

Indian Ports Act, 1908

Section 3 - Definitions

In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,--

[1](#)(1) "Magistrate" means a person exercising powers under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973;

(2) "Master", when used in relation to any vessel^{[2](#)}[or any aircraft making use of any port], means subject to the provisions of any other enactment for the time being in force, any person (except a pilot or harbour-master a [of the port]) having for the time being the charge or control of the vessel^{[2](#)}[or the aircraft, as the case may be];

(3) "pilot" means a person for the time being authorized by the^{[3](#)}[Government] to pilot vessels:

(4) "port" includes also any part of a river or channel in which this Act is for the time being in force;

(5) "port-officer" is synonymous with master-attendant;

^{[3](#)}(6) "ton" means a ton as determined or determinable by the rules made under Section 74 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, for regulating the measurement of the gross tonnage of ships.]

(7) "vessel" includes anything made for the conveyance^{[5](#)}[mainly] by water human beings or of property;

^{[6](#)}(8) "major port" means any port which the Central Government may be notification in the Official Gazette declare, or may under any law for the time being in force have declared, to be a major port;^{[7](#)}[and]

^{[8](#)}(9) "Government" as respects major ports, for all purposes and, as respects other ports, for the purpose of making rules under Clause (p) of Section 6(1) and of the appointment and control of port health-officers under Section 17, means the Central Government, and save as aforesaid, means the State Government].

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1. Substituted for the Port Laws (Amendment) Act, 1997 w.e.f. 09-01-1997.

2. Inserted by the Port Trusts and Ports (Amendment) Act, 1951 (35 of 1951), Section 188 (16-7-1951).

3. Substituted for the words "Local Government" by A.O., 1937 (1-4-1937).

4. Substituted by Indian Ports (Amendment) Act (23 of 1992), Section 2 (23-1-1994).

5. Inserted by the Port Trusts and Ports (Amendment) Act, 1951 (35 of 1951), section 188 (16-7-1951).

6. Clauses (8) and (9) were added, by A.O., 1937 (1-4-1937).
7. Inserted by Indian Ports (Amendment) Act (23 of 1992), Section 2 (23-1-94).
8. Foot-note (a) under Clause (8).
9. Clause (10) defining "State", which was inserted by A.L.O., 1950 was omitted by the Part B States (Laws) Act, 1951 (3 of 1951), Section 3 and Schedule (1-4-1951).