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PART 14

Advertising

CHAPTER 2

Requirements relating to advertising

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303.—(1) A person is guilty of an offence if that person commits a breach of a provision in this Chapter.

(2) A breach of a provision in this Chapter includes any-

- (a) contravention by any person of any prohibition in this Chapter; and
- (b) failure by any person to comply with any requirement or obligation in this Chapter.

(3) A person guilty of an offence under this regulation other than one to which paragraph (4) applies is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; or
- (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both.
- (4) This paragraph applies to an offence consisting of a breach of-
 - (a) regulation 298(1) (free samples);
 - (b) regulation 299(2) or (3) (medical sales representatives); or
 - (c) regulation 300(4) (solicitation or acceptance of inducements or hospitality).

(5) A person guilty of an offence to which paragraph (4) applies is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.