
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Specified Risk Material
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997**

Part VII

Enforcement

Offences and penalties

29.—(1) An occupier of food premises shall take all practicable steps to secure compliance by any of his employees with the provisions of these Regulations which apply to those premises.

(2) If any person contravenes—

- (a) paragraph (1);
- (b) any other provision of these Regulations; or
- (c) a direction given by the Department under regulation 26,

he shall be guilty of an offence and liable—

- (i) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; or
- (ii) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or imprisonment not exceeding the two years or to both.

(3) A prosecution for an offence under any of the provisions mentioned in paragraph (2) shall not be begun after the expiry of—

- (a) three years from the commission of the offence; or
- (b) one year from its discovery by the prosecutor,

whichever is the earlier.