



Outer Space Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 38

Application of Act

1 Activities to which this Act applies.

[^{F1}(1)] This Act applies to the following activities [^{F2}whether carried on in the United Kingdom or elsewhere]—

- (a) launching or procuring the launch of a space object;
- (b) operating a space object;
- (c) any activity in outer space.

[^{F3}(2) This Act does not apply to activities carried on in the United Kingdom (and accordingly does not apply to activities requiring authorisation under section 3(1) of the Space Industry Act 2018).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1 renumbered as s. 1(1) (29.7.2021 for specified purposes) by [Space Industry Act 2018 \(c. 5\)](#), **ss. 1(3)(b)**, 70(1); S.I. 2021/817, [reg. 2](#), [Sch. para. 3](#) (with [reg. 3](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2021/874, [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [2\(2\)](#))
- F2** Words in s. 1 omitted (29.7.2021 for specified purposes) by virtue of [Space Industry Act 2018 \(c. 5\)](#), **ss. 1(3)(a)**, 70(1); S.I. 2021/817, [reg. 2](#), [Sch. para. 3](#) (with [reg. 3](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2021/874, [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [2\(2\)](#))
- F3** S. 1(2) inserted (29.7.2021 for specified purposes) by [Space Industry Act 2018 \(c. 5\)](#), **ss. 1(3)(b)**, 70(1); S.I. 2021/817, [reg. 2](#), [Sch. para. 3](#) (with [reg. 3](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2021/874, [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [2\(2\)](#))

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Outer Space Act 1986, Section 1.