



Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001

2001 CHAPTER 24

PART 13

MISCELLANEOUS

Dangerous substances

113 Use of noxious substances or things to cause harm and intimidate

- (1) A person who takes any action which—
- involves the use of a noxious substance or other noxious thing;
 - has or is likely to have an effect falling within subsection (2); and
 - is designed to influence the government [^{F1}or an international governmental organisation] or to intimidate the public or a section of the public,
- is guilty of an offence.
- (2) Action has an effect falling within this subsection if it—
- causes serious violence against a person anywhere in the world;
 - causes serious damage to real or personal property anywhere in the world;
 - endangers human life or creates a serious risk to the health or safety of the public or a section of the public; or
 - induces in members of the public the fear that the action is likely to endanger their lives or create a serious risk to their health or safety;
- but any effect on the person taking the action is to be disregarded.
- (3) A person who—
- makes a threat that he or another will take any action which constitutes an offence under subsection (1); and
 - intends thereby to induce in a person anywhere in the world the fear that the threat is likely to be carried out,

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is guilty of an offence.

- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both); and
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding fourteen years or a fine (or both).

- (5) In this section—

“the government” means the government of the United Kingdom, of a part of the United Kingdom or of a country other than the United Kingdom; and

“the public” includes the public of a country other than the United Kingdom.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 113(1)(c) inserted (13.4.2006) by [Terrorism Act 2006 \(c. 11\)](#), [ss. 34\(b\)](#), 39(2); S.I. 2006/1013, [art. 2](#)

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