



Animal Health Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 42

PART 3

ENFORCEMENT

Offences

14 Prosecutions: time limit

In the 1981 Act the following section is inserted before section 72—

“71A Prosecutions: time limit

- (1) Despite anything in section 127(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 an information relating to an offence under this Act which is triable by a magistrates' court in England and Wales may be so tried if it is laid at any time—
 - (a) within the period of three years starting with the date of the commission of the offence, and
 - (b) within the period of six months starting with the day on which evidence which the prosecutor thinks is sufficient to justify the proceedings comes to his knowledge.
- (2) A certificate by the prosecutor as to the date on which such evidence came to his knowledge is conclusive evidence of that fact.”