



Protection of Trading Interests Act 1980

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3 Offences under ss. 1 and 2

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, any person who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with any requirement imposed under subsection (2) of section 1 above or knowingly contravenes any directions given under subsection (3) of that section or section 2(1) above shall be guilty of an offence and liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to a fine ;
 - (b) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum.
- (2) A person who is neither a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies nor a body corporate incorporated in the United Kingdom shall not be guilty of an offence under subsection (1) above by reason of anything done or omitted outside the United Kingdom in contravention of directions under section 1(3) or 2(1) above.
- (3) No proceedings for an offence under subsection (1) above shall be instituted in England, Wales or Northern Ireland except by the Secretary of State or with the consent of the Attorney General or, as the case may be, the Attorney General for Northern Ireland.
- (4) Proceedings against any person for an offence under this section may be taken before the appropriate court in the United Kingdom having jurisdiction in the place where that person is for the time being.
- (5) In subsection (1) above " the statutory maximum" means—
 - (a) in England and Wales and Northern Ireland, the pre scribed sum within the meaning of section 28 of the Criminal Law Act 1977 (at the passing of this Act £1,000);
 - (b) in Scotland, the prescribed sum within the meaning of section 289B of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (at the passing of this Act £1,000);and for the purposes of the application of this subsection in Northern Ireland the provisions of the said Act of 1977 relating to the sum mentioned in paragraph (a) shall extend to Northern Ireland.