



Consumer Protection Act 1987

1987 CHAPTER 43

PART IV

ENFORCEMENT OF PARTS II AND III

32 Obstruction of authorised officer.

(1) Any person who—

- (a) intentionally obstructs any officer of an enforcement authority who is acting in pursuance of [^{F1}section 29(4)] or any customs officer who is [^{F2}acting in pursuance of section 31]; or
- (b) intentionally fails to comply with any requirement made of him by any officer of an enforcement authority under [^{F3}section 29(4)]; or
- (c) without reasonable cause fails to give any officer of an enforcement authority who is so acting any other assistance or information which the officer may reasonably require of him for the purposes of the exercise of the officer's functions under [^{F4}section 29(4)],

shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

(2) A person shall be guilty of an offence if, in giving any information which is required of him by virtue of subsection (1)(c) above—

- (a) he makes any statement which he knows is false in a material particular; or
- (b) he recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular.

(3) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (2) above shall be liable—

- (a) on conviction on indictment, to a fine;
- (b) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 32(1)(a) substituted (1.10.2015) by [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\), s. 100\(5\), Sch. 6 para. 43\(a\)\(i\)](#); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i) (with art. 8)

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- F2** Words in s. 32(1)(a) substituted (1.10.2015) by Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 6 para. 43(a)(ii)**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i) (with art. 8)
- F3** Words in s. 32(1)(b) substituted (1.10.2015) by Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 6 para. 43(b)**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i) (with art. 8)
- F4** Words in s. 32(1)(c) substituted (1.10.2015) by Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 6 para. 43(c)**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i) (with art. 8)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 32 applied (E.W.S) (28.11.2003 for certain purposes, 15.7.2004 for certain further purposes and otherwise prosp.) by Fireworks Act 2003 (c. 22), **ss. 12(2)(c), 18** (with s. 2(8)); S.I. 2003/3084, **art. 2, Sch.**; S.I. 2004/1831, **art. 2, Sch.**
- C2** S. 32 applied (with modifications) (1.1.1993) by S.I. 1992/3073, reg. 28, **Sch. 6 para. 3(c)**
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 Ss. 28-35 applied (with modifications) (8.4.2000) by S.I. 2000/730, reg. 18(1), **Sch. 9 para. 1(2)**
 Ss. 28-35 applied (with modifications) (15.5.2002) by S.I. 2002/1144, regs. 2(2), 16(1)-(3), **Sch. 10 paras. 1, 3**
 Ss. 28-35 applied (with modifications) (25.8.2003) by S.I. 2003/1941, reg. 8, **Sch. IV para. 2(a)**
- C3** S. 32 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2015) by The Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1640), reg. 1, **Sch. 4 para. 1(1)(a)** (with reg. 3(5))

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