



Consumer Protection Act 1987

1987 CHAPTER 43

PART II

CONSUMER SAFETY

18 Power to obtain information

- (1) If the Secretary of State considers that, for the purpose of deciding whether—
 - (a) to make, vary or revoke any safety regulations; or
 - (b) to serve, vary or revoke a prohibition notice; or
 - (c) to serve or revoke a notice to warn,he requires information which another person is likely to be able to furnish, the Secretary of State may serve on the other person a notice under this section.
- (2) A notice served on any person under this section may require that person—
 - (a) to furnish to the Secretary of State, within a period specified in the notice, such information as is so specified;
 - (b) to produce such records as are specified in the notice at a time and place so specified and to permit a person appointed by the Secretary of State for the purpose to take copies of the records at that time and place.
- (3) A person shall be guilty of an offence if he—
 - (a) fails, without reasonable cause, to comply with a notice served on him under this section; or
 - (b) in purporting to comply with a requirement which by virtue of paragraph (a) of subsection (2) above is contained in such a notice—
 - (i) furnishes information which he knows is false in a material particular; or
 - (ii) recklessly furnishes information which is false in a material particular.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (3) above shall—
 - (a) in the case of an offence under paragraph (a) of that subsection, be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale; and

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- (b) in the case of an offence under paragraph (b) of that subsection be liable—
 - (i) on conviction on indictment, to a fine;
 - (ii) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum.