



Petroleum Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 17

PART I

PETROLEUM

[^{F1}5C Offences under section 5B: supplemental

- (1) No proceedings for an offence under section 5B may be instituted in England and Wales [^{F2}except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.]
- (2) No proceedings for an offence under section 5B may be instituted in Northern Ireland except—
 - (a) by the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, or
 - (b) with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland.
- (3) In the application of section 5B to Northern Ireland the reference in section 5B(6)(a) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months.
- (4) In the application of section 5B to England and Wales in relation to an offence committed before [^{F3}2 May 2022] the reference in section 5B(6)(a) to [^{F4}the general limit in a magistrates' court] is to be read as a reference to 6 months.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 5A-5C inserted (26.1.2009) by [Energy Act 2008 \(c. 32\)](#), ss. 76, 110(2); S.I. 2009/45, art. 2(c)(i)
- F2** Words in s. 5C(1) substituted (27.3.2014) by [The Public Bodies \(Merger of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Director of Revenue and Customs Prosecutions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/834\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 12**
- F3** Words in s. 5C(4) substituted (28.4.2022) by [The Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(Commencement No. 33\) and Sentencing Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/500\)](#), regs. 1(2), 5(1), **Sch. Pt. 1**
- F4** Words in s. 5C(4) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2(1), **Sch. Pt. 1**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Petroleum Act 1998, Section 5C.