



# Antarctic Act 1994

## 1994 CHAPTER 15

### PART III

#### APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL LAW TO UNITED KINGDOM NATIONALS

#### **21 United Kingdom nationals in the unclaimed sector of Antarctica.**

Where a United Kingdom national does or omits to do anything on any land lying south of 60° South latitude and between 150° West longitude and 90° West longitude and that act or omission would have constituted an offence under the law of any part of the United Kingdom if it had occurred in that part, he shall be guilty of the like offence as if the act or omission had taken place in that part, and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

#### **22 United Kingdom nationals working under the Antarctic Treaty.**

- (1) Where a United Kingdom national who—
- (a) is an Antarctic Treaty official, and
  - (b) is in any part of Antarctica, other than the area mentioned in section 21, for the purpose of exercising his functions as an Antarctic Treaty official,
- does or omits to do anything, and that act or omission would have constituted an offence under the law of any part of the United Kingdom if it had taken place in that part, he shall be guilty of the like offence as if the act or omission had taken place in that part, and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (2) In subsection (1) “Antarctic Treaty official” means a person who—
- (a) has been designated as an observer by or on behalf of Her Majesty’s government in the United Kingdom in accordance with Article VII of the Antarctic Treaty,
  - (b) is a scientist who has been exchanged in accordance with Article III(1)(b) of the Antarctic Treaty, or
  - (c) is a member of the staff accompanying a person such as is mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).

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for the Antarctic Act 1994, Part III. (See end of Document for details)*

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### **23 United Kingdom nationals working under the Convention.**

- (1) Where a United Kingdom national—
- (a) who is a Convention official, and
  - (b) who is on a vessel in any part of the area south of the Antarctic Convergence for the purpose of exercising his functions as a Convention official,
- does or omits to do anything, and that act or omission would have constituted an offence under the law of any part of the United Kingdom if it had taken place in that part, he shall be guilty of the like offence as if the act or omission had taken place in that part, and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (2) In subsection (1) “Convention official” means any person designated as an inspector or observer by a Member of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources under Article XXIV of the Convention.

### **24 Proceedings for offences under Part III.**

Where by virtue of section 21, 22 or 23 a person is liable to be proceeded against for an offence in any part of the United Kingdom, the proceedings may be taken, and the offence may for incidental purposes be treated as having been committed, in any place in that part.

**Changes to legislation:**

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