
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1976 No. 57

Unsolicited Goods and Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1976

Demands and threats regarding payment

4.—(1) A person who, not having reasonable cause to believe that there is a right to payment, in the course of any trade or business makes a demand for payment, or asserts a present or prospective right to payment, for what he knows are unsolicited goods sent (after the coming into operation of this Article) to another person with a view to his acquiring them^{F1} for the purposes of his trade or business], shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding^{F2} level 4 on the standard scale].

(2) A person who, not having reasonable cause to believe that there is a right to payment, in the course of any trade or business and with a view to obtaining any payment for what he knows are unsolicited goods sent as aforesaid—

- (a) threatens to bring any legal proceedings; or
- (b) places or causes to be placed the name of any person on a list of defaulters or debtors or threatens to do so; or
- (c) invokes or causes to be invoked any other collection procedure or threatens to do so,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding^{F2} level 5 on the standard scale].

F1 SI 2000/2334

F2 1984 NI 3

Changes to legislation:

Unsolicited Goods and Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, Section 4 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 25 May 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- art.4 amended by [S.I. 2000/2334 reg.23\(3\)](#)

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

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

- art.3 revoked by [S.I. 2000/2334 reg.23\(2\)](#)