

# Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 2014 asp 3

#### PART 3

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION**

## **CHAPTER 2**

### SEPA'S POWERS OF ENFORCEMENT

# Fixed monetary penalties

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- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by order make provision for or about the imposition by SEPA of a fixed monetary penalty on a person in relation to a relevant offence.
- (2) Provision under subsection (1) must provide that a fixed monetary penalty—
  - (a) may be imposed on a person only where SEPA is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the person has committed the offence to which the penalty relates,
  - (b) is to be imposed by notice, and
  - (c) may not be imposed on a person in relation to an offence constituted by an act or omission if a fixed monetary penalty has already been imposed on that person in respect of the same offence constituted by the same act or omission.
- (3) For the purposes of this Chapter, a "fixed monetary penalty" is a requirement to pay to SEPA a penalty of an amount specified in an order made under subsection (1).
- (4) The maximum amount of such penalty that may be so specified in relation to a particular offence is an amount equivalent to level 4 on the standard scale.
- (5) In this section, "the standard scale" has the meaning given by section 225(1) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995.