



# National Security Act 2023

## 2023 CHAPTER 32

### PART 4

#### FOREIGN ACTIVITIES AND FOREIGN INFLUENCE REGISTRATION SCHEME

##### *Political influence activities of foreign powers*

PROSPECTIVE

#### **71 Offence of carrying out etc political influence activities pursuant to unregistered foreign influence arrangement**

- (1) This section applies where a person (“P”) makes a foreign influence arrangement required to be registered under [section 69\(3\)](#).
- (2) P commits an offence if—
  - (a) after the end of the registration period P carries out a political influence activity, or arranges for a political influence activity to be carried out, in the United Kingdom pursuant to the arrangement,
  - (b) the arrangement is not registered, and
  - (c) P knows, or having regard to other matters known to them ought reasonably to know, that they are acting pursuant to a foreign influence arrangement.
- (3) A person other than P commits an offence if—
  - (a) after the end of the registration period the person carries out a political influence activity, or arranges for a political influence activity to be carried out, in the United Kingdom pursuant to the arrangement,
  - (b) the arrangement is not registered, and
  - (c) the person knows, or having regard to other matters known to them ought reasonably to know, that they are acting pursuant to a foreign influence arrangement.

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- (4) In this section the “registration period” means the period before the end of which P must register the arrangement (see [section 69\(3\)](#) and [\(4\)](#)).
- (5) In proceedings for an offence under subsection [\(3\)](#) it is a defence to show that the person—
- (a) took all steps reasonably practicable to determine whether the arrangement was registered, and
  - (b) reasonably believed that the arrangement was registered.
- (6) A person is taken to have shown a matter mentioned in subsection [\(5\)](#) if—
- (a) sufficient evidence of the matter is adduced to raise an issue with respect to it, and
  - (b) the contrary is not proved beyond reasonable doubt.

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**Commencement Information**

- II** S. 71 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 100\(1\)](#)

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