



# Antarctic Act 1994

## 1994 CHAPTER 15

### PART II

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

##### *Fauna and flora*

### **8 Permits required for introducing non-native animals and plants into Antarctica.**

- (1) No United Kingdom national [<sup>F1</sup>, and no non-national on a British expedition,] may introduce into any part of Antarctica any animal of a species that is not indigenous to Antarctica, or any plant that is not a native plant, except in accordance with a permit granted under section 12 or under the written authorisation of another Contracting Party.
- [<sup>F2</sup>(2) The keeping of—
- (a) a recognised assistance dog on board a vessel in Antarctica,
  - (b) another animal on board such a vessel where the vessel is travelling to an immediate destination outside Antarctica, or
  - (c) a plant on board a vessel in Antarctica,
- shall not be regarded as a contravention of subsection (1).]
- (3) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence.
- [<sup>F3</sup>(4) Nothing in this section prohibits the introduction of a microscopic organism.
- (5) In this section—
- “ plant ” means any terrestrial, marine or freshwater vegetation, including bryophytes, lichen, fungi and algae, and includes such vegetation at any stage of its life cycle (including seeds and other propagules of such vegetation);
- “ recognised assistance dog ” means a dog which has been trained to assist a disabled person by a person, or a person of a description, prescribed in regulations. ]

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for the Antarctic Act 1994, Section 8. (See end of Document for details)*

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 8(1) inserted (26.5.2013) by Antarctic Act 2013 (c. 15), **ss. 14(2)(b)**, 18(4)(a)
- F2** S. 8(2) substituted (26.5.2013) by Antarctic Act 2013 (c. 15), **ss. 16(4)**, 18(4)(a)
- F3** S. 8(4)(5) inserted (26.5.2013) by Antarctic Act 2013 (c. 15), **ss. 16(5)**, 18(4)(a)

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