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SCHEDULES

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ADMINISTRATION

Supply of information to authorities

- [^{F1}15D(1) A person to whom sub-paragraph (2) applies is guilty of an offence if the person discloses without lawful authority any information—
- (a) which comes to the person by virtue of paragraph 15A, 15B or 15C, and
 - (b) which relates to a particular person.
- (2) This sub-paragraph applies to—
- (a) a qualifying person for the purpose of paragraph 15A, 15B or 15C;
 - (b) a person who is or has been a director, member of the committee of management, manager, secretary or other similar officer of a person within paragraph (a);
 - (c) a person who is or has been an employee of such a person.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this paragraph is liable—
- (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine, or both;
 - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [^{F2}the general limit in a magistrates’ court] or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or both.
- (4) It is not an offence under this paragraph—
- (a) to disclose information in the form of a summary or collection of information so framed as not to enable information relating to any particular person to be identified from it;
 - (b) to disclose information which has previously been disclosed to the public with lawful authority.
- (5) It is a defence for a person (“D”) charged with an offence under this paragraph to prove that at the time of the alleged offence—
- (a) D believed that D was making the disclosure in question with lawful authority and had no reasonable cause to believe otherwise, or
 - (b) D believed that the information in question had previously been disclosed to the public with lawful authority and had no reasonable cause to believe otherwise.
- (6) For the purposes of this paragraph, “lawful authority” has the meaning given by section 123 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992.
- (7) In relation to an offence under this paragraph committed in England and Wales before [^{F3}2 May 2022] the reference in sub-paragraph (3)(b) to [^{F4}the general limit in a magistrates’ court] is to be taken as a reference to 6 months.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 2 paras. 15A-15D inserted (31.10.2012) by [Local Government Finance Act 2012 \(c. 17\), s. 17\(2\)](#)
- F2** Words in [Sch. 2 para. 15D\(3\)\(b\)](#) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2(1), [Sch. Pt. 1](#) table
- F3** Words in [Sch. 2 para. 15D\(7\)](#) substituted (28.4.2022) by [The Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(Commencement No. 33\) and Sentencing Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/500\)](#), regs. 1(2), [5\(1\), Sch. Pt. 1](#)
- F4** Words in [Sch. 2 para. 15D\(7\)](#) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2(1), [Sch. Pt. 1](#) table

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2010/875 reg. 16Sch. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The amending S.I. was revoked before ever coming into force by [S.I. 2010/1906, reg. 2](#))

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 6(2)(ea) inserted by [2012 c. 17 s. 13\(1\)](#)