



Official Secrets Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 6

15 Acts done abroad and extent.

- (1) Any act—
 - (a) done by a British citizen or Crown servant; or
 - (b) done by any person in any of the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man or any colony,
shall, if it would be an offence by that person under any provision of this Act other than section 8(1), (4) or (5) when done by him in the United Kingdom, be an offence under that provision.
- (2) This Act extends to Northern Ireland.
- (3) Her Majesty may by Order in Council provide that any provision of this Act shall extend, with such exceptions, adaptations and modifications as may be specified in the Order, to any of the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man or any colony.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [S. 15\(3\)](#): power extended (11.7.2023) by [National Security Act 2023 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 99\(6\), 100\(2\)](#) (with [s. 97](#))

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Official Secrets Act 1989, Section 15.