
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2001 No. 435

Environmental Impact Assessment (Uncultivated Land and Semi-Natural Areas) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

Penalties for contravention of a stop notice

23.—(1) Any person who contravenes a stop notice that has been served on him in accordance with regulation 22 shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) An offence under this regulation may be charged by reference to any day or longer period of time and a person may be convicted of a second or subsequent offence under this regulation by reference to any period of time following the preceding conviction for such an offence.

(3) References in this regulation to contravening a stop notice shall include causing or permitting its contravention.

(4) A person guilty of an offence under this regulation shall be liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; and
- (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine.

(5) In proceedings for an offence under this regulation it shall be a defence for the accused to prove that—

- (a) the stop notice was not served on him; and
- (b) he did not know, and could not reasonably have been expected to know, of its existence.