



Seeds Act (Northern Ireland) 1965

1965 CHAPTER 22

SUPPLEMENTAL

8 Powers of entry.

^{F1}(1) This section shall not authorise entry into any premises which are used exclusively as a private dwelling.

(2) For the purpose of exercising—

- (a) the powers conferred by subsections (3) and (4), or
- (b) any powers of calling for, inspecting or taking copies of records or other documents conferred by seeds regulations,

or for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is, or has been, on or in connection with the premises (including any vehicle or vessel) any contravention of any provision contained in this Act or in seeds regulations any person duly authorised by the Ministry in that behalf may, on production if so required of his authority, at all reasonable hours enter any lands (including any premises or any vehicle or vessel) which he has reasonable cause to believe are used for any purpose of a business in the course of which seeds are sold (whether the sale is by wholesale or retail, and whether the person conducting it acts as principal or agent) or on which he has reasonable cause to believe there are any seeds which have been sold and which are to be delivered, or are in the course of delivery, to a purchaser.

(3) A person may, on any lands (including any premises or vehicle or vessel) which he has power under this section to enter for the purpose of exercising the powers conferred by this sub-section, examine any seeds which he finds there and may without payment take samples of any seeds so found.

(4) The owner of any seeds which are offered or exposed for sale, or are stored for purposes of sale, or any person authorised to sell those seeds, may be required by an authorised officer to deliver to him such a statement, if any, as the person selling them would by seeds regulations be obliged to deliver to a purchaser of those seeds, and to deliver it within the time prescribed for such a statement.

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- (5) If any person fails to comply with a requirement under subsection (4) he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction [^{F2} to a fine not exceeding^{F3} level 3 on the standard scale]].
- (6) This section shall apply as respects all kinds of seeds in respect of which an offence may under any circumstances be committed under seeds regulations as for the time being in force.
- (7) A person who wilfully obstructs or impedes any person acting in the exercise of the powers conferred by this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding^{F3} £200].

F1 SI 1972/971

F2 SRO (NI) 1972/351

F3 1984 NI 3

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 8 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by [The Seeds \(Variety Lists\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/302\)](#), regs. 1, **22**

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