



Chemical Weapons Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 6

Premises for producing chemical weapons etc.

17 Offences relating to destruction etc. **U.K.**

(1) If—

- (a) a copy of a notice is served on a person under section 12,
- (b) the notice relates to equipment in his possession at the time the copy is served,
- (c) he relinquishes possession of, or alters or uses, the equipment before the date specified under section 12(4), and
- (d) he has no reasonable excuse for doing so,

he is guilty of an offence.

(2) If—

- (a) a copy of a notice is served on a person under section 13,
- (b) the notice relates to equipment in his possession at the time the copy is served or to a building situated on land he occupies at that time,
- (c) any requirement set out in the notice is not fulfilled, and
- (d) he has no reasonable excuse for the requirement not being fulfilled,

he is guilty of an offence.

(3) If a person wilfully obstructs—

- (a) a person exercising, or attempting to exercise, the powers mentioned in section 14(3)(a) or (b) or 15(4)(a) or (b), or
- (b) any other person taken with him as mentioned in section 14(3)(c) or 15(4)(c) and helping him, or attempting to help him, to exercise those powers,

the person so obstructing 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;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.

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- (5) A person who knowingly makes a false or misleading statement in response to a notice served under section 12 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.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 [S. 17](#) extended (with modifications) (Jersey) (21.12.1998) by [S.I. 1998/2565](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)

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