



# Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001

## 2001 CHAPTER 24

### PART 8

#### SECURITY OF NUCLEAR INDUSTRY

#### **80 Prohibition of disclosures of uranium enrichment technology**

- (1) This section applies to—
  - (a) any information about the enrichment of uranium; or
  - (b) any information or thing which is, or is likely to be, used in connection with the enrichment of uranium;and for this purpose “the enrichment of uranium” means any treatment of uranium that increases the proportion of the isotope 235 contained in the uranium.
- (2) The Secretary of State may make regulations prohibiting the disclosure of information or things to which this section applies.
- (3) A person who contravenes a prohibition is guilty of an offence and liable—
  - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding seven years or a fine (or both); and
  - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both).
- (4) The regulations may, in particular, provide for—
  - (a) a prohibition to apply, or not to apply—
    - (i) to such information or things; and
    - (ii) in such cases or circumstances, as may be prescribed;
  - (b) the authorisation by the Secretary of State [<sup>F1</sup>or the Office for Nuclear Regulation] of disclosures that would otherwise be prohibited; and
  - (c) defences to an offence under subsection (3) relating to any prohibition.

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- (5) The regulations may—
- (a) provide for any prohibition to apply to acts done outside the United Kingdom by United Kingdom persons;
  - (b) make different provision for different purposes; and
  - (c) make such incidental, supplementary and transitional provision as the Secretary of State thinks fit.
- (6) The power to make the regulations is exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (7) The regulations shall not be made unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before and approved by each House of Parliament.
- [<sup>F2</sup>(7A) The Secretary of State must consult the Office for Nuclear Regulation before laying a draft of the regulations, unless they give effect, without modification, to any proposals for them submitted by the Office for Nuclear Regulation under section 81(1)(a)(v) of the Energy Act 2013.]
- (8) In this section—
- “disclosure”, in relation to a thing, includes parting with possession of it;
  - “information” includes software; and
  - “prescribed” means specified or described in the regulations.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 80(4)(b) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Energy Act 2013 \(c. 32\), s. 156\(1\), Sch. 12 para. 33\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/251, art. 4
- F2** S. 80(7A) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Energy Act 2013 \(c. 32\), s. 156\(1\), Sch. 12 para. 33\(3\)](#); S.I. 2014/251, art. 4

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