
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2018 No. 106

**The Sea Fishing (Illegal, Unreported and
Unregulated Fishing) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018**

Warrants to enter premises

13.—(1) A lay magistrate, who on sworn complaint in writing is satisfied that the circumstances in paragraph (2) apply, may issue a warrant authorising a British sea-fishery officer to enter any premises, if necessary using reasonable force, and to take with that officer such persons as appear to be necessary.

(2) The circumstances are that—

- (a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that any documents or other items which a British sea-fishery officer has power under article 12 to inspect are on the premises;
- (b) the inspection of such documents or other items is likely to disclose evidence of the commission of an offence under this Order or an equivalent provision; and
- (c) either—
 - (i) entry to the premises has been or is likely to be refused and written notice of intention to apply for a warrant has been given to the occupier,
 - (ii) an application for entry, or the giving of notice, would defeat the object of the entry,
 - (iii) the premises are unoccupied, or
 - (iv) the occupier is temporarily absent and it might defeat the object of the entry to await that person's return.

(3) If a British sea-fishery officer enters any unoccupied premises by virtue of a warrant the officer shall leave them as effectively secured against unauthorised entry as the officer found them.

Commencement Information

II Art. 13 in operation at 1.6.2018, see [art. 1\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Sea Fishing (Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018, Section 13.