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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2018 No. 1108**

**The Merchant Shipping (Work in Fishing  
Convention) (Medical Certification) Regulations 2018**

**Offences and penalties**

**15.**—(1) Any person who contravenes regulation 4 or 5 is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction—

- (a) in England and Wales to a fine; or
- (b) in Scotland and Northern Ireland to a fine of an amount not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

(2) A fishing vessel owner who fails to comply with regulation 6(3) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of an amount not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

(3) A fisherman who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement made under regulation 10(3) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of an amount not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

(4) Any person who—

- (a) obstructs a relevant inspector in the exercise of his powers under regulation 16, or
- (b) fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement made under regulation 16;

is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction—

- (i) in England and Wales to a fine; or
- (ii) in Scotland and Northern Ireland to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

(5) In any proceedings for an offence under this regulation, it is a defence for the person charged to prove that all reasonable steps had been taken by that person to ensure compliance with the requirements of the provision in question.