
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International
Travel) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021**

PART 4

Enforcement

Fixed penalty notices

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26.—(1) An authorised person may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone that the authorised person has reasonable grounds to believe—

- (a) has committed an offence under these Regulations, and
- (b) is aged 18 or over.

(2) A fixed penalty notice is a notice offering the person to whom it is issued the opportunity of discharging any liability to conviction for the offence by payment of a fixed penalty to the clerk of petty sessions.

(3) Where a person is issued with a notice under this regulation in respect of an offence—

- (a) no proceedings may be taken for the offence before the end of the period of 28 days following the date of the notice,
- (b) the person may not be convicted of the offence if the person pays the fixed penalty before the end of that period.

(4) A fixed penalty notice must—

- (a) give reasonably detailed particulars of the circumstances alleged to constitute the offence,
- (b) state the period during which (because of paragraph (3)(a)) proceedings will not be taken for the offence,
- (c) specify the amount of the fixed penalty,
- (d) state the name and address of the person to whom the fixed penalty may be paid,
- (e) specify permissible methods of payment, and
- (f) inform the person to whom it is given of the right to ask to be tried for the offence.

(5) Whatever other method may be specified under paragraph (4)(e), payment of a fixed penalty may be made by pre-paying and posting to the person whose name is stated under paragraph (4)(d), at the stated address, a letter containing the amount of the penalty (in cash or otherwise).

(6) Where a letter is sent as described in paragraph (5), payment is regarded as having been made at the time at which that letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

(7) In any proceedings, a certificate that—

- (a) purports to be signed by or on behalf of the clerk of petty sessions, and
- (b) states that the payment of a fixed penalty was, or was not, received by the date specified in the certificate,

is evidence of the facts stated.

(1) In this regulation, “authorised person” means—

- (a) a constable, or
- (b) an immigration officer, but only in relation to the issue of a fixed penalty notice in respect of—
 - (i) an information offence, within the meaning of regulation 27,
 - (ii) an offence described in regulation 23(1)(b), (1)(c), (1)(e), (1)(f), (1)(g), (1)(h).