



Policing and Crime Act 2017

2017 CHAPTER 3

PART 9

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

CHAPTER 1

MISCELLANEOUS

Seizure etc of travel documents

163 Powers to seize etc invalid travel documents

- (1) Schedule 8 to the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Powers to seize invalid passports etc) is amended as follows.
- (2) For the italic heading before paragraph 3 substitute “ Powers of search and seizure etc: places other than ports ”.
- (3) In paragraph 3, for sub-paragraph (1) substitute—
 - “(1) An examining officer who is a constable or a person appointed as an immigration officer under paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971 may exercise any of the powers under this paragraph, at a place that is not a port, if the examining officer reasonably believes that a person is in possession of a cancelled UK passport or an invalid non-UK travel document.”
- (4) In that paragraph, in sub-paragraph (2)—
 - (a) for “This paragraph applies to a passport” substitute “A passport is “a cancelled UK passport”;
 - (b) at the end of paragraph (a) insert “ and ”;
 - (c) omit the “and” at the end of paragraph (b);

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- (d) omit paragraph (c).
- (5) After sub-paragraph (2) insert—
 - “(2A) An invalid travel document is “an invalid non-UK travel document” if it is, or appears to be, a passport or other document which has been issued by or for the government of a state other than the United Kingdom.”
- (6) In that paragraph—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (3)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a), for “the constable” substitute “ the examining officer ”;
 - (ii) in paragraph (b), for “the constable” substitute “ the examining officer ”;
 - (iii) in paragraph (d), for “the constable believes” substitute “ the examining officer reasonably believes ”;
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (4)—
 - (i) in paragraph (c), for “the constable believes” substitute “ the examining officer reasonably believes ”;
 - (ii) in paragraph (d), for “the constable” substitute “ the examining officer ”;
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (5)—
 - (i) in the opening words, for “A constable” substitute “ An examining officer ”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b), for “the constable's behalf” substitute “ the examining officer's behalf ”.
- (7) After paragraph 3 insert—

3A “Powers of entry, search and seizure etc: constables

- (1) A constable may exercise any of the powers under this paragraph in relation to any premises, other than premises forming part of a port, if the constable reasonably believes that a cancelled UK passport or an invalid non-UK travel document is on the premises (whether or not in the possession of a person who is also on the premises).
- (2) The powers are—
 - (a) to enter the premises;
 - (b) to search the premises for travel documents and to take possession of any that the constable finds;
 - (c) to inspect any travel document taken and to retain it while its validity is checked;
 - (d) (subject to paragraph 4) to retain any travel document taken that the constable reasonably believes to be invalid.
- (3) A constable—
 - (a) may if necessary use reasonable force for the purpose of exercising a power under this paragraph;
 - (b) may authorise a person to carry out on the constable's behalf a search under this paragraph.

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- (4) This paragraph does not affect any power of a constable under paragraph 3(3), (4)(a) to (c) or (5) in relation to a person on any premises entered under sub-paragraph (2)(a).”
- (8) In paragraph 4 (retention or return of documents seized)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1), for “2(2)(c) or 3(3)(c)” substitute “ 2(2)(c), 3(3)(c) or 3A(2)(c) ”;
- (b) after sub-paragraph (2) insert—
- “(2A) If it is established that a travel document taken from any premises under paragraph 3A—
- (a) is valid, or
- (b) is invalid only because it has expired,
- it must be returned to the person to whom it was issued straight away.”;
- (c) after sub-paragraph (3) insert—
- “(3A) A travel document taken from premises under paragraph 3A must be returned to the person to whom it was issued before the end of the period of 7 days beginning with the day on which it was taken, unless during that period it is established that the document is invalid for some reason other than expiry.”;
- (d) in sub-paragraph (4), for “(2)(b) or (3)” substitute “ (2)(b), (2A), (3) or (3A) ”;
- (e) in that sub-paragraph, after “from whom he or she took the document” insert “ or (as the case may be) to whom it was issued ”;
- (f) in sub-paragraph (5), for “(2) or (3)” substitute “ (2), (2A), (3) or (3A) ”.
- (9) In paragraph 5 (offences), in sub-paragraph (2), for “a search under paragraph 2 or 3” substitute “ the exercise of a power of search under paragraph 2, 3 or 3A, or the exercise of a power of entry under paragraph 3A, ”.
- (10) In paragraph 6 (power of arrest), for “2” substitute “ 2 or 3 ”.

Commencement Information

II [S. 163](#) in force for specified purposes at Royal Assent, see [s. 183](#)

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- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.I. 2017/1139, reg. 2 by [S.I. 2017/1162 reg. 2](#)