
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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

PART 4

Enforcement, penalties and appeal

Offences and penalties

15.—(1) A person is guilty of an offence if without reasonable excuse that person fails to provide the information required by regulation 5(1) to the Department within the time period specified in regulation 5(2) or (3), as appropriate.

(2) A person is guilty of an offence if without reasonable excuse that person fails to comply with an enforcement notice issued in accordance with regulation 14(1).

(3) A person is guilty of an offence if without reasonable excuse that person obstructs an authorised person in the performance of their functions under these Regulations or under the EU Official Controls Regulations, or causes or permits an authorised person to be so obstructed.

(4) For the purpose of paragraph (3), obstruction includes failure by any person—

- (a) to produce records or provide reasonable facilities for copying records; or
- (b) to provide relevant information when requested.

(5) A person is guilty of an offence if, without reasonable excuse, that person supplies information to the Department or an authorised person which, in any material particular, is false or misleading.

(6) A person guilty of an offence under this regulation is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.