



# Antarctic Act 1994

## 1994 CHAPTER 15

### PART II

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

##### *Permits for entering and remaining in Antarctica*

### **3 Permits required for British expeditions to Antarctica.**

- (1) No person who is on a British expedition may enter or remain in Antarctica except in accordance with a permit granted under this section.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply—
  - (a) to a person travelling through, on or above the high seas to an immediate destination outside Antarctica, or
  - (b) to a person entering or remaining in Antarctica for the sole purpose of fishing for profit.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), for the purposes of this [F<sup>1</sup>Act] an expedition is a British expedition if—
  - (a) it was organised in the United Kingdom, or
  - (b) the place of final departure for Antarctica of the persons on the expedition was in the United Kingdom.
- (4) An expedition organised in and authorised in writing by another Contracting Party shall not be regarded as a British expedition.
- (5) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence.
- (6) If subsection (1) is contravened by a person who—
  - (a) is on an expedition in respect of which a permit has been granted under this section to another person, and
  - (b) is specified or of a description specified in that permit,that other person shall be guilty of an offence.

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- (7) If a person whose place of final departure for Antarctica was in the United Kingdom enters Antarctica in contravention of subsection (1)—
- (a) the operator of the vessel or aircraft on which he enters Antarctica, and
  - (b) the master of that vessel or the commander of that aircraft,
- shall each be guilty of an offence.
- (8) The Secretary of State may on the application of any person grant to him a permit authorising any person specified or of a description specified in the permit to enter and remain in Antarctica on a British expedition.

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Word in s. 3(3) substituted (26.5.2013) by [Antarctic Act 2013 \(c. 15\)](#), **ss. 14(6)**, 18(4)(a)

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