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The Antarctic (Recognised Assistance Dog) Regulations 2016

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>17th June 2016</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>4th July 2016</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>23rd September 2016</i>

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, commencement and revocation

1. These Regulations may be cited as The Antarctic (Recognised Assistance Dog) Regulations 2016 and come into force on 23rd September 2016.
2. The Antarctic (Recognised Assistance Dog) Regulations 2015(b) are revoked.

Prescribed trainers of recognised assistance dogs

3. 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, a charity registered in England and Wales (No. 209617) and in Scotland (No. SC038979); or
 - (ii) by an organisation which is a registered member of Assistance Dogs (UK), a charity registered in England and Wales (No. 1119538);
- (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, a charity registered in England and Wales (No. 1062441); or
 - (ii) by a person or organisation accredited by Assistance Dogs International, a company registered in the State of Oregon, United States of America (No. 117502-88).

17th June 2016

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(a) 1994 c.15, section 8 was inserted by the Antarctic Act 2013 (c.15), s.16(5).
(b) S.I. 2015/126.

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. They revoke and replace The Antarctic (Recognised Assistance Dog) Regulations 2015.

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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