



# Antarctic Act 1994

## 1994 CHAPTER 15

### PART II

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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

#### **5 Permits required for British vessels and aircraft entering Antarctica.**

- (1) No British vessel or British aircraft may enter Antarctica except in accordance with a permit granted under this section or under the written authorisation of another Contracting Party.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply—
  - (a) to a vessel or aircraft travelling to an immediate destination outside Antarctica, or
  - (b) to a vessel entering Antarctica for the sole purpose of fishing for profit.
- (3) In this section—

“British vessel” means a United Kingdom ship within the meaning of section 21(1) of the <sup>M1</sup>Merchant Shipping Act 1979, and

“British aircraft” means a British-controlled aircraft within the meaning of section 92 of the <sup>M2</sup>Civil Aviation Act 1982.
- (4) If subsection (1) is contravened—
  - (a) the operator of the vessel or aircraft, and
  - (b) the master of the vessel or the commander of the aircraft,shall each be guilty of an offence.
- (5) The Secretary of State may on the application of any person grant to him a permit authorising any British vessel or aircraft of which he is the operator and which is specified or of a description specified in the permit to enter Antarctica on occasions or in circumstances specified in the permit.

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**M1** 1979 c. 39.

**M2** 1982 c. 16.

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