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**2001 No.**

**Financial Investigations (Northern Ireland) Order 2001**

**Time limit for summary proceedings**

7. At the end of paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to the 1996 Order (offences) there shall be added the following sub-paragraph—

“(5) Notwithstanding anything in Article 19(1) of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, summary proceedings for an offence under sub-paragraph (1) or (2) may be brought at any time within the period of 3 months from the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the complainant to justify prosecution for the offence came to his notice or within the period of 12 months from the commission of the offence, whichever period last expires.”.