

These notes refer to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (c.24) which received Royal Assent on 14th December 2001

ANTI-TERRORISM, CRIME AND SECURITY ACT 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW

Nuclear Security

20. The provisions in Part 8 reinforce and update the regulatory regime for security in the nuclear industry.
21. They also extend the jurisdiction for the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Constabulary (AEAC) so that their constables can protect nuclear sites and nuclear material more effectively. They are now able to be deployed in all civil licensed nuclear sites, rather than at present only on premises of specified nuclear operators, and within five kilometres of such sites.
22. They also strengthen sanctions against the unauthorised disclosure of sensitive information on the security of nuclear sites, nuclear material and proliferation-sensitive nuclear technology.