



Antarctic Treaty Act 1967

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10 Interpretation and supplementary provisions.

- (1) In this Act " the Treaty " means the Treaty set out in Schedule 1 to this Act, and " the Agreed Measures " means the measures set out in Schedule 2 to this Act, being measures recommended for approval by the Contracting Parties:

Provided that, if Schedule 2 to this Act is amended in the exercise of any power conferred by the following provisions of this section, " the Agreed Measures " shall mean the measures set out in that Schedule as so amended.

- (2) If the measures set out in Schedule 2 to this Act are modified before they become effective in pursuance of Article IX(4) of the Treaty, and become effective as so modified, Her Majesty may by Order in Council amend Schedule 2 to this Act in such manner as She may consider requisite for giving effect to those modifications.
- (3) If the measures set out in that Schedule, having become effective (with or without modifications) in pursuance of Article IX(4) of the Treaty, are subsequently amended, either in pursuance of the said Article IX(4) or in pursuance of Article XIV set out in that Schedule, Her Majesty may by Order in Council amend, or (if it has previously been amended, either under the last preceding subsection or under this subsection) may by Order in Council further amend, Schedule 2 to this Act in such manner as She may consider requisite for giving effect to that subsequent amendment of those measures.
- (4) Any Order in Council made under subsection (2) or subsection (3) of this section shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (5) In this Act, except in so far as the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, that is to say:—
- " Antarctica " means the area south of the sixtieth parallel of south latitude, excluding any part of the high seas but including all ice shelves south of that parallel;
 - " the appointed day " means such day as Her Majesty may by Order in Council appoint;

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

" the Contracting Parties " means the Contracting Parties to the Treaty and " the other Contracting Parties " means the Contracting Parties other than Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom;

" exchanged scientist " means a person exchanged in pursuance of Article III(1)(b) of the Treaty, and any reference to an exchanged scientist made available by a Contracting Party is a reference to an exchanged scientist who, in pursuance of arrangements made by that Contracting Party, is employed by or serves under another Contracting Party;

" native bird ", " native mammal " and " native plant " have the meanings assigned to them respectively by Article II of the Agreed Measures ;

" observer " means a person designated in pursuance of Article VII(1) of the Treaty;

" specially protected area " and " specially protected species " mean respectively an area or species designated under section 7(2) of this Act;

" territory " includes any country;

" vehicle " includes an aircraft while it is on the ground and any reference to driving a vehicle shall be construed as a reference to being in charge of it while it is in motion, whether it is mechanically propelled or not.

- (6) For the purpose of construing any reference in this Act to an offence under any provision of this Act, an act or omission in respect of which a person is guilty of an offence by virtue of section 5 of this Act shall be taken to be an offence under that section.
- (7) Any power conferred by any provision of this Act to make an Order in Council shall include power to vary or revoke the Order by a subsequent Order in Council.
- (8) Section 3(1) of the British Nationality Act 1948 (which limits the criminal liability of certain persons who are not citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies) shall not have effect in relation to any offence under any provision of this Act.