



Deer Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 49

2 Sale and purchase etc. of venison

- (1) If any person, not being a licensed game dealer—
- (a) at any time during the prohibited period sells or offers or exposes for sale or has in his possession for sale any venison; or
 - (b) at any time sells or offers or exposes for sale any venison otherwise than to a licensed game dealer,
- he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £200.
- (2) If any person sells or offers or exposes for sale or has in his possession for sale, or purchases or offers to purchase or receives, any venison which comes from a deer—
- (a) which has been taken or killed in circumstances which constitute an offence under section 1 above or any provision of the Deer Act 1963 ; and
 - (b) which he knows or has reason to believe to have been so taken or killed,
- he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £500 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both.
- (3) In this section " prohibited period ", in relation to any venison which comes from a species and description of deer in relation to which a close season is prescribed by Schedule 1 to the Deer Act 1963, means the period beginning with the expiration of the tenth day, and ending with the expiration of the last day, of that season.
- (4) In this section and section 3 below—
- " licensed game dealer " means a person licensed to deal in game under the Game Act 1831 and the Game Licences Act 1860, and includes a servant of such a person;
 - " sale " includes barter and exchange and " sell " and " purchase " shall be construed accordingly.