



Space Industry Act 2018

2018 CHAPTER 5

Licences

8 Grant of licences: general

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this Act, the regulator may grant a licence under this Act if the regulator thinks fit.
- (2) The regulator may grant a licence under this Act only if satisfied that doing so—
 - (a) will not impair the national security of the United Kingdom;
 - (b) is consistent with the international obligations of the United Kingdom;
 - (c) is not contrary to the national interest.
- (3) The regulator may not grant an application for a licence under this Act unless satisfied that—
 - (a) the applicant has the financial and technical resources to do the things authorised by the licence, and is otherwise a fit and proper person to do them;
 - (b) the persons who are expected to do, on the applicant's behalf, any of the things authorised by the licence are fit and proper persons to do them.
- (4) If the regulator is not the Secretary of State, the regulator may grant a licence under this Act only with the consent of the Secretary of State.
- (5) Regulations may make provision about how applications for licences are to be made, considered and determined.
- (6) The regulations may in particular prescribe, or provide for a person responsible for determining an application to specify—
 - (a) the form and contents of an application for a licence;
 - (b) information to be provided in connection with an application;
 - (c) the procedure for rectifying procedural irregularities;
 - (d) time limits for doing anything required to be done in connection with an application and the procedure for extending any period so prescribed.
- (7) The regulations may also provide for—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (a) the inspection of sites, facilities, equipment, spacecraft, carrier aircraft and other vehicles, and
 - (b) the obtaining of information (whether by inspecting documents, interviewing individuals or otherwise),
- by prescribed persons or persons of prescribed descriptions.