



# Nuclear Material (Offences) Act 1983

## 1983 CHAPTER 18

### [<sup>F1</sup>1B Offences relating to damage to environment

- (1) If a person, whatever his nationality, in the United Kingdom or elsewhere contravenes subsection (2) or (3) he is guilty of an offence.
- (2) A person contravenes this subsection if without lawful authority—
  - (a) he receives, holds or deals with nuclear material, and
  - (b) he does so either—
    - (i) intending to cause, or for the purpose of enabling another to cause, damage to the environment by means of that material, or
    - (ii) being reckless as to whether, as a result of his so receiving, holding or dealing with that material, damage would be caused to the environment by means of that material.
- (3) A person contravenes this subsection if without lawful authority—
  - (a) he does an act directed at a nuclear facility, or which interferes with the operation of such a facility, and
  - (b) he does so either—
    - (i) intending to cause, or for the purpose of enabling another to cause, damage to the environment by means of the emission of ionising radiation or the release of radioactive material, or
    - (ii) being reckless as to whether, as a result of his act, damage would be caused to the environment by means of such an emission or release.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for life.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 1A-1D inserted (30.11.2009) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\), s. 153\(7\), Sch. 17 para. 3](#); [S.I. 2009/3074, art. 2\(q\)](#)

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

- C1** Ss. 1-4 extended (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (10.12.2009) by [The Nuclear Material \(Offences\) Act 1983 \(Isle of Man\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/3203\)](#), arts. 1, 3, **Sch.**

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