



Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001

2001 CHAPTER 24

PART 6

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

Nuclear weapons

47 Use etc. of nuclear weapons

- (1) A person who—
- knowingly causes a nuclear weapon explosion;
 - develops or produces, or participates in the development or production of, a nuclear weapon;
 - has a nuclear weapon in his possession;
 - participates in the transfer of a nuclear weapon; or
 - engages in military preparations, or in preparations of a military nature, intending to use, or threaten to use, a nuclear weapon,
- is guilty of an offence.
- (2) Subsection (1) has effect subject to the exceptions and defences in sections 48 and 49.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b) a person participates in the development or production of a nuclear weapon if he does any act which—
- facilitates the development by another of the capability to produce or use a nuclear weapon, or
 - facilitates the making by another of a nuclear weapon,
- knowing or having reason to believe that his act has (or will have) that effect.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (1)(d) a person participates in the transfer of a nuclear weapon if—

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- (a) he buys or otherwise acquires it or agrees with another to do so;
 - (b) he sells or otherwise disposes of it or agrees with another to do so; or
 - (c) he makes arrangements under which another person either acquires or disposes of it or agrees with a third person to do so.
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for life.
- (6) In this section “nuclear weapon” includes a nuclear explosive device that is not intended for use as a weapon.
- (7) This section applies to acts done outside the United Kingdom, but only if they are done by a United Kingdom person.
- (8) Nothing in subsection (7) affects any criminal liability arising otherwise than under that subsection.
- (9) Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) shall cease to have effect on the coming into force of the Nuclear Explosions (Prohibition and Inspections) Act 1998 (c. 7).

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