



# Chemical Weapons Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 6

### *Chemicals for permitted purposes*

#### **20 Licences.**

- (1) Section 19 does not apply to anything done in accordance with the terms of a licence granted by the Secretary of State and having effect at the time it is done.
- (2) The Secretary of State may—
  - (a) grant a licence in such circumstances and on such terms as he thinks fit;
  - (b) vary or revoke a licence by serving a notice to that effect on the person to whom the licence was granted.
- (3) A variation or revocation shall take effect at such reasonable time as is specified in the notice served under subsection (2)(b).
- (4) The Secretary of State may by order make provision with respect to appealing against a refusal to grant, renew or vary a licence or against a variation or revocation of a licence.
- (5) An order under subsection (4) shall be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (6) A person who knowingly makes a false or misleading statement for the purpose of obtaining a licence or a renewal or variation of a licence, or of opposing a variation or revocation of a licence, is guilty of an offence and liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine of an amount not exceeding the statutory maximum;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine or to both.

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

C1 S. 20 extended (with modifications) (Jersey) (21.12.1998) by S.I. 1998/2565, art. 4, Sch.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Chemical Weapons Act 1996, Section 20.