



Unsolicited Goods and Services Act 1971

1971 CHAPTER 30

2 Demands and threats regarding payment.

- (1) A person who, not having reasonable cause to believe 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 commencement of this Act) 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 on summary conviction shall be liable to a fine not exceeding [^{F2}level 4 on the standard scale].
- (2) A person who, not having reasonable cause to believe 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].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 2(1) inserted (31.10.2000) by [S.I. 2000/2334, reg. 22\(3\)](#)
- F2** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 38, 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 289F, 289G](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Unsolicited Goods and Services Act 1971, Section 2.