



A selection of legislation and regulations that affect UK ports

British Ports Association

Developed in consultation with industry and useful for all type and size of organisations that own or manage harbour and port facilities

Devolution working well in Scotland & Wales but continued success relies on proper funding. UK wide consensus on ports being independent and competitive working well

Good compliance and engagement from ports, but some resource/scaling issues for smaller ports and terminals

Maritime Security regulations and guidance has not kept pace with modern challenges, practice, and technology

Continuing issues with dangerously weighted heaving lines and non-compliant boarding ladders

Well meaning but toothless marine plans have been met with apathy and a lack of industry engagement

Designations within port limits do not make sense for industry or wildlife

Network & Information Systems Directive

Port Governance Guidance 2017

Harbours Act 1964

Ports Policy & Devolution

Clean Air Strategy
AQ Strategies (England)

Port Marine Safety Code

Merchant Shipping Act

ISPS Code & Maritime Security Regs

Common Fisheries Policy

SOLAS Pilot Boarding & Heaving Lines

Birds & Habitats Directives

Port Services Regulation

Marine & Coastal Access Act

Close engagement with industry during ongoing implementation

Legislation governing port development still fit for purpose

Somewhat rushed in England but not unreasonable policy that recognises variance in industry circumstances

Starting to creak with age, and several important loopholes need closing

Will need a complete overhaul to sustain and grow all sectors of the UK fishing industry

Totally blind to the unique structure of the independent and competitive UK ports industry

