



# Chemical Weapons Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 6

### *Chemical weapons*

#### **9 Offences relating to destruction etc.**

- (1) If—
- (a) a copy of a notice is served on a person under section 4,
  - (b) the notice relates to an object in his possession at the time the copy is served,
  - (c) he relinquishes possession before the date specified under section 4(3)(e), and
  - (d) he has no reasonable excuse for so relinquishing possession,
- he is guilty of an offence.
- (2) If a person wilfully obstructs a person in—
- (a) entering or searching premises under an authorisation given under section 5(1) or (2) or 7(6) or (7),
  - (b) making an object safe, seizing or removing an object, or affixing a warning, under section 5(4),
  - (c) destroying an object under an authorisation given under section 6(2) or 7(6) or (7), or
  - (d) attempting to do anything mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c),
- the person so obstructing is guilty of an offence.
- (3) If—
- (a) a warning is affixed under section 5(4),
  - (b) a person interferes with the warning, or moves or interferes with the object before the date specified in the warning, and
  - (c) he has no reasonable excuse for doing so,
- he is guilty of an offence.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under any of the preceding provisions of this section is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine of an amount not exceeding the statutory maximum;

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- (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.
- (5) A person who knowingly makes a false or misleading statement in response to a copy of a notice served under section 4, 6 or 7 is guilty of an offence and liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine of an amount not exceeding the statutory maximum;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine or to both.

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

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