



Antarctic Act 2013

2013 CHAPTER 15

PART 1

ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCIES

PROSPECTIVE

Information

7 Duty to inform Secretary of State

- (1) Where—
 - (a) as a result of the carrying out of activities in Antarctica the person who organised them, or any of that person's employees or agents, becomes aware of any environmental emergency, and
 - (b) the activities are connected with the United Kingdom,the person organising the activities must promptly inform the Secretary of State about the environmental emergency.
- (2) It is immaterial for the purposes of subsection (1) whether the activities gave rise to the emergency.
- (3) A person who fails to comply with subsection (1) is guilty of an offence.
- (4) A person is not guilty of an offence under this section if the person informed the Secretary of State as soon as was practicable in all the circumstances.
- (5) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine or to both;
 - (b) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum.

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8 Secretary of State's power to require information

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) it appears to the Secretary of State that activities carried out in Antarctica have given rise directly or indirectly to—
 - (i) an environmental emergency, or
 - (ii) an incident with a potential adverse impact on the environment of Antarctica, and
 - (b) the activities are connected with the United Kingdom.
- (2) The Secretary of State may give a notice to the person organising the activities—
 - (a) specifying the emergency or incident,
 - (b) requiring the person to give such information as may be specified in the notice about the emergency or incident and any steps taken in response, and
 - (c) requiring the person to give that information within the period specified in the notice.
- (3) A person to whom a notice is given under subsection (2) must comply with the notice within the period specified in it.
- (4) A person who fails to comply with subsection (3) is guilty of an offence.
- (5) A person is not guilty of an offence under this section if that person did not have the information required and could not reasonably have been expected to obtain it.
- (6) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine or to both;
 - (b) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum.
- (7) Information given by a person pursuant to a notice under this section may not be used in evidence against the person in any criminal proceedings.

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