



Space Industry Act 2018

2018 CHAPTER 5

Offences and civil sanctions

56 Defences

- (1) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under a provision of this Act to show that the person exercised all due diligence and took all reasonable precautions to avoid committing the offence.
- (2) A person is taken to have shown that the person exercised all due diligence and took all reasonable precautions to avoid committing the offence if—
 - (a) sufficient evidence of the fact is adduced to raise an issue with respect to it, and
 - (b) the contrary is not proved beyond reasonable doubt.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to an offence under—
 - (a) section 3(7),
 - (b) section 7(9),
 - (c) section 18(6),
 - (d) section 32(9),
 - (e) section 33(8),
 - (f) section 41(5),
 - (g) section 42(5)
 - (h) section 66(5),
 - (i) Schedule 4, or
 - (j) paragraph 9(5) of Schedule 9.
- (4) Regulations under this Act that create offences may provide for defences in relation to those offences.

Commencement Information

- 11** S. 56(1)-(3) in force at 29.7.2021 by S.I. 2021/817, reg. 2, **Sch. para. 95** (with reg. 3)
- 12** S. 56(4) in force at 26.11.2018 by S.I. 2018/1224, **reg. 2(uu)**

Changes to legislation:

Space Industry Act 2018, Section 56 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 18 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.I. 2021/817, Sch. by [S.I. 2021/874 reg. 2](#)