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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2001 No. 332**

**Rural Development (Financial Assistance)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001**

**Offences and penalties**

- 18.**—(1) A person is guilty of an offence if—
- (a) for the purposes of obtaining financial assistance for himself or any other person he knowingly or recklessly makes a statement which is false or misleading in a material particular; or
  - (b) he intentionally obstructs an authorised person (or a person accompanying him and acting under his instructions) in the exercise of his powers under regulation 9.
- (2) A person who is guilty of an offence under this regulation is liable—
- (a) in the case of an offence under paragraph (1)(a)—
    - (i) on indictment, to a fine; or
    - (ii) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; and
  - (b) in the case of an offence under paragraph (1)(b), to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (3) Where an offence under this regulation committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of that body or any person who was purporting to act in such a capacity, he is also guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (4) Where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, paragraph (3) applies to acts and defaults of a member in connection with his management functions as if he was a director.