
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 552

**The Official Controls (Plant
Protection Products) Regulations 2020**

PART 4

Enforcement and penalties

Offences and Penalties

15.—(1) A person is guilty of an offence if without reasonable excuse that person fails to provide the information required by regulation 5(1) to the competent authority within the time period specified in regulation 5(2) or (3), as appropriate.

(2) A person is guilty of an offence if without reasonable excuse that person fails to comply with an enforcement notice issued in accordance with regulation 14(1).

(3) A person is guilty of an offence if without reasonable excuse that person obstructs an authorised person in the performance of their functions under these Regulations or under the Official Controls Regulations, or causes or permits an authorised person to be so obstructed.

(4) For the purpose of paragraph (3), obstruction includes failure by any person—

- (a) to produce records or provide reasonable facilities for copying records; or
- (b) to provide relevant information when requested.

(5) A person is guilty of an offence if, without reasonable excuse, that person supplies information to the competent authority or an authorised person which, in any material particular, is false or misleading.

(6) A person guilty of an offence under this regulation is liable on summary conviction—

- (a) in England and Wales, to a fine; or
- (b) in Scotland, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

Commencement Information

11 Reg. 15 in force at 22.6.2020, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) Regulations 2020, Section 15.