



# Outer Space Act 1986

## 1986 CHAPTER 38

### *Application of Act*

#### **1 Activities to which this Act applies.**

[<sup>F1</sup>(1)] This Act applies to the following activities [<sup>F2</sup>whether carried on in the United Kingdom or elsewhere]—

- (a) launching or procuring the launch of a space object;
- (b) operating a space object;
- (c) any activity in outer space.

[<sup>F3</sup>(2) This Act does not apply to activities carried on in the United Kingdom (and accordingly does not apply to activities requiring authorisation under section 3(1) of the Space Industry Act 2018).]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 1 renumbered as s. 1(1) (29.7.2021 for specified purposes) by [Space Industry Act 2018 \(c. 5\)](#), **ss. 1(3)(b)**, 70(1); S.I. 2021/817, [reg. 2](#), [Sch. para. 3](#) (with [reg. 3](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2021/874, [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [2\(2\)](#))
- F2** Words in s. 1 omitted (29.7.2021 for specified purposes) by virtue of [Space Industry Act 2018 \(c. 5\)](#), **ss. 1(3)(a)**, 70(1); S.I. 2021/817, [reg. 2](#), [Sch. para. 3](#) (with [reg. 3](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2021/874, [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [2\(2\)](#))
- F3** S. 1(2) inserted (29.7.2021 for specified purposes) by [Space Industry Act 2018 \(c. 5\)](#), **ss. 1(3)(b)**, 70(1); S.I. 2021/817, [reg. 2](#), [Sch. para. 3](#) (with [reg. 3](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2021/874, [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [2\(2\)](#))

#### **2 Persons to whom this Act applies.**

- (1) This Act applies to United Kingdom nationals, Scottish firms, and bodies incorporated under the law of any part of the United Kingdom.
- (2) For this purpose “United Kingdom national” means an individual who is—

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- (a) a British citizen, a British Dependent Territories citizen, a British National (Overseas), or a British Overseas citizen,
  - (b) a person who under the <sup>M1</sup>British Nationality Act 1981 is a British subject, or
  - (c) a British protected person within the meaning of that Act.
- (3) Her Majesty may by Order in Council extend the application of this Act to bodies incorporated under the law of any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or any dependent territory.

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**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1981 c. 61.

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