



# Sunday Trading Act 1994

## CHAPTER 20

### SUNDAY TRADING ACT 1994

- 1 Reform of law relating to Sunday trading.
- 2 Loading and unloading at large shops on Sunday morning.
- 3 Construction of certain leases and agreements.
- 4 Rights of shop workers as respects Sunday working.
- 5 Exclusion of Part I of Shops Act 1950.
- 6 Consequential repeal or amendment of local Acts.
- 7 Expenses.
- 8 Meaning of “local authority”.
- 9 Short title, repeals, commencement and extent.

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#### SCHEDULES

##### SCHEDULE 1 — Restrictions on Sunday opening of large shops

###### *Interpretation*

- 1 In this Schedule— “ alcohol ” has the same meaning...

###### *Restrictions on Sunday opening hours of large shops*

- 2 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) below, a large...

###### *Exemptions*

- 3 (1) The shops referred to in paragraph 2(2)(a) above are—...

###### *Notice of proposed Sunday opening*

- 4 (1) A person who is, or proposes to become, the...

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### *Register of shops*

- 5 (1) Every local authority shall keep a register of shops...

### *Duty to display notice*

- 6 At any time when— (a) a large shop is open...

### *Offences*

- 7 (1) If paragraph 2(1) above is contravened in relation to...  
8 Where a person is charged with having contravened paragraph 2(1)...

### *Transitional provision*

- 9 Any notice given for the purposes of paragraph 4(1) above...

## SCHEDULE 2 — Supplementary Provisions

### Part I — GENERAL ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS

### *Duty to enforce Act*

- 1 It shall be the duty of every local authority to...

### *Inspectors*

- 2 For the purposes of their duties under paragraph 1 above...

### *Powers of entry*

- 3 An inspector appointed by a local authority under paragraph 2...

### *Obstruction of inspectors*

- 4 Any person who intentionally obstructs an inspector appointed under paragraph...

### *Investigatory powers*

- 4A For the investigatory powers available to a local authority and...

### *Offences due to fault of other person*

- 5 Where the commission by any person of an offence under...

### *Offences by bodies corporate*

- 6 (1) Where an offence under this Act committed by a...

### *Defence of due diligence*

- 7 (1) In any proceedings for an offence under this Act...

## Part II — SHOPS OCCUPIED BY PERSONS OBSERVING THE JEWISH SABBATH

### *Shops occupied by persons of the Jewish religion*

- 8 (1) A person of the Jewish religion who is the...

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*Members of other religious bodies observing the Jewish Sabbath*

- 9 Paragraph 8 above shall apply to persons who are members...

*Transitional provisions*

- 10 (1) Any shop which is registered under section 53 of...

**SCHEDULE 3 — Loading and Unloading at Large Shops on Sunday Morning**

*Shops to which Schedule applies*

- 1 This Schedule applies to any shop— (a) which is a...

*Consent required for early Sunday loading and unloading*

- 2 The occupier of a shop to which this Schedule applies...  
3 (1) A consent under this Schedule may be granted subject...

*Application for consent*

- 4 An application for a consent under this Schedule shall be...  
5 An applicant for a consent under this Schedule shall pay...  
6 (1) Where an application is duly made to the local...

*Revocation of consent*

- 7 Where— (a) the occupier of a shop in respect of...

*Publication of consent*

- 8 Where a local authority grant a consent under this Schedule,...

*Offence*

- 9 A person who contravenes paragraph 2 above shall be liable...

*Christmas Day*

- 10 Paragraph 2 does not apply where the Sunday is Christmas...

**SCHEDULE 4 — Rights of shop workers as respects Sunday working**

*Interpretation*

- 1 .....

*Meaning of “protected shop worker”*

- 2 .....  
3 .....

*Notice of objection to Sunday working*

- 4 .....

*Meaning of “opted-out shop worker”*

- 5 .....

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### *Meaning of “notice period”*

6 .....

### *Right not to be dismissed for refusing Sunday work*

7 .....

8 .....

### *Exclusion of section 64(1) of Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978*

9 .....

### *Right not to suffer detriment for refusing Sunday work*

10 .....

### *Employer’s duty to give explanatory statement*

11 .....

### *Effect of rights on contracts of employment*

12 .....

13 .....

14 .....

15 .....

### *Proceedings for contravention of paragraph 10*

16 .....

### *Restrictions on contracting out of Schedule*

17 .....

### *Transitional modifications relating to maternity cases*

18 .....

### *Dismissal on grounds of assertion of statutory right*

19 .....

### *Dismissal procedures agreements*

20 .....

### *Conciliation*

21 .....

### *Application of certain other provisions of 1978 Act*

22 .....

### *Keeping of records relating to Sunday employment*

23 .....

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*Employment of children in street trading on Sunday*

24 In section 20 of the Children and Young Persons Act...

SCHEDULE 5 — Repeals

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