
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

Enforcement

8.—(1) Enforcement of these Regulations and the Official Controls Regulation is the responsibility of the Department.

(2) The Department may authorise any person to exercise enforcement powers.

(3) A person may be authorised for specified reasons.

(4) An authorisation must be in writing.

(5) The Department may specify descriptions of district council officers who may be authorised to exercise enforcement powers and may direct that an officer of a particular description may only be appointed to exercise them for a specified purpose.

(6) Any specification or direction under paragraph (5) must be in writing.

(7) Where the Department specifies a description of district council officers under paragraph (5), a district council may authorise any of its officers falling within that description to exercise enforcement powers in its district.

(8) An authorised person exercising powers under these Regulations must produce, on request, evidence of their authorisation.

(9) An authorised person must state, if requested—

(a) their name;

(b) the power to be exercised; and

(c) the grounds for proposing to exercise the power.

(10) In this regulation, “enforcement powers” means the powers conferred on an authorised person by these Regulations.