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PART 1

FOOD STANDARDS SCOTLAND

Acquisition of information

22 Offences in relation to section 21

- (1) Where subsection (2) applies, an authorised person commits an offence if the person makes use of or discloses to any other person any information obtained while on premises entered in exercise of the power in section 21(2)(a).
- (2) This subsection applies if—
 - (a) the information relates to a trade secret, and
 - (b) the information is used or the disclosure is made other than in performance of the authorised person's duty.
- (3) A person commits an offence if the person—
 - (a) intentionally obstructs an authorised person in exercising a power in section 21(2)(a), (b), (c) or (d),
 - (b) fails without reasonable excuse to comply with any requirement imposed under section 21(2)(e), or
 - (c) in purported compliance with a requirement imposed under section 21(2)(e)—
 - (i) provides information which the person knows to be false or misleading in a material way, or
 - (ii) recklessly provides information which is false or misleading in a material way.
- (4) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) or (3) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (5) In this section, “authorised person” means a person authorised under section 21(1).