



# Atomic Energy Authority Act 1954

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## 2 Functions of the Authority.

- (1) On the appointed day, the Authority shall take over from the Lord President of the Council the carrying on of the activities then being carried on by him under subsection (1) of section two of the <sup>M1</sup>Atomic Energy Act 1946 and subsection (1) of section one of the <sup>M2</sup>Radioactive Substances Act 1948 and the provisions of the Second Schedule to this Act shall have effect in relation to the property, rights and liabilities held or enjoyed by, or incumbent on, the Lord President of the Council for the purposes of or in connection with those activities.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Authority shall, as from the appointed day, have power (whether within the United Kingdom or elsewhere)—
  - (a) to produce, use and dispose of atomic energy and carry out research into any matters connected therewith;
  - (b) to manufacture or otherwise produce, buy or otherwise acquire, store and transport any articles which in the opinion of the Authority are, or are likely to be, required for or in connection with the production or use of atomic energy or such research as aforesaid, and to dispose of any articles manufactured, produced, bought or acquired by them;
  - (c) to manufacture or otherwise produce, buy or otherwise acquire, treat, store, transport and dispose of any radioactive substances;
  - <sup>F1</sup>(d) .....
  - (e) to make arrangements with universities and other institutions or persons for the conduct of research into matters connected with atomic energy or radioactive substances and, with the approval of the Lord President of the Council and the Treasury, to make grants or loans to universities and other institutions or persons engaged in the production or use of atomic energy or radioactive substances or in research into matters connected with atomic energy or radioactive substances;
  - (f) to distribute information relating to, and educate and train persons in matters connected with, atomic energy or radioactive substances:

Provided that—

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- (i) the Authority shall not, save in accordance with arrangements made with the Minister of Supply, develop or produce any weapon or part of a weapon, . . . <sup>F2</sup>
  - (ii) the Authority shall not search for minerals in the United Kingdom otherwise than under the authority of the Lord President of the Council and shall not work minerals in the United Kingdom otherwise than in the exercise of rights vested in them under section seven of the <sup>M3</sup>Atomic Energy Act 1946, as amended by this Act.
- (3) As from the appointed day, subsection (1) of section two of the <sup>M4</sup>Atomic Energy Act 1946, section three of that Act and section one of the <sup>M5</sup>Radioactive Substances Act 1948 are hereby repealed:

Provided that, notwithstanding the repeal by this section of subsection (1) of section two of the <sup>M6</sup>Atomic Energy Act 1946, the Lord President of the Council shall have power—

- (a) to exercise any rights vested in him under section seven of that Act; and
- (b) to store, transport and dispose of any articles acquired by him in the exercise of those rights or in or by reason of any exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections six, eight and nine of that Act; and
- (c) to do all such things (including the erection of buildings and the execution of works) as appear to him to be necessary or expedient for the exercise of the powers reserved to him by the preceding provisions of this proviso.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 2(2)(d) repealed (5.10.2004) by [Energy Act 2004 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 198(2), **Sch. 23 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2004/2575, art. 2(1), Sch. 1
- F2** Words repealed by [Atomic Energy Authority \(Weapons Group\) Act 1973 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 6(2)

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

- C1** S. 2(2) extended by [Science and Technology Act 1965 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 4(1), [Radiological Protection Act 1970 \(c. 46\)](#), s. 3(2) and [Control of Pollution Act 1974 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 101; restricted by [Atomic Energy Authority \(Weapons Group\) Act 1973 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 6(1)
- C2** Functions of Minister of Supply under this Act now exercisable by Secretary of State: 1959/1768 (1959 I, p. 1793), 1967/155, 1970/1537 and 1971/719

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1946 c. 80.  
**M2** 1948 c. 87.  
**M3** 1946 c. 80.  
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**M5** 1948 c. 37.  
**M6** 1946 c. 80

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