

*These notes refer to the Justice Act (Northern Ireland)  
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# Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 6: Alternatives to Prosecution**

##### *Chapter 1 - Penalty Notices*

##### *Section 63: General restrictions on prosecution*

This section sets out the restrictions on prosecution. No proceedings can be brought within the suspended enforcement period, which is 28 days from the date on which the notice was given, unless the individual requests to be tried. If the penalty is paid before the end of the suspended enforcement period no proceedings may be brought for the offence.