



Antarctic Act 1994

1994 CHAPTER 15

PART II

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Mineral resources

6 Mineral resource activities.

- (1) No United Kingdom national may in Antarctica—
 - (a) drill, dredge or excavate for mineral resources,
 - (b) collect any samples of mineral resources, or
 - (c) do anything for the purpose of identifying specific mineral resource occurrences or deposits, or areas where such occurrences or deposits may be found,except in accordance with a permit granted under this section.
- (2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence.
- (3) The Secretary of State may on the application of any person grant to him a permit authorising any United Kingdom national who is specified or of a description specified in the permit to do anything so specified or of a description so specified that would otherwise constitute a contravention of subsection (1).
- (4) The Secretary of State shall not grant a permit under this section unless he is satisfied that the activities authorised by the permit will be carried on—
 - (a) only for the purposes of scientific research, or
 - (b) only for purposes connected with the construction, maintenance or repair in Antarctica of a British station within the meaning of section 4 or of any other structure, road, runway or jetty maintained by or on behalf of a United Kingdom national.
- (5) In this section “mineral resource” means any natural resource that is neither living nor renewable.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Antarctic Act 1994, Section 6.