



# Regulation of Railways Act 1871

1871 CHAPTER 78 34 and 35 Vict

[<sup>F1</sup> Preliminary

## [<sup>F12</sup> Interpretation of terms.

In this Act—

The term “railway” means the whole or any portion of a railway or tramway, whether worked by steam or otherwise, which has been authorized by any special Act of Parliament [<sup>F2</sup>the Channel Tunnel Act 1987] or by any certificate under Act of Parliament:

The term “company” means a company incorporated either before or after the passing of this Act [<sup>F3</sup>(a)] for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, or working a railway in the United Kingdom (either alone or in conjunction with any other purpose) [<sup>F4</sup>, or (b) which works a railway, or operates a station or a train, in the United Kingdom], and includes, except when otherwise expressed, any individual or individuals not incorporated [<sup>F5</sup>who work a railway, or operate a station or train, in the United Kingdom or who are owners or lessees of a railway or station in the United Kingdom or parties to an agreement for working a railway or operating a station or train in the United Kingdom]:

The term “person” includes a body corporate:

[<sup>F6</sup>The term “court of summary jurisdiction” means any justices of the peace, [<sup>F7</sup> . . . stipendiary magistrate, [<sup>F8</sup>sheriff principal, sheriff], or other magistrate, or officer by whatever name called, who is capable of exercising jurisdiction in summary proceedings for the recovery of penalties.]

[<sup>F9</sup>The term “relevant transport system” has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2 of the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995.]]

### Textual Amendments

- F1** Act repealed (E.W.S.) (10.5.1997) by S.I. 1997/553, reg. 12(1), **Sch. Pt. I**
- F2** Words inserted by **Channel Tunnel Act 1987** (c. 53, SIF 102), ss. 43, 45, **Sch. 6 para. 1, Sch. 7 Pt. VI para. 2** (by s. 43 it is provided that Sch. 6 to that 1987 Act shall have effect for making miscellaneous

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provisions about the application of railway regulation enactments in relation to the tunnel system, the concessionaires and certain other persons operating services by way of the tunnel system)

- F3** Word in s. 2 inserted (1.10.1994) by S.I. 1994/2229, art. 2(1), **Sch. para. (a)(i)**
- F4** Words in s. 2 substituted (1.10.1994) by virtue of S.I. 1994/2229, art. 2(1), **Sch. para. (a)(ii)**
- F5** Words in s. 2 substituted (1.10.1994) by S.I. 1994/2229, art. 2(1), **Sch. para. (a)(iii)**
- F6** Definition repealed (N.I.) by Northern Ireland Act 1962 (c. 30), **Sch. 4 Pt. IV**
- F7** S. 2: words in definition of “court of summary jurisdiction” repealed (31.8.2000) by 1999 c. 22, s. 106, **Sch. 15 Pt. V(3)** (with s. 107, Sch. 14 paras. 7(2), 36(9)); S.I. 2000/1920, **art. 3(c)**
- F8** Words substituted by virtue of Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (c. 58), **s. 4**
- F9** Words in s. 2 added (E.W.S.) (1.4.1996) by S.I. 1995/3163, **reg. 14(2)**

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 2: definition of “railway” extended (18.12.1996) by 1996 c. 61, s. 20, **Sch. 9 Pt. II para. 5**

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