



Enemy Property Act 1953

1953 CHAPTER 52

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO ENEMY PROPERTY AND PROPERTY TREATED AS ENEMY PROPERTY

1 Circumstances in which ss. 2 and 3 are to apply

- (1) The two next following sections shall have effect as respects the making or withholding of payments as therein mentioned, and as respects other dealings with property as therein mentioned, at a time within the period beginning with the third day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine and ending with the passing of this Act, where the payment was so made or withheld, or the property was so dealt with, either—
 - (a) by a competent authority acting in good faith and purporting to act under the Trading with the Enemy Act, 1939 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1939") or orders made thereunder, or by such an authority acting in good faith and with intent to give effect, so far as practicable, to the purposes of section seven of that Act (which relates to the collection of enemy debts and custody of enemy property) or to prevent that Act from being contravened, or
 - (b) by any person acting in good faith and in purported compliance with a restriction or obligation imposed by or under the Act of 1939, or
 - (c) by any person acting in good faith and in pursuance of a direction or request given or made by a competent authority purporting to act under the Act of 1939 or orders made thereunder, or given or made by a competent authority acting with such an intent as is mentioned in paragraph (a) of this subsection.
- (2) For the purposes of those sections anything done by a competent authority, or by any person in purported compliance with a restriction or obligation imposed by or under the Act of 1939 or in pursuance of a direction or request of a competent authority, shall be deemed to have been done in good faith unless the contrary is proved.