137. **Boarding vessels**

A duly authorised officer of the Port Authority may, on producing if so required his authority, enter and inspect a vessel in the Thames or the docks-

(a) for the purposes of any enactment relating to the Port Authority or of any byelaw of the Port Authority including the enforcement thereof;

(b) to prevent or extinguish fire.

[In so far as section 137 relates to the purposes of any enactment relating to the Port Authority or of any byelaw of the Port Authority (as distinct from the purposes of any enactment relating to the Company or of any byelaw of the Company) or to the prevention or extinguishing the fire, the reference in that section to the docks shall be treated as including a reference to the Company's docks.]

**Notes**

The clarification of section 137 was made by the Port of Tilbury Transfer Scheme 1991 Confirmation Order 1992 SI 1992/284.

On producing, if so require, his authority. See the note to s 38 ante. As to the authentication of documents given or issued by the Port of London Authority, see s 183 post.

Definitions. For "byelaw of the Port Authority", "docks", "enactment", "the Thames" and "vessel", see s 2(1) ante.

138. **Identity of master**

(i) The owner of a vessel shall, on written application to him by the Port Authority, give to the Port Authority in writing all information in his power as to the person who at any particular time was the master of the vessel and any owner refusing to give such information or by his own negligence or default being unable to give the name and address of such person shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding [level 2 on the standard scale].

(ii) In any proceedings relating to the vessel or its master the written information given pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be admissible as evidence for the purpose of determining the identity of the master of the vessel at a particular time.

**Notes**

The reference to level 2 on the standard scale in sub-s (1) is substituted by virtue of the Criminal Justice Act 1982, s 46. (The maximum fine was previously increased to £50 by the Port of London Act 1982, s 3(1), Sch 1, Pt I. Under s.37(2) of the Criminal Justice Act 1982, as amended by The Criminal Justice Act 1991, level 2 is now £500

Standard scale. See the note to s 38 ante.

Definitions. For "master", "owner" and "vessel", see s 2(1) ante.

**PART VIII**

**WATERMEN AND LIGHTERMEN**
139. **Register of watermen and lightermen**

The Port Authority shall keep a register of licensed watermen and lightermen which shall be open to inspection by any person at reasonable hours upon payment of a reasonable fee.

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**Notes**

*Definitions.* For "lighterman" and "waterman", see s 2(1) ante.

140. **Fees for licences and list of fares**

(1) The Port Authority may charge a reasonable fee for the issue or renewal of a licence to act as a waterman or lighterman.

(2) The Port Authority may make a reasonable charge for supplying copies of the list of fares which a waterman is for the time being authorised by the Port Authority to charge for his services.

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**Notes**

*Authorised.* As to the authentication of documents given or issued by the Port of London Authority, see s 183 post.

*Definitions.* For "lighterman" and "waterman", see s 2(1) ante.

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**PART IX**

**GOODS TRAFFIC**

(a) **General**

141. **Account of imports to be given to Port Authority**

(1) The master of a vessel carrying cargo which enters the docks shall, within twelve hours after entering the docks or being reported at the Custom House, whichever first occurs give the Port Authority two copies of the manifest or report of the cargo signed by him.

(2) A master who fails to comply with this section shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding £20.

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**Notes**

*The fine was increased to £20 by the Port of London Act 1982, s 3(1), Sch 1, Pt I.*

*Definitions.* For "Custom House", "docks", "master" and "vessel", see s 2(1) ante.

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142. **Power to survey goods**

(1) The Port Authority may survey and examine-

(a) goods at the port premises; and

(b) goods on board a vessel at the port premises when those goods are to be or have been handled by the Port Authority or when the master of the vessel asks for a survey or examination to be made by the Port Authority.

(2) The Port Authority may make a reasonable charge for a survey or examination carried out under this section.