

*These notes refer to the Charities Act 2006 (c.50)
which received Royal Assent on 8 November 2006*

CHARITIES ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Commentary on Sections

Section 49: Restrictions on conducting door to door collections

191. This section provides in *subsection (1)* that a collection by means of visits door to door cannot be undertaken unless the organisation (a) holds a public collections certificate (granted under section 52) and (b) has (within a period to be prescribed in regulations) notified the local authority of the matters mentioned in *subsection (3)* of this section and has provided the local authority with a copy of its public collections certificate.
192. *Subsection (2)* exempts from these requirements door to door collections which are exempt as local short-term collections, provided for by section 48.
193. *Subsection (4)* provides that where a door to door collection, which is not an exempt local short-term collection, is undertaken without a public collections certificate and without notifying the local authority of the matters referred to in *subsection (3)* the promoter is guilty of an offence and is liable for a fine of up to level 5 on the standard scale (currently £5,000)
194. *Subsection (5)* provides a separate offence with a lesser maximum penalty if the door to door collection appeal is for goods only.