



Christmas Day (Trading) Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 26

1 Prohibition of opening of large shops on Christmas Day

- (1) A large shop must not be open on Christmas Day for the serving of retail customers.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any of the shops mentioned in paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 1 to the 1994 Act (shops exempt from restrictions on Sunday trading).
- (3) If subsection (1) is contravened in relation to a shop, the occupier of the shop is liable on summary conviction to [^{F1}a fine].
- (4) In its application for the purposes of subsection (2), paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 1 to the 1994 Act (which relates to the interpretation of paragraph 3(1) of that Schedule) has effect as if—
 - (a) the reference to weekdays were a reference to days of the year other than Christmas Day, and
 - (b) the reference to Sunday were a reference to Christmas Day.
- (5) In this section—

“large shop” has the same meaning as in Schedule 1 to the 1994 Act, except that for the purposes of this section the definition of “relevant floor area” in paragraph 1 of that Schedule is to be read as if the reference to the week ending with the Sunday in question were a reference to the period of seven days ending with the Christmas Day in question;

“retail customer” and “shop” have the same meaning as in that Schedule.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1(3) substituted (12.3.2015) by [The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 \(Fines on Summary Conviction\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/664\)](#), reg. 1(1), [Sch. 4 para. 36](#) (with reg. 5(1))

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 1 in force at 9.12.2004 by [S.I. 2004/3235](#), art. 2

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Christmas Day (Trading) Act 2004, Section 1.