



Outer Space Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 38

General

15 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Outer Space Act 1986.
- (2) This Act comes into force on such day as the Secretary of State may appoint by order made by statutory instrument.
- (3) The Secretary of State may appoint a later day for the commencement of so much of section 2(2) (a) as refers to the status of British National (Overseas).
- (4) Activities to which this Act applies begun before the commencement of this Act may be carried on without a licence under section 3 for six months after commencement; but sections 8 and 9 (directions and action to secure compliance with international obligations) apply to such activities as they apply to activities carried on in contravention of that section.
- (5) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (6) Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct that this Act shall apply, subject to such exceptions and modifications as may be specified in the Order, to the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or any dependent territory.