



# Deregulation Act 2015

## 2015 CHAPTER 20

*Measures affecting business: particular areas*

### **12 Space activity: limit on indemnity required**

- (1) The Outer Space Act 1986 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 3 (prohibition of unlicensed activities), after subsection (3) insert—
  - “(3A) An order under subsection (3) may—
    - (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;
    - (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.”
- (3) In section 5 (terms of licence), after subsection (2) insert—
  - “(3) A licence must specify the maximum amount of the licensee’s liability to indemnify Her Majesty’s government in the United Kingdom under section 10 in respect of activities authorised by the licence.”
- (4) In section 10 (obligation to indemnify government against claims), after subsection (1) insert—
  - “(1A) Subsection (1) is subject to—
    - (a) any limit on the amount of a person’s liability that is specified in a licence, and
    - (b) any order made under section 3(3).”
- (5) The Secretary of State may vary any licence under section 4 of the 1986 Act that is held at the time when this section comes into force so as to specify the maximum amount of the licensee’s liability under section 10 of that Act.
- (6) A variation under subsection (5) is to be made by giving notice in writing to the licensee.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (7) The power under section 15(6) of the 1986 Act may be exercised so as to extend to any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or any British overseas territory any provision made by this section (subject to any specified exceptions or modifications).