



Energy Act 2013

2013 CHAPTER 32

PART 3

NUCLEAR REGULATION

CHAPTER 1

THE ONR'S PURPOSES

70 Nuclear security purposes

- (1) In this Part, the “nuclear security purposes” means the purposes of ensuring the security of—
- (a) civil nuclear premises;
 - (b) nuclear material used or stored on civil nuclear premises and equipment or software used or stored on such premises in connection with activities involving nuclear material;
 - (c) other radioactive material used or stored on civil nuclear sites and equipment or software used or stored on civil nuclear sites in connection with activities involving such other radioactive material;
 - (d) civil nuclear construction sites and equipment used or stored on civil nuclear construction sites;
 - (e) equipment or software in the United Kingdom which—
 - (i) is capable of being used in, or in connection with, the enrichment of uranium, and
 - (ii) is in the possession or control of a person involved in uranium enrichment activities;
 - (f) sensitive nuclear information which is in the United Kingdom in the possession or control of—
 - (i) a person who is involved in activities on or in relation to civil nuclear premises or who is proposing or likely to become so involved;

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- (ii) a person involved in uranium enrichment activities; or
 - (iii) a person who is storing, transporting or transmitting the information for or on behalf of a person falling within sub-paragraph (i) or (ii);
 - (g) nuclear material which is being (or is expected to be)—
 - (i) transported within the United Kingdom or its territorial sea,
 - (ii) transported (outside the United Kingdom and its territorial sea) to or from any civil nuclear premises in the United Kingdom, or
 - (iii) carried on board a United Kingdom ship,
 other than material being (or expected to be) so transported or carried for defence purposes;
 - (h) information relating to the security of anything mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (g).
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), ensuring the security of any site or premises includes doing so by means of the design of, or of anything on, the site or premises.
- (3) In this section—
- “civil nuclear construction site” means a site—
 - (a) on which works are being carried out with a view to its becoming a civil nuclear site, and
 - (b) which is situated within 5 kilometres of an existing nuclear site;
 - “civil nuclear premises” means—
 - (a) a civil nuclear site, or
 - (b) other premises on which nuclear material is used or stored which are not controlled or operated wholly or mainly for defence purposes;
 - “civil nuclear site” means a nuclear site other than one controlled or operated wholly or mainly for defence purposes;
 - “defence purposes” means the purposes of the department of the Secretary of State with responsibility for defence;
 - “enrichment of uranium” means a treatment of uranium that increases the proportion of isotope 235 contained in the uranium;
 - “equipment” includes equipment that has not been assembled and its components;
 - “nuclear material” means any fissile material in the form of—
 - (a) uranium metal, alloy or compound, or
 - (b) plutonium metal, alloy or compound,
 or any other fissile material prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State;
 - “sensitive nuclear information” means—
 - (a) information relating to, or capable of use in connection with, the enrichment of uranium, or
 - (b) information of a description for the time being specified in a notice under section 71;
 - “United Kingdom ship” means a ship registered in the United Kingdom under Part 2 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995.

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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 70(1)(2) in force at 1.4.2014 by [S.I. 2014/251](#), [art. 4](#)
- I2** S. 70(3) in force at 18.2.2014 by [S.I. 2014/251](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 68(4) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 302\(4\)](#)