
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2019 No. 18

**The Environmental Protection (Microbeads)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019**

Offences and penalties

3.—(1) A person who, in the manufacture of any rinse-off personal care product, uses microbeads as an ingredient of that product is guilty of an offence.

(2) A person who supplies or offers to supply any rinse-off personal care product containing microbeads is guilty of an offence.

(3) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) or (2) is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale; or
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years, or to a fine or to both.

(4) A person who fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with a requirement to provide information imposed under regulation 4(2) is guilty of an offence and is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale; or
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years, or to a fine or to both.