



Children and Young Persons Act 1933

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PART I

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY AND EXPOSURE TO MORAL AND PHYSICAL DANGER

Offences

7 Sale of tobacco, &c. to persons under sixteen.

- (1) Any person who sells to a person apparently under the age of sixteen years any tobacco or cigarette papers, whether for his own use or not, shall be liable, on summary conviction, in the case of a first offence to a fine not exceeding [^{F1}twenty-five] pounds, in the case of a second offence to a fine not exceeding [^{F1}fifty] pounds, and in the case of a third or subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding [^{F1}one hundred] pounds.

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- (2) If on complaint to a court of summary jurisdiction it is proved to the satisfaction of the court that any automatic machine for the sale of tobacco kept on any premises is being extensively used by persons apparently under the age of sixteen years, the court [^{F3}shall] order the owner of the machine, or the person on whose premises the machine is kept, to take such precautions to prevent the machine being so used as may be specified in the order or, if necessary, to remove the machine, within such time as may be specified in the order, and if any person against whom such an order has been made fails to comply therewith, he shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding [^{F4}level 3 on the standard scale], and to a further fine not exceeding [^{F5}ten] pound for each day during which the offence continues.
- (3) It shall be the duty of a constable and of a park-keeper being in uniform to seize any tobacco or cigarette papers in the possession of any person apparently under the age of sixteen years whom he finds smoking in any street or public place, and any tobacco or cigarette papers so seized shall be disposed of, if seized by a constable, in such manner as the police authority may direct, and if seized by a park-keeper, in such manner as the authority or person by whom he was appointed may direct.

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- (4) Nothing in this section shall make it an offence to sell tobacco or cigarette papers to, or shall authorise the seizure of tobacco or cigarette papers in the possession of, any person who is at the time employed by a manufacturer of or dealer in tobacco, either wholesale or retail, for the purposes of his business, or is a boy messenger in uniform in the employment of a messenger company and employed as such at the time.
- (5) For the purposes of this section the expression “tobacco” includes cigarettes [^{F6}any product containing tobacco and intended for oral or nasal use] and smoking mixtures intended as a substitute for tobacco, and the expression “cigarettes” includes cut tobacco rolled up in paper, tobacco leaf, or other material in such form as to be capable of immediate use for smoking.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by [Children and Young Persons Act 1963 \(c. 37\), s. 32\(a\)](#) in relation to offences committed after 1.2.1964
- F2** Words repealed by [Protection of Children \(Tobacco\) Act 1986 \(c. 34, SIF 20\), s. 1\(1\)\(a\)\(2\)](#)
- F3** Word substituted by [Protection of Children \(Tobacco\) Act 1986 \(c. 34, SIF 20\), s. 1\(1\)\(b\)\(2\)](#)
- F4** Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\), s. 46](#)
- F5** Words substituted by [Children and Young Persons Act 1963 \(c. 37\), s. 32\(b\)](#) in relation to offences committed after 1.2.1964
- F6** Words inserted by [Protection of Children \(Tobacco\) Act 1986 \(c. 34, SIF 20\), s. 1\(1\)\(c\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\), ss. 35](#) (in relation to liability on first and subsequent convictions), 38 (increase of fines) and 46 (substitution of references to levels on the standard scale) apply (E.W.)

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