. 31 applied (with modifications) (1.7.1997) by [S.I. 1997/831, reg. 19\(1\)-\(4\), Sch. 15 para. 2\(b\)](#)
(with [Sch. 15 para. 7](#))

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- Ss. 28-35 applied (with modifications) (31.5.1998) by S.I. 1998/1165, **reg. 13(2)(a)** (which said S.I. was revoked (25.8.2003) by S.I. 2003/1941, **reg. 1(2)**)
- Ss. 28-35 applied (with modifications) (26.4.1999) by S.I. 1999/1053, **reg. 16(3)(a)**
- Ss. 28-35 applied (with modifications) (29.11.1999) by S.I. 1999/2001, **reg. 24, Sch. 8 para. 2(c)**
- Ss. 28-35 applied (with modifications) (8.4.2000) by S.I. 2000/730, **reg. 18(1), Sch. 9 para. 1(2)**
- Ss. 28-35 applied (with modifications) (15.5.2002) by S.I. 2002/1144, **regs. 2(2), 16(1)-(3), Sch. 10 paras. 1, 3**
- Ss. 28-35 applied (with modifications) (25.8.2003) by S.I. 2003/1941, **reg. 8, Sch. IV para. 2(a)**
- C2** S. 31 applied (with modifications) (17.8.2015) by **The Pyrotechnic Articles (Safety) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1553), reg. 1, Sch. 7 paras. 1(i), 2**
- C3** S. 31 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2015) by **The Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1640), reg. 1, Sch. 4 para. 1(1)(a)** (with reg. 3(5))
- C4** S. 31 applied (with modifications) (8.12.2016) by **The Lifts Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1093), reg. 1, Sch. 7 paras. 1(h), 2** (with regs. 3-5)
- C5** S. 31 applied (with modifications) (8.12.2016) by **The Simple Pressure Vessels (Safety) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1092), reg. 1, Sch. 5 paras. 1(i), 2** (with reg. 3)
- C6** S. 31 applied (with modifications) (8.12.2016) by **The Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1091), reg. 1, Sch. 7 paras. 1, 2** (with regs. 74, 75(5))
- C7** S. 31 applied (with modifications) (8.12.2016) by **The Pressure Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1105), reg. 1, Sch. 7 paras. 1(i), 2** (with reg. 88)
- C8** S. 31 applied (with modifications) (8.12.2016) by **The Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1101), reg. 1, Sch. 3 paras. 1, 2** (with reg. 3)
- C9** S. 31 applied (with modifications) (3.8.2017) by **The Recreational Craft Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/737), reg. 1, Sch. 13 paras. 1(i), 2** (with reg. 89)
- C10** S. 31 applied (with modifications) (26.12.2017) by **The Radio Equipment Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1206), reg. 1, Sch. 10 paras. 1, 2** (with regs. 3-5, 77)
- C11** S. 31 applied (with modifications) (21.4.2018) by **The Personal Protective Equipment (Enforcement) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/390), reg. 1(1), Sch. 1** (with reg. 2(1)-(3))
- C12** S. 31 applied (with modifications) (21.4.2018) by **The Gas Appliances (Enforcement) and Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/389), reg. 1(1), Sch. 1** (with reg. 2)
- C13** S. 31 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (16.7.2021) by **The Market Surveillance (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/858), reg. 1(1), Sch. 2 paras. 1, 2** (with reg. 3)

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1971 c. 80.
- M2** 1979 c. 2.

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