

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS) (WALES) ACT 2023

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Enforcement

Section 14 - Offence of obstruction etc. of officers

48. Subsection (1) provides that a person commits an offence if they intentionally obstruct an authorised officer from exercising their functions under sections 9 to 13.
49. Subsection (2) provides that a person commits an offence if, without reasonable cause, they fail to provide an authorised officer with facilities that are reasonably required under section 13(1) or they fail to comply with a requirement under section 13(1)(b), (d) or (4)(b) such as providing information relating to matters within that person's control.
50. Subsection (3) sets out that a person found guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale. The levels on the standard scale are set out in section 122 of the [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#).
51. Subsection (4) provides that refusal to answer questions or provide documents that the person would be entitled to refuse to answer or produce in a court in Wales or England does not constitute an offence under this section.