

*These notes refer to the Antarctic Act 2013 (c.15)
which received Royal Assent on 26 March 2013*

ANTARCTIC ACT 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTES

BACKGROUND

Antarctic Act 1994

5. The Antarctic Act 1994 (“the 1994 Act”) gives effect to obligations of the United Kingdom under the Antarctic Treaty and the Protocol (including its Annexes I–V). Under the 1994 Act, a permit is required for all British expeditions to Antarctica, for British vessels and aircraft entering Antarctica and for certain activities in Antarctica by United Kingdom nationals. The Act is administered by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. It is available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1994/15/contents>