



## 2011 CHAPTER 16

### **PART 2**

#### **PROTECTION OF ANIMALS**

##### *Promotion of welfare*

#### **Transfer of animals by way of sale or prize to persons under 16**

**15.—(1)** A person commits an offence if that person sells an animal to a person whom that person has reasonable cause to believe to be under the age of 16 years.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), selling an animal includes transferring, or agreeing to transfer, ownership of the animal in consideration of entry by the transferee into another transaction.

(3) Subject to subsections (4) to (6), a person commits an offence if—

- (a) that person enters into an arrangement with a person whom that person has reasonable cause to believe to be under the age of 16 years, and
- (b) the arrangement is one under which that person has the chance to win an animal as a prize.

(4) A person does not commit an offence under subsection (3) if—

- (a) that person enters into the arrangement in the presence of the person with whom the arrangement is made, and
- (b) that person has reasonable cause to believe that the person with whom the arrangement is made is accompanied by a person who—
  - (i) is not under the age of 16 years; and
  - (ii) has care and control of the person who is under the age of 16 years.

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- (5) A person does not commit an offence under subsection (3) if—
- (a) that person enters into the arrangement otherwise than in the presence of the person with whom the arrangement is made, and
  - (b) the first-mentioned person has reasonable cause to believe that a person who has actual care and control of the person with whom the arrangement is made has consented to the arrangement.
- (6) A person does not commit an offence under subsection (3) if that person enters into the arrangement in a family context.

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