
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2021 No. 488

The Global Anti-Corruption Sanctions Regulations 2021

PART 7

Enforcement

Penalties for offences

31.—(1) A person who commits an offence under any provision of Part 3 (Finance) or regulation 22 (finance: licensing offences) is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [^{F1}the general limit in a magistrates' court] or a fine (or both);
- (b) on summary conviction in Scotland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both);
- (c) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both);
- (d) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 7 years or a fine (or both).

(2) A person who commits an offence under regulation 9(6) (confidentiality) is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [^{F2}the general limit in a magistrates' court] or a fine (or both);
- (b) on summary conviction in Scotland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both);
- (c) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both);
- (d) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine (or both).

(3) A person who commits an offence under regulation 24(6) or 28 (information offences in connection with Part 3) is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine (or both);
- (b) on summary conviction in Scotland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (or both);
- (c) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (or both).

(4) In relation to an offence committed before [^{F3}2nd May 2022], the reference in each of paragraphs (1)(a) and (2)(a) to [^{F4}the general limit in a magistrates' court] is to be read as a reference to 6 months.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [reg. 31\(1\)\(a\)](#) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2(2), **Sch. Pt. 2**
- F2** Words in [reg. 31\(2\)\(a\)](#) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2(2), **Sch. Pt. 2**
- F3** Words in [reg. 31\(4\)](#) substituted (28.4.2022) by [The Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(Commencement No. 33\) and Sentencing Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/500\)](#), regs. 1(2), 5(2), **Sch. Pt. 2**
- F4** Words in [reg. 31\(4\)](#) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2(2), **Sch. Pt. 2**

Commencement Information

- I1** Reg. 31 in force at 26.4.2021 at noon, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

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- reg. 31(2) words inserted by [S.I. 2024/643 reg. 15\(9\)](#)

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- Pt. 3A inserted by [S.I. 2024/643 reg. 15\(4\)](#)
- reg. 5(1)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2024/643 reg. 15\(3\)](#)
- reg. 21A21B inserted by [S.I. 2024/643 reg. 15\(6\)](#)
- reg. 22A inserted by [S.I. 2024/643 reg. 15\(7\)](#)