



Psychoactive Substances Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 2

Offences

10 Penalties

- (1) A person guilty of an offence under any of sections 4 to 8 is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales—
 - (i) to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [^{F1}the general limit in a magistrates' court] (or 6 months, if the offence was committed before [^{F2}2 May 2022]), or
 - (ii) to a fine,or both;
 - (b) on summary conviction in Scotland—
 - (i) to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or
 - (ii) to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum,or both;
 - (c) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland—
 - (i) to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or
 - (ii) to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum,or both;
 - (d) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 7 years or a fine, or both.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under section 9 is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales—
 - (i) to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [^{F3}the general limit in a magistrates' court] (or 6 months, if the offence was committed before [^{F4}2 May 2022]), or
 - (ii) to a fine,or both;
 - (b) on summary conviction in Scotland—

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- (i) to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or
 - (ii) to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum,
- or both;
- (c) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland—
 - (i) to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or
 - (ii) to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum,
- or both;
- (d) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine, or both.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 10(1)(a)(i) 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**
- F2** Words in s. 10(1)(a)(i) 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**
- F3** Words in s. 10(2)(a)(i) 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**
- F4** Words in s. 10(2)(a)(i) 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**

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 10 in force at 26.5.2016 by [S.I. 2016/553](#), **reg. 2**

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