
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations prohibit the manufacture and the sale of plastic stemmed cotton buds and come into force on 12 October 2019.

Regulation 3 provides that it is an offence for a person to manufacture, supply, offer to supply, or have in their possession for supply, any plastic stemmed cotton bud. A person found guilty of such an offence will be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £5,000 or on conviction on indictment to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or a fine not exceeding £5,000 or both.

Regulation 4 makes provision for offences by bodies corporate, Scottish partnerships and unincorporated associations.

Regulation 5 provides that a local authority may authorise any person to exercise any of the powers specified in regulation 6.

Regulation 6 makes provision for enforcement officer powers of entry and associated powers to carry out investigations in order to determine whether an offence under regulation 3 has been, or is being, committed. It also includes provision for entry under warrant, where the use of force to effect entry may be required.