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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 1664**

**The Conflict Minerals (Compliance)  
(Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

**PART 4**

Civil sanctions

**Imposition of civil sanctions**

**15.**—<sup>[F1(1)]</sup> Civil sanctions may be imposed upon a Union importer if, when a power is exercised under regulations 8, 10 or 11, that Union importer—

- (a) without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with a notice under regulation 8(1) or 10(1);
- (b) without reasonable excuse, fails to provide the Secretary of State with any other information or assistance that the Secretary of State may reasonably require;
- (c) without reasonable excuse fails to produce a document or record when reasonably required to do so by the Secretary of State;
- (d) knowingly or recklessly provides false or misleading information to the Secretary of State;
- (e) knowingly or recklessly makes a statement that is false or misleading in a material respect;
- (f) intentionally obstructs, including by preventing entry without reasonable excuse, the Secretary of State; or
- (g) otherwise fails to cooperate with the Secretary of State without reasonable excuse.

<sup>[F2(2)]</sup> In paragraph (1), “the Secretary of State” means the Secretary of State or an inspector authorised under regulation 9 to exercise the powers under regulations 10 and 11.]

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Reg. 15 renumbered as reg. 15(1) (8.3.2021) by [The Conflict Minerals \(Compliance\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/145\)](#), regs. 1(1), **6(a)**
- F2** Reg. 15(2) inserted (8.3.2021) by [The Conflict Minerals \(Compliance\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/145\)](#), regs. 1(1), **6(b)**
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**Commencement Information**

- I1** Reg. 15 in force at 1.1.2021, see reg. 1(1)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Conflict Minerals (Compliance) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, Section 15.