



# Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001

## 2001 CHAPTER 24

### PART 6

#### WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

##### *Assisting or inducing weapons-related acts overseas*

#### **50 Assisting or inducing certain weapons-related acts overseas**

- (1) A person who aids, abets, counsels or procures, or incites, a person who is not a United Kingdom person to do a relevant act outside the United Kingdom is guilty of an offence.
- (2) For this purpose a relevant act is an act that, if done by a United Kingdom person, would contravene any of the following provisions—
  - (a) section 1 of the Biological Weapons Act 1974 (offences relating to biological agents and toxins);
  - (b) section 2 of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996 (offences relating to chemical weapons); or
  - (c) section 47 above (offences relating to nuclear weapons).
- (3) Nothing in this section applies to an act mentioned in subsection (1) which—
  - (a) relates to a relevant act which would contravene section 47; and
  - (b) is authorised by the Secretary of State;and section 48(2) applies for the purpose of authorising acts that would otherwise constitute an offence under this section.
- (4) A person accused of an offence under this section in relation to a relevant act which would contravene a provision mentioned in subsection (2) may raise any defence which would be open to a person accused of the corresponding offence ancillary to an offence under that provision.

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- (5) A person convicted of an offence under this section is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for life.
- (6) This section applies to acts done outside the United Kingdom, but only if they are done by a United Kingdom person.
- (7) Nothing in this section prejudices any criminal liability existing apart from this section.

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Ss. 50-56 extended (with modifications) (22.4.2005) by [The Chemical Weapons \(Overseas Territories\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/854\)](#), [art. 3](#), Schs. 2, 3, 4A, 5A, 8A

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