
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 1992

PART VII

ENFORCEMENT

Powers of the court

Forfeiture: Scotland

95.—(1) In Scotland an order for forfeiture of any—

- (a) relevant apparatus in relation to which there has been a contravention of regulation 28 or 29 above as the case may be; or
- (b) electrical apparatus other than relevant apparatus on the grounds that the EC mark is affixed in relation to it in contravention of regulation 33(6) above,

may be made by the sheriff—

- (i) on an application by the procurator-fiscal made in the manner specified in section 310 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975(1); or
- (ii) where a person is convicted of any offence in respect of any such contravention, in addition to any other penalty which the sheriff may impose.

(2) The procurator-fiscal making an application under paragraph (1)(i) above shall serve on any person appearing to him to be the owner of, or otherwise to have an interest in, the apparatus to which the application relates a copy of the application, together with a notice giving him the opportunity to appear at the hearing of the application to show cause why the apparatus should not be forfeited.

(3) Service under paragraph (2) above shall be carried out, and such service may be proved, in the manner specified for citation of a n accused in summary proceedings under the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975.

(4) Any person upon whom a notice is served under paragraph (2) above and any other person claiming to be the owner of, or otherwise to have an interest in, the apparatus to which an application under this regulation relates shall be entitled to appear at the hearing of the application to show cause why the apparatus should not be forfeited.

- (5) The sheriff shall not make an order following an application under paragraph (1)(i) above—
 - (a) if any person on whom notice is served under paragraph (2) above does not appear, unless service of the notice on that person is proved; or
 - (b) if no notice under paragraph (2) above has been served, unless the court is satisfied that in the circumstances it was reasonable not to serve notice on any person.

(1) Section 310 was amended by paragraph 53 of Schedule 7, and Schedule 8, to the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 62); there are extensions of section 310 not relevant to these Regulations.

(6) The sheriff shall make an order under this regulation only if he is satisfied that there has been a contravention in relation to the apparatus of regulation 28, 29 or 33(6) above as the case may be.

(7) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that the sheriff may infer for the purposes of this regulation that there has been a contravention in relation to any apparatus of regulation 28, 29 or 33(6) above if he is satisfied that that provision has been contravened in relation to apparatus which is representative of that apparatus (whether by reason of being of the same design or part of the same consignment or batch or otherwise).

(8) Where an order for the forfeiture of any apparatus is made following an application by the procurator-fiscal under paragraph (1)(i) above, any person who appeared, or was entitled to appear, to show cause why it should not be forfeited may, within twenty- one days of the making of the order, appeal to the High Court by Bill of Suspension on the ground of an alleged miscarriage of justice; and section 452(4)(a) to (e) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975(2) shall apply to an appeal under this paragraph as it applies to a stated case under Part II of that Act.

(9) An order following an application under paragraph (1)(i) above shall not take effect—

- (a) until the end of the period of twenty-one days beginning with the day after the day on which the order is made; or
- (b) if an appeal is made under paragraph (8) above within that period, until the appeal is determined or abandoned.

(10) An order under paragraph (1)(ii) shall not take effect—

- (a) until the end of the period within which an appeal against the order could be brought under the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975; or
- (b) if an appeal is made within that period, until the appeal is determined or abandoned.

(11) Subject to paragraph (12) below, apparatus forfeited under this regulation shall be destroyed in accordance with such directions as the sheriff may give.

(12) If he thinks fit, the sheriff may direct the apparatus to be (instead of being destroyed) released to such person as he may specify, on condition that that person does not supply it to any person otherwise than—

- (a) to a person who carries on a business of buying apparatus of the same description as the first-mentioned apparatus and repairing or reconditioning it; or
- (b) as scrap (that is to say, for the value of materials included in the apparatus rather than for the value of the apparatus itself).