



Outer Space Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 38

Licensing of activities

3 Prohibition of unlicensed activities.

- (1) A person to whom this Act applies shall not, subject to the following provisions, carry on an activity to which this Act applies except under the authority of a licence granted by the Secretary of State.
- (2) A licence is not required—
 - (a) by a person acting as employee or agent of another; or
 - (b) for activities in respect of which it is certified by Order in Council that arrangements have been made between the United Kingdom and another country to secure compliance with the international obligations of the United Kingdom.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by order [^{F1}make provision for other activities or persons to be exempted from the requirement of a licence, either by the order itself or by the Secretary of State,] if he is satisfied that the requirement is not necessary to secure compliance with the international obligations of the United Kingdom.

[^{F2}(3ZA) An exemption granted by virtue of subsection (3) may be granted for a limited period.]

[^{F3}(3A) An order under subsection (3) may—

- [make provision about the procedure for granting an exemption (including
- ^{F4}(za) provision for applications);
- (zb) make provision about the terms of an exemption or the conditions to which an exemption is subject;
- (zc) make provision about the revocation or renewal of an exemption;
- (zd) make provision for the enforcement of terms or conditions;]
- (a) provide that section 10(1) does not apply to a person to the extent that the person is carrying on activities that do not require a licence by virtue of the order;

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- (b) specify the maximum amount of a person's liability under section 10(1) so far as the liability relates to the carrying on of activities that do not require a licence by virtue of the order.]
- (4) An order shall be made by statutory instrument which shall [^{F5}not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before each House of Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 3(3) substituted (26.11.2018) by [Space Industry Act 2018 \(c. 5\), s. 70\(1\), Sch. 12 para. 8\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2018/1224, reg. 2\(ggg\)\(i\)](#)
- F2** S. 3(3ZA) inserted (26.11.2018) by [Space Industry Act 2018 \(c. 5\), s. 70\(1\), Sch. 12 para. 8\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2018/1224, reg. 2\(ggg\)\(i\)](#)
- F3** S. 3(3A) inserted (1.10.2015) by [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\), ss. 12\(2\), 115\(7\)](#); [S.I. 2015/994, art. 11\(f\)](#)
- F4** S. 3(3A)(za)-(zd) inserted (26.11.2018) by [Space Industry Act 2018 \(c. 5\), s. 70\(1\), Sch. 12 para. 8\(4\)](#); [S.I. 2018/1224, reg. 2\(ggg\)\(i\)](#)
- F5** Words in s. 3(4) substituted (26.11.2018) by [Space Industry Act 2018 \(c. 5\), s. 70\(1\), Sch. 12 para. 8\(5\)](#); [S.I. 2018/1224, reg. 2\(ggg\)\(i\)](#)

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