

SCHEDULE 4

OFFENCES, ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER MATTERS

PART II

PROVISIONS AS TO ENFORCEMENT

Obstruction of authorised officers and false statements

5.—(1) A person shall not—

- (a) intentionally obstruct a duly authorised officer of an enforcement authority acting in pursuance of any provision of these Regulations; or
- (b) intentionally fail to comply with any requirement properly made to him by such an officer under any provision of these Regulations; or
- (c) without reasonable cause fail to give any such officer of an enforcement authority who is so acting any other assistance or information which he may reasonably require of him for the purposes of the exercise of the officer's functions under any provision of these Regulations.

(2) A person shall not, in giving any information which is required of him by virtue of subparagraph (1)(c)—

- (a) make any statement which he knows is false in a material particular; or
- (b) recklessly make a statement which is false in a material particular.

Power of enforcement authority to require technical documentation

6. Where an enforcement authority has reason to suspect that the information given on a label or in an information notice is incorrect, the authority may require the supplier of the lamp to which the label or information notice refers, to furnish to the authority, within such reasonable time as may be specified in the notice, such technical documentation within the meaning of regulation 8 (suppliers' duties in respect of technical documentation) as the authority considers appropriate.

Test purchases

7.—(1) An enforcement authority shall have power, for the purpose of ascertaining whether any provision of these Regulations has been contravened, to purchase, or to authorise an officer of the authority to purchase, any regulated lamp.

(2) Where—

- (a) a regulated lamp purchased under this paragraph by or on behalf of an enforcement authority is submitted to a test; and
- (b) the test leads to the bringing of proceedings in respect of an offence under these Regulations; and
- (c) the authority is requested to do so and it is practicable for the authority to comply with the request,

the authority shall allow the person from whom the lamp was purchased or any person who is a party to the proceedings or has an interest in the lamp to have the lamp tested.

(3) A test of a regulated lamp purchased under this paragraph, or seized and detained under paragraph 8 (power to enter premises and inspect, seize and detain regulated lamps etc.), shall be carried out in accordance with the test procedures of the harmonised standards.

Power to enter premises and inspect, seize and detain regulated lamps etc.

8.—(1) A duly authorised officer of an enforcement authority may, at all reasonable hours and on—

- (a) identifying himself and producing authority in writing from the enforcement authority which appointed him for the exercise by him of powers conferred on the authority by these Regulations, and
- (b) stating the purpose of his actions and his grounds for undertaking them,

exercise any of the powers set out in sub-paragraph (2).

(2) The powers referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are—

- (a) he may, for the purpose of ascertaining whether an offence under these Regulations has been committed, inspect any regulated lamp and enter any premises other than premises used only as a dwelling;
- (b) if he has reasonable cause to suspect that an offence under these Regulations has been committed, he may, for the purpose of ascertaining whether it has been committed, require any person carrying on or employed in connection with a business to produce any records relating to the regulated lamp in question and he may take copies of, or of any entry in, those records;
- (c) if he has reasonable cause to suspect that an offence under these Regulations has been committed, he may seize and detain any regulated lamp for the purpose of ascertaining, by testing or otherwise, whether the offence has been committed;
- (d) he may seize and detain any regulated lamp or records which he has reason to believe may be required as evidence in proceedings for an offence under these Regulations;
- (e) he may, for the purpose of exercising his powers of seizure under this sub-paragraph, but only if and to the extent that it is reasonably necessary in order to secure that the provisions of these Regulations are duly observed, require any person having authority to do so to break open any container and, if that person does not comply with the requirement or if there is no person present having authority to open it, he may do so himself.

(3) For the purposes of paragraphs (b) and (d) of sub-paragraph (2), the officer may require information stored electronically to be made available to him in printed form.

(4) If a justice of the peace is satisfied by any written information on oath—

- (a) that there are reasonable grounds for believing either—
 - (i) that any regulated lamp or records, which a duly authorised officer has power under this paragraph to inspect, copy, seize or require to be produced, are on any premises and that their inspection, copying, seizure or production is likely to disclose evidence of the commission of an offence under these Regulations; or
 - (ii) that any offence under these Regulations has been, is being or is about to be committed on any premises; and
- (b) either—
 - (i) that admission to the premises has been or is likely to be refused and that notice of intention to apply for a warrant under this sub-paragraph has been given to the occupier; or

