
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994

PART V

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Supplementary provisions as to protection of species

Proceedings for offences: venue, time limits

102.—(1) An offence under Part III of these Regulations shall, for the purposes of conferring jurisdiction, be deemed to have been committed in any place where the offender is found or to which he is first brought after the commission of the offence.

(2) Summary proceedings for—

- (a) any offence under regulation 39(1) involving the taking or killing of a wild animal, and
- (b) any offence under regulation 43(1),

may be brought within a period of six months from the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the prosecutor to warrant the proceedings came to his knowledge.

But no such proceedings shall be brought by virtue of this paragraph more than two years after the commission of the offence.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2) a certificate signed by or on behalf of the prosecutor and stating the date on which such evidence as aforesaid came to his knowledge shall be conclusive evidence of that fact; and a certificate stating that matter and purporting to be so signed shall be deemed to be so signed unless the contrary is proved.