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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 4

Section 25.

PROSECUTION AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENCES

Section Creation Offence	General Nature of Offence	Mode of Prosecution	Punishment			General
			Class A drug involved	Class B drug involved	Class C drug involved	
Section 4(2)	Production, or being concerned in the production, of a controlled drug.	(a) Summary	[^{F1} 12 months][^{F16} months] or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.	[^{F1} 12 months][^{F16} months] or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.	[^{F3} 3 months or £500, or both].	
		(b) On indictment	[^{F4} Life] or a fine, or both.	14 years or a fine, or both.	5 years or a fine, or both.	
Section 4(3)	Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug or being concerned in the doing of either activity by another.	(a) Summary	[^{F1} 12 months][^{F16} months] or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.	[^{F1} 12 months][^{F16} months] or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.	[^{F3} 3 months or £500, or both].	
		(b) On indictment	[^{F4} Life] or a fine, or both.	14 years or a fine, or both.	5 years or a fine, or both.	
Section 5(2)	Having possession of a controlled drug.	(a) Summary	[^{F1} 12 months][^{F16} months] or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.	[^{F5} 3 months or £500, or both].	[^{F5} 3 months or £200, or both].	

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		(b) On indictment	7 years or a fine, or both.	5 years or a fine, or both.	2 years or a fine, or both.	
Section 5(3)	Having possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply it to another.	(a) Summary	[^{F1} 12 months][^{F16} 6 months] or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.	[^{F1} 12 months][^{F16} 6 months] or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.	[^{F6} 3 months or £500, or both].	
		(b) On indictment	[^{F7} Life] or a fine, or both.	14 years or a fine, or both.	5 years or a fine, or both.	
Section 6(2)	Cultivation of cannabis plant.	(a) Summary			[^{F1} 12 months][^{F16} 6 months] or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.	
		(b) On indictment			14 years or a fine, or both.	
Section 8	Being the occupier, or concerned in the management, of premises and permitting or suffering certain activities to take place there.	(a) Summary	[^{F1} 12 months][^{F16} 6 months] or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.	[^{F1} 12 months][^{F16} 6 months] or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.	[^{F8} 3 months or £500, or both].	
		(b) On indictment	14 years or a fine, or both.	14 years or a fine, or both.	5 years or a fine, or both.	
Section 9	Offences relating to opium.	(a) Summary			[^{F1} 12 months][^{F16} 6 months] or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.	

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		On indictment				14 years or a fine, or both.
[^{F9} Section 9A.]	[^{F9} Prohibition of supply etc. of articles for administering or preparing controlled drugs.]	[^{F9} Summary]				[^{F9} 6 months or level 5 on the standard scale, or both.]
Section 11(2)	Contravention of directions relating to safe custody of controlled drugs.	(a) summary				6 months or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.
		(b) On indictment				2 years or a fine, or both.
Section 12(6)	Contravention of direction prohibiting practitioner etc. from possessing, supplying etc. controlled drugs.	(a) Summary	[^{F1} 12 months] or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.	[^{F1} 12 months] or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.	[^{F10} 3 months or £500, or both].	
		(b) On indictment	14 years or a fine, or both.	14 years or a fine, or both.	5 years or a fine, or both.	
Section 13(3)	Contravention of direction prohibiting practitioner etc. from prescribing, supplying etc. controlled drugs.	(a) Summary	[^{F1} 12 months] or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.	[^{F1} 12 months] or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.	[^{F10} 3 months or £500, or both].	
		(b) On indictment	14 years or a fine, or both.	14 years or a fine, or both.	5 years or a fine, or both.	

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Section 17(3)	Failure to comply with notice requiring information relating to prescribing, supply etc. of drugs.	Summary	[^{F11} level 3 on the standard scale].
Section 17(4)	Giving false information in purported compliance with notice requiring information relating to prescribing, supply etc. of drugs.	(a) Summary	6 months or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both.
		(b) On indictment	2 years or a fine, or both.
Section 18(1)	Contravention of regulations (other than regulations relating to addicts).	(a) Summary	6 months or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both
		(b) On indictment	2 years or a fine, or both.
Section 18(2)	Contravention of terms of licence or other authority (other than licence issued under regulations relating to addicts).	(a) Summary	6 months or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both

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		(b) On indictment	2 years or a fine, or both.
Section 18(3)	Giving false information in purported compliance with obligation to give information imposed under or by virtue of regulations.	(a) Summary	6 months or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both
		(b) On indictment	2 years or a fine, or both.
Section 18(4)	Giving false information, or producing document etc. containing false statement etc., for purposes of obtaining issue or renewal of a licence or other authority.	(a) Summary	6 months or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both
		(b) On indictment	2 years or a fine, or both.
Section 20	Assisting in or inducing commission outside United Kingdom of an offence punishable under a	(a) Summary	[^{F1} 12 months][^{F16} months] or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both

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	corresponding law.		
		(b) On indictment	14 years or a fine, or both.
Section 23(4)	Obstructing exercise of powers of search etc. or concealing books, drugs etc.	(a) Summary	6 months or [^{F2} the prescribed sum], or both
		(b) On indictment	2 years or a fine, or both.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words “6 months” substituted (N.I.) for “12 months” by S.I. 1984/703, (N.I. 3), art. 4, Sch. 1 para. 1(c)
- F2** Sch. 4: the maximum fine which may be imposed on summary conviction shall be the prescribed sum by virtue of Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43), s. 32(2)
- F3** Words substituted by (E.W.) Criminal Law Act 1977 (c. 45, SIF 39:1), s. 28, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)(b), (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), Sch. 7B para. 1(1)(b) and (N.I.) S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3), art. 4, Sch. 1 para. 1(c), 2 (b)(i)(ii)
- F4** Word substituted by Controlled Drugs (Penalties) Act 1985 (c. 39, SIF 84), ss. 1(1), 2(2)
- F5** Words substituted by (E.W.) Criminal Law Act 1977 (c. 45, SIF 39:1), s. 28, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)(c)(i), (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), Sch. 7B para. 1(1)(c)(i) and (N.I.) S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3), art. 4, Sch. 1 para. 1(b)(i)
- F6** Words substituted by (E.W.) Criminal Law Act 1977 (c. 45, SIF 39:1), s. 28, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)(b), (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), Sch. 7B para. 1(1)(b) and (N.I.) S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3), Sch. 1 para. 1(a), 2(b)(iii)
- F7** Word substituted by Controlled Drugs (Penalties) Act 1985 (c. 39, SIF 84), ss. 1(1), 2(2)
- F8** Words substituted by (E.W.) Criminal Law Act 1977 (c. 45, SIF 39:1), s. 28, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)(b), (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), Sch. 7B para. 1(1)(b) and (N.I.) S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3), art. 4, Sch. 1 para. 1(a), 2(b)(iv)
- F9** Entry inserted by Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 (c. 32, SIF 39:1), s. 34(2)
- F10** Words substituted by (E.W.) Criminal Law Act 1977 (c. 45, SIF 39:1), s. 28, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)(b), (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), Sch. 7B para. 1(1)(b) and (N.I.) S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3), art. 4, Sch. 1 para. 1(a), 2(b)(v)(vi)
- F11** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), s. 46, (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), s. 289G and (N.I.) S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3), arts. 5, 6

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