



Coastguard Act 1925

1925 CHAPTER 88 15 and 16 Geo 5

An Act to amend the law with respect to the Coastguard, and for the purposes connected therewith. [22nd December 1925]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 References to Board of Trade in this Act (except last reference but one in s. 1(1) to be construed as references to Secretary of State for Trade: *S.I. 1970/1537, Sch. 2 para. 1, 1974/692, arts. 2(1), 5(3), Sch. 1 Pt. III, 1983/1127, arts. 2(4), 4(3)*

1 Transfer of the coastguard to the Board of Trade.

- (1) His Majesty's Coastguard shall consist of such numbers of officers and men as the Board of Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the Board"), may with the consent of the Treasury from time to time think fit, and shall be raised, maintained, equipped, and governed by the Board and employed as a coast-watching force for the performance of the duties hitherto performed by the coastguard on behalf of the Board, and of such other duties as may be determined by the Board.
- (2) All land which is at the commencement of this Act held by the Admiralty in connection with the coastguard service and required by the Board for the purposes of His Majesty's Coastguard shall, notwithstanding any provisions in any lease or other instrument prohibiting or restricting the transfer or assignment thereof, be transferred to the Commissioners of Works by Order of His Majesty in Council without the necessity of any other conveyance or assignment, and shall be taken by the said Commissioners as land necessary for the public service and held by them for all the estate and interest for which it was previously held by the Admiralty.
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- [^{F2}(3) The Secretary of State must consult the Scottish Ministers about the strategic priorities of the Secretary of State in exercising functions under subsection (1) in relation to the safety standards of ships in Scotland and protecting the health and safety of persons on them.
- (4) In subsection (3) "Scotland" has the same meaning as in the Scotland Act 1998.]

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Coastguard Act 1925. (See end of Document for details)

- [^{F3}(5) The Secretary of State must consult the Welsh Ministers about the strategic priorities of the Secretary of State in exercising functions under subsection (1) in relation to activities of Her Majesty's Coastguard in Wales.
- (6) In subsection (5) ““Wales”” has the same meaning as in the Government of Wales Act 2006.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1(3) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1969 \(c. 52\)](#), **Sch. Pt. VII**
- F2** S. 1(3)(4) inserted (23.5.2016) by [Scotland Act 2016 \(c. 11\)](#), **ss. 56(1), 72(7)**
- F3** S. 1(5)(6) inserted (1.4.2018) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\)](#), **ss. 57(1), 71(4)** (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179](#), [reg. 3\(l\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** Functions of Commissioners of Works now exercisable by Secretary of State: [S.R. & O. 1945/991 \(Rev. XV, p. 232: 1945 I, p. 1414\)](#), [art. 1](#), [S.I. 1962/1549](#) and [1970/1681](#), [art. 2](#)
- C3** Functions of the Treasury now again exercisable by the Treasury: [S.I. 1968/1656](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#), [1981/1670](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#)

F4² Transfer of control of coastguard to Admiralty in case of emergency.

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Textual Amendments

- F4** S. 2 repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes, 31.10.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), [s. 383\(2\)](#), **Sch. 17**; [S.I. 2009/812](#), [art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#)); [S.I. 2009/1167](#), [art. 4](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C4** References to Admiralty to be construed as references to Secretary of State for Defence: [S.I. 1970/1537](#), [Sch. 2 para. 1](#)

3 Short title, extent, saving, and repeal.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Coastguard Act 1925.
- (2) ^{F5}
- (3) Save as is in this Act otherwise expressly provided, all laws in force at the commencement of this Act for the protection of the coastguard, and all rights, authorities, powers, privileges and immunities which at the commencement of this Act are vested in, or may be had or exercised by the coastguard shall be applicable to, and be vested in, and had and exercised by His Majesty’s Coastguard.
- (4) ^{F6}

Textual Amendments

- F5** S. 3(2) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1989 \(c. 43\)](#), [s. 1\(1\)](#), **Sch. 1 Pt. XI**

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Coastguard Act 1925. (See end of Document for details)*

F6 S. 3(4) repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1950 (c. 6)

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