EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force on 1st October 1997 section 6 of the Antarctic Act 1994. The section prohibits mineral resource activities in Antarctica by United Kingdom nationals except for certain limited purposes.

With the exception of sections 3 and 4, the Act has been progressively brought into force by commencement orders made in 1995 (S.I.No. 2748), 1996 (S.I. No. 2666) and 1997 (S.I. No. 1411).