
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2020 No. 360

The Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020.

PART 4

Enforcement, penalties and appeal

Powers of entry: with warrants

10.—(1) A lay magistrate may by signed warrant authorise an authorised person to enter any premises for the purposes of the enforcement of these Regulations or the Official Controls Regulation if the lay magistrate is satisfied, on a sworn complaint made in writing, that—

- (a) there are reasonable grounds for entering the premises; and
 - (b) any one of the conditions in paragraph (2) is met.
- (2) The conditions are that—
- (a) entry to the premises has been, or is likely to be refused, and notice of the intention to apply for a warrant has been given to the occupier;
 - (b) asking for admission to the premises, or giving notice of the intention to apply for a warrant, would defeat the object of the entry;
 - (c) entry is urgently required; or
 - (d) the premises are unoccupied or the occupier is temporarily absent.
- (3) A warrant is valid for 30 days beginning on the day it is issued.
- (4) A warrant must specify—
- (a) the name of the person who applied for it;
 - (b) the date on which it is issued;
 - (c) that it is issued under this regulation;
 - (d) the address of the premises to be entered; and
 - (e) the purpose for which entry is required.