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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 12

OFCOM’S POWERS OF ENTRY, INSPECTION AND AUDIT

Offences

- 18 (1) A person commits an offence if—
- (a) the person intentionally obstructs a person acting under this Schedule;
 - (b) the person fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with any requirement imposed by a person acting under this Schedule;
 - (c) in response to a requirement imposed by a person acting under this Schedule, the person provides information that is false in a material respect, knowing that it is false in a material respect or being reckless as to whether it is false in a material respect.
- (2) A person who commits an offence under this paragraph is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding the general limit in a magistrates’ court or a fine (or both);
 - (b) on summary conviction in Scotland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both);
 - (c) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both);
 - (d) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine (or both).

Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. 12 para. 18 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(1\)](#)
- I2** [Sch. 12 para. 18](#) in force at 10.1.2024 by [S.I. 2023/1420](#), [reg. 2\(z10\)](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 80(6A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 5\(2\)\(b\)](#)