



2010 CHAPTER 10

PART 4

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Offences

Prosecutions under this Act

34.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in Article 19(1) of the [Magistrates Courts \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1981 \(NI 26\)](#), proceedings for an offence under this Act may be brought within a period of 6 months from the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the complainant to warrant the proceedings came to the knowledge of the complainant; but no proceedings shall be brought by virtue of this subsection more than 2 years after the commission of the offence.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

- (a) a certificate signed by or on behalf of the complainant and stating the date on which such evidence as is mentioned in that subsection came to the knowledge of the complainant shall be conclusive evidence of that fact; and
- (b) a certificate stating that matter and purporting to be so signed shall be deemed to be so signed unless the contrary is proved.