



Antarctic Act 1994

1994 CHAPTER 15

PART I

PRELIMINARY

1 Meaning of “Antarctica”

- (1) In this Act “Antarctica” means—
- (a) the continent of Antarctica (including all its ice-shelves),
 - (b) all islands south of 60° South latitude (including all their ice-shelves),
 - (c) all areas of continental shelf which are adjacent to that continent or those islands and which are south of 60° South latitude, and
 - (d) all sea and airspace south of 60° South latitude.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) “continental shelf” shall be construed in accordance with the rules of international law.

2 The Antarctic Treaty, the Protocol and the Convention

- (1) In this Act—
- “the Antarctic Treaty” means the Antarctic Treaty signed at Washington on 1st December 1959,
- “the Protocol” means the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty done at Madrid on 4th October 1991, and
- “the Convention” means the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources drawn up at Canberra on 20th May 1980.
- (2) In this Act “another Contracting Party” means any State other than the United Kingdom that is a party to the Protocol.