

# Nuclear Material (Offences) Act 1983

#### **1983 CHAPTER 18**

### [F11C] Offences of importing or exporting etc. nuclear material: extended jurisdiction

- (1) If a person, whatever his nationality, outside the United Kingdom contravenes subsection (2) below he shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) A person contravenes this subsection if he is knowingly concerned in—
  - (a) the unlawful export or shipment as stores of nuclear material from one country to another, or
  - (b) the unlawful import of nuclear material into one country from another.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)—
  - (a) the export or shipment as stores of nuclear material from a country, or
  - (b) the import of nuclear material into a country,

is unlawful if it is contrary to any prohibition or restriction on the export, shipment as stores or import (as the case may be) of nuclear material having effect under or by virtue of the law of that country.

- (4) A statement in a certificate issued by or on behalf of the government of a country outside the United Kingdom to the effect that a particular export, shipment as stores or import of nuclear material is contrary to such a prohibition or restriction having effect under or by virtue of the law of that country, shall be evidence (in Scotland, sufficient evidence) that the export, shipment or import was unlawful for the purposes of subsection (2).
- (5) In any proceedings a document purporting to be a certificate of the kind mentioned in subsection (4) above shall be taken to be such a certificate unless the contrary is proved.
- (6) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 14 years.
- (7) In this section "country" includes territory.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Nuclear Material (Offences) Act 1983, Section 1C. (See end of Document for details)

#### **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)

#### **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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