



Marine Navigation Act 2013

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Port constables

7 Port constables: extension of jurisdiction in England and Wales

- (1) A port constable may, for policing purposes connected with the port constable's police area, act outside that area.
- (2) A port constable may act under subsection (1) only with the consent of the chief officer of police for the police area in which the port constable is acting.
- (3) Consent—
 - (a) may be given in relation to a particular port constable or any description of port constables;
 - (b) may be given generally for all policing purposes connected with the port constable's police area or may be limited (whether as to particular purposes, particular occasions or in any other way);
 - (c) may be given subject to conditions.
- (4) When acting under subsection (1) a port constable has all the powers and privileges of a constable.
- (5) "Port constable" means—
 - (a) a person appointed by virtue of provision incorporating section 79 of the Harbours, Docks, and Piers Clauses Act 1847,
 - (b) a person appointed under provision made by virtue of paragraph 8 of Schedule 2 to the Harbours Act 1964, or
 - (c) a person appointed under section 154 of the [Port of London Act 1968](#) (c. xxxii).
- (6) A port constable's police area is the area in which the port constable has jurisdiction to act, ignoring—
 - (a) subsection (1), and
 - (b) any provision, made by or under an enactment, under which the port constable has jurisdiction to act in an area for limited purposes only.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (7) “Policing purposes connected with the port constable’s police area” means any of the following—
- (a) the prevention of the commission of offences in the port constable’s police area;
 - (b) the detection or investigation of offences committed in the port constable’s police area;
 - (c) the apprehension or prosecution of offenders in respect of offences committed in the port constable’s police area;
 - (d) the preservation of the peace in the port constable’s police area;
 - (e) the apprehension of offenders within the port constable’s police area in respect of offences committed outside that area and the transport of them to police stations outside that area;
 - (f) the regulation of traffic in the port constable’s police area.
- (8) Nothing in this section limits the circumstances in which a port constable may act apart from this section.