



# Space Industry Act 2018

## 2018 CHAPTER 5

### *Offences and civil sanctions*

#### **54 Offences under regulations** **U.K.**

- (1) Regulations under this Act may create offences.
- (2) Regulations may provide for an offence under the regulations to be triable—
  - (a) only summarily, or
  - (b) either summarily or on indictment.
- (3) Regulations may provide for an offence under the regulations that is triable either way to be punishable—
  - (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, with a fine;
  - (b) on summary conviction in Scotland or Northern Ireland, with a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
  - (c) on conviction on indictment, with imprisonment for a term not exceeding the period prescribed, which may not exceed two years, or a fine (or both).
- (4) Subsection (3)(c) has effect with the substitution of “ five years ” for “ two years ” in the case of a provision about endangering a spacecraft or persons in a spacecraft.
- (5) Regulations may provide for a summary offence under the regulations to be punishable—
  - (a) in England and Wales—
    - (i) with a fine, or
    - (ii) with a fine not exceeding a prescribed amount, which must not exceed level 4 on the standard scale;
  - (b) in Scotland or Northern Ireland, with a fine not exceeding a prescribed amount, which must not exceed level 5 on the standard scale.
- (6) This section is subject to—
  - (a) section 52(3) and (4);
  - (b) paragraph 6(2) and (3) of Schedule 3;

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(c) paragraph 4 of Schedule 5.

**Commencement Information**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.I. 2021/817, Sch. by [S.I. 2021/874 reg. 2](#)