



Outer Space Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 38

Licensing of activities

4 Grant of licence.

- (1) The Secretary of State may grant a licence if he thinks fit.
- (2) He shall not grant a licence unless he is satisfied that the activities authorised by the licence—
 - (a) will not jeopardise public health or the safety of persons or property,
 - (b) will be consistent with the international obligations of the United Kingdom, and
 - (c) will not impair the national security of the United Kingdom.
- (3) The Secretary of State may make regulations—
 - (a) prescribing the form and contents of applications for licences and other documents to be filed in connection with applications;
 - (b) regulating the procedure to be followed in connection with applications and authorising the rectification of procedural irregularities;
 - (c) prescribing time limits for doing anything required to be done in connection with an application and providing for the extension of any period so prescribed;
 - (d) requiring the payment to the Secretary of State of such fees as may be prescribed.

Changes to legislation:

Outer Space Act 1986, Section 4 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 26 May 2023. 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 :

- s. 4(3)(d) omitted by [2018 c. 5 Sch. 12 para. 9](#)