- (ii) that an application for admission, or the giving of such a notice, would defeat the object of the entry or that the premises are unoccupied or that the occupier is temporarily absent and it might defeat the object of the entry to await his return, the justice may by warrant under his hand, which shall continue in force for a period of one month, authorise an officer of an enforcement authority to enter the premises, if need be by force.
- (5) An officer entering any premises by authority of a warrant granted under sub-paragraph (4) shall, if the occupier is present, give to the occupier or, if the occupier is temporarily absent, leave in a prominent place on the premises or appropriate part of the premises a notice in writing—
- (a) summarising the officer's powers of seizure and detention of regulated lamps and records under this paragraph;
 - (b) explaining that compensation may be payable for damage caused in entering premises and seizing and removing regulated lamps and records therefrom, and giving the address to which an application for compensation should be directed; and
 - (c) indicating at which office of the enforcement authority and within which hours a copy of these Regulations is available to be consulted.
- (6) An officer entering any premises by virtue of this paragraph may take with him such other persons and such equipment as may appear to him necessary; and on leaving any premises which he has entered by virtue of a warrant he shall, if the premises are unoccupied or the occupier is temporarily absent, leave them as effectively secured against trespassers as he found them.
- (7) An officer exercising any power of seizure and detention under this paragraph shall as soon as practicable give to the person against whom the power has been exercised, a written notice—
- (a) stating precisely what has been so seized and detained; and
 - (b) explaining where, within what period and on what grounds an appeal against such detention may be brought under paragraph 9 (appeals against detention of regulated lamps etc.), and whether the things detained would be released while an appeal were pending.
- (8) A person who is not a duly authorised officer of an enforcement authority shall not purport to act as such under this paragraph.
- (9) In the application of this paragraph to Scotland, the reference in sub-paragraph (4) to a justice of the peace shall include a reference to a sheriff and the references to written information on oath shall be construed as references to evidence on oath.
- (10) In the application of this paragraph to Northern Ireland, the references in sub-paragraph (4) to any information on oath shall be construed as references to any complaint on oath.

Appeals against detention of regulated lamps etc.

9.—(1) Any person having an interest in any regulated lamp or records which are for the time being detained under paragraph 8 (power to enter premises and inspect, seize and detain regulated lamps etc.) by an enforcement authority or by a duly authorised officer of an enforcement authority may apply for an order requiring the lamp or records to be released to him or to another person.

- (2) An application under this paragraph may be made—
- (a) to any magistrates' court in which proceedings have been brought in England and Wales or Northern Ireland for an offence in respect of a contravention of any provision of these Regulations in relation to the lamp or records;
 - (b) where no such proceedings have been so brought, by way of complaint to a magistrates' court; or
 - (c) in Scotland, by summary application to the sheriff.

(3) A magistrates' court or the sheriff shall not make an order under sub-paragraph (1) unless the court or sheriff is satisfied—

- (a) that proceedings have not been brought for an offence in respect of a contravention of any provision of these Regulations in relation to the lamp or records; and
- (b) that more than twelve months have elapsed since the seizure was carried out.

(4) Any person aggrieved by an order made under this paragraph by a magistrates' court in England and Wales or Northern Ireland, or by a decision of such a court not to make such an order, may appeal against that order or decision—

- (a) in England and Wales, to the Crown Court;
- (b) in Northern Ireland, to a county court;

and an order so made may contain such provision as appears to the court to be appropriate for delaying the coming into force of the order pending the making and determination of any appeal (including any application under section 111 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 ^{M1} or article 146 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (statement of case) ^{M2}).

Marginal Citations

M1 1980 c. 43.

M2 S.I. 1981/1675 (N.I. 26).

Compensation for loss etc. of lamps or records seized

10.—(1) Where a duly authorised officer of an enforcement authority exercises any power under paragraph 8 (power to enter premises and inspect, seize and detain regulated lamps etc.) to seize and detain any lamp or records, the enforcement authority shall be liable to pay compensation to any person having an interest in the lamp or records in respect of any loss or damage caused by the exercise of the power if—

- (a) there has been no contravention of any provision of these Regulations in relation to the lamp, or records; and
- (b) the exercise of the power is not attributable to any neglect or default by that person.

(2) Any disputed question as to the right to or the amount of any compensation payable under this paragraph shall be determined by arbitration or, in Scotland, by a single arbiter appointed, failing agreement between the parties, by the sheriff.

Recovery of expenses of enforcement

11.—(1) This paragraph shall apply where a court convicts a person of an offence in respect of a contravention of any provision of these Regulations in relation to any regulated lamp or records.

(2) The court may (in addition to any other order it may make as to costs and expenses) order the person convicted to reimburse an enforcement authority for any expenditure which has been or may be incurred by that authority in connection with any seizure or detention by or on behalf of the authority of the lamp or records.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Energy Information (Lamps) Regulations 1999, PART II.