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The Antarctic (Recognised Assistance Dog) Regulations 2015

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The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 8(5) and 32 of the Antarctic Act 1994(a), makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Antarctic (Recognised Assistance Dog) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 6th April 2015.

Prescribed trainers of recognised assistance dogs

2. A “recognised assistance dog” in section 8(5) of the Antarctic Act 1994 is a dog which has been trained to assist a disabled person—

- (a) in relation to dogs trained in the United Kingdom—
 - (i) by the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association; or
 - (ii) by an organisation which is a registered member of Assistance Dogs (UK);
- (b) in relation to dogs trained outside the United Kingdom—
 - (i) by a person or organisation that is affiliated to the International Guide Dog Federation; or
 - (ii) by a person or organisation accredited by Assistance Dogs International.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Date 4th February 2015

Hugo Swire
Minister of State

(a) 1994 c.15, section 8 was amended by the Antarctic Act 2013 (c.15), s.16 (4) and (5).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These regulations prescribe who may train a “recognised assistance dog” for the purposes of section 8(5) of the Antarctic Act 1994 as amended by the Antarctic Act 2013.

Section 8(1) of the Antarctic Act 1994 prohibits the introduction into any part of Antarctica any animal or species that is not indigenous to Antarctica, except in accordance with a permit. This prohibition does not apply to the keeping on board a vessel in Antarctica of a recognised assistance dog which is trained by a person or organisation prescribed in these regulations.

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