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PART 11

Security

CHAPTER 6

Security provisions for the protection of US technology

Control of access to imported US technology

194.—(1) A person who owns, or is in possession of, US technology must ensure that access to that US technology is controlled by a person authorised to do so by the US Government throughout—

- (a) the transport of US technology;
 - (b) preparations for the launch of US launch vehicles or US spacecraft;
 - (c) the launch of US launch vehicles;
 - (d) the launch of US spacecraft.
- (2) A person who contravenes paragraph (1) commits an offence.
- (3) It is a defence for a person charged with such an offence to show that that person—
- (a) did not know, and had no reason to know, that they were the owner of, or were in possession of, US technology, or
 - (b) took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid committing the offence.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (2) is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to a fine;
 - (b) on summary conviction in Scotland or Northern Ireland, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
 - (c) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or a fine, or both.