

---

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

---

**1997 No. 2779**

**The Shops (Sunday Trading &c.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997**

*Opening of large shops on Sunday*

**Large shops not to open on Sunday except in accordance with Articles 4, 5 and 6**

3.—(1) Subject to Articles 4, 5 and 6, a large shop shall not be open on Sunday for the serving of retail customers.

(2) If paragraph (1) is contravened in relation to a shop, the occupier of the shop shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £50,000.

(3) Where a person is charged with having contravened paragraph (1), in relation to a large shop which was permitted by virtue of the exemption conferred by paragraph (1) of Article 5 to be open for the serving of retail customers on the Sunday in question during the hours mentioned in that paragraph, by reason of his having served a retail customer after the end of those hours, it shall be a defence to prove that the customer was in the shop before that time and left not later than half an hour after that time.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Shops (Sunday Trading &c.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997, Section 3.