



Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 31

PART III

PROTECTION OF SHIPS AND HARBOUR AREAS AGAINST ACTS OF VIOLENCE

General purposes

18 Purposes to which Part III applies.

- (1) The purposes to which this Part of this Act applies are the protection against acts of violence—
- (a) of ships, and of persons or property on board ships, and
 - (b) of harbour areas, of such persons as are at any time present in any part of a harbour area and of such property as forms part of a harbour area or is at any time (whether permanently or temporarily) in any part of a harbour area.

- (2) In this Part of this Act act of violence means any act (whether actual or potential, and whether done or to be done in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) which either—
- (a) being an act done in Great Britain, constitutes, or
 - (b) if done in Great Britain would constitute,

the offence of murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, culpable homicide or assault, or an offence under section 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28 or 29 of the Offences against the ^{M1}Person Act 1861, under section 2 of the ^{M2}Explosive Substances Act 1883 or under section 1 of the ^{M3}Criminal Damage Act 1971 or, in Scotland, the offence of malicious mischief.

- [^{F1}(3) In this Part of this Act harbour area means—

- (a) the aggregate of—
 - (i) any harbour in the United Kingdom in respect of which there is a harbour authority within the meaning of the ^{M4}Merchant Shipping Act 1995, and
 - (ii) any land which is adjacent to such a harbour and which is either land occupied by the harbour authority or land in respect of which

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- the harbour authority has functions of improvement, maintenance or management, or
- (b) any hoverport which does not form part of any area which falls within paragraph (a)(i) or (ii) above.]

Textual Amendments

F1 [S. 18\(3\)](#) substituted (17.7.1997) by [1997 c. 28, s. 25, Sch. 4 para. 2](#); [S.I. 1997/1539, art. 2, Sch.](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 [S. 18](#) extended (with modifications) (Jersey) (1.1.1997) by [S.I. 1996/2881, art. 2, Sch. Pts. I, II](#)

C2 [Ss. 9-43](#) extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(1) of the extending S.I.) by [The Maritime Security \(Jersey\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/265\), art. 2, Sch.](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 [1861 c. 100.](#)

M2 [1883 c. 3.](#)

M3 [1971 c. 48.](#)

M4 [1995 c. 21.](#)

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