



# Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979

## 1979 CHAPTER 5

### *Delivery of oil without payment of duty*

#### **10 Restrictions on the use of duty-free oil.**

- (1) Except with the consent of the Commissioners, no oil in whose case delivery without payment of duty has been permitted under section 9 above shall—
  - (a) be put to a use not qualifying for relief under that section; or
  - (b) be acquired or taken into any vehicle, appliance or storage tank in order to be put to such a use.
- (2) In giving their consent for the purposes of subsection (1) above, the Commissioners may impose such conditions as they think fit.
- (3) A person who—
  - (a) uses or acquires oil in contravention of subsection (1) above; or
  - (b) is liable for oil being taken into a vehicle, appliance or storage tank in contravention of that subsection,shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of three times the value of the oil or [<sup>F1</sup>level 3 on the standard scale], whichever is the greater; and the Commissioners may recover from him an amount equal to the excise duty on like oil at the rate in force at the time of the contravention.
- (4) A person who supplies oil having reason to believe that it will be put to a use not qualifying for relief under section 9 above shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of three times the value of the oil or [<sup>F2</sup>level 3 on the standard scale], whichever is the greater, if that use without the consent of the Commissioners would contravene subsection (1) above.
- (5) A person who, with the intent that the restrictions imposed by subsection (1) above should be contravened,—
  - (a) uses or acquires oil in contravention of that subsection; or
  - (b) supplies oil having reason to believe that it will be put to a use not qualifying for relief under section 9 above, being a use which, without the consent of the Commissioners, would contravene that subsection,

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shall be guilty of an offence under this subsection.

- (6) A person who is liable for oil being taken into a vehicle, appliance or storage tank in contravention of subsection (1) above shall be guilty of an offence under this subsection where the oil was taken in with the intent by him that the restrictions imposed by that subsection should be contravened.
- (7) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (5) or (6) above shall be liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to a penalty of the prescribed sum or of three times the value of the oil in question, whichever is the greater, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or to both; or
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a penalty of any amount or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [<sup>F3</sup>7 years], or to both.
- (8) For the purposes of this section, a person is liable for oil being taken into a vehicle, appliance or storage tank in contravention of subsection (1) above if he is at the time the person having the charge of the vehicle, appliance or tank, or is its owner, except that if a person other than the owner is, or is for the time being, entitled to possession of it, that person and not the owner is liable.
- (9) Any oil acquired, or taken into a vehicle, appliance or storage tank as mentioned in subsection (1) above, or supplied as mentioned in subsection (4) or (5) above, shall be liable to forfeiture.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 38, 46](#), and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 289F, 289G](#) and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6
- F2** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 38, 46](#), and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 289F, 289G](#) and (N.I.) by [S.I. 1984/703](#), (N.I. 3) arts. 5, 6
- F3** Words substituted by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39, SIF 40:1\)](#), [s. 12\(1\)\(b\)\(6\)](#)

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