



Deep Sea Mining Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 53

[^{F1}3] **Contracts granted by the Authority**

- (1) Neither the Secretary of State nor the Scottish Ministers may grant an exploration or exploitation licence which relates to—
 - (a) any area of the deep sea bed in respect of which a contract granted by the Authority is in force, and
 - (b) any description of mineral resources to which the contract relates.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply where the contract is a corresponding contract in relation to a licence previously granted by the Secretary of State or the Scottish Ministers.
- (3) For the purposes of any proceedings a contract granted by the Authority may be proved by the production of a copy of the contract certified to be a true copy by an official of the Authority; and any document purporting to be such a copy is to be received in evidence and is to be deemed to be such a contract unless the contrary is proved.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 3, 3A substituted for s. 3 (14.7.2014) by [Deep Sea Mining Act 2014 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 2(3), [Sch. para. 4](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Deep Sea Mining Act 1981, Section 3.