



Civil Aviation Act 1982

1982 CHAPTER 16

PART III

REGULATION OF CIVIL AVIATION

Trespass by aircraft and aircraft nuisance, noise, etc.

82 Prohibition of aerial advertising and propaganda.

- (1) Save in such circumstances as may be prescribed, no aircraft while in the air over any part of the United Kingdom shall be used, whether wholly or partly for emitting or displaying any advertisement or other communication in such a way that the advertisement or communication is audible or visible from the ground.
- (2) Any person who uses an aircraft, or knowingly causes or permits an aircraft to be used, in contravention of subsection (1) above shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction—
 - (a) in the case of a first conviction of an offence under this section, to a fine not exceeding [^{F1}£100 level 4 on the standard scale];
 - (b) in any other case, to a fine not exceeding [^{F1}£200 level 4 on the standard scale] or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both;

but (without prejudice to section 105(3) below) a previous conviction of an offence under section 7 of the ^{M1}Civil Aviation (Licensing) Act 1960 shall be treated as a conviction of an offence under this section for the purposes of determining whether a conviction of an offence under this section is a first such conviction.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted (S.) for “£100” and “£200” by virtue of [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975](#) (c. 21, SIF 39:1), [ss. 289E–289G](#)

Changes to legislation: Civil Aviation Act 1982, Section 82 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 14 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) [View outstanding changes](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 82(2): [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 35** (in relation to liability on first and subsequent convictions), 38 (increase of fines) and 46 (substitution of references to levels on the standard scale) apply (E.W.) and (N.I.) [S.I. 1984/703 \(N.I. 3\)](#), **arts. 5** (substitution of references to levels on the standard scale) 6 (increase of fines) and 9 (in relation to liability on first and subsequent convictions) apply

Marginal Citations

- M1** [1960 c. 38](#).

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 82(2) words repealed by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 37 Pt. 9](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Blanket Amendment words substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 11 para. 1\(2\)](#)
- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 36](#)