



# Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008

## 2008 CHAPTER 4

### PART 5

#### CRIMINAL LAW

##### *Pornography etc.*

#### **67 Penalties etc. for possession of extreme pornographic images**

- (1) This section has effect where a person is guilty of an offence under section 63.
- (2) [<sup>F1</sup>If the offence relates to an image that portrays any relevant act (with or without other acts)], the offender is liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding the relevant period or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or a fine or both.
- (3) If the offence relates to an image that does not portray any [<sup>F2</sup>relevant act], the offender is liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding the relevant period or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine or both.
- (4) In subsection (2)(a) or (3)(a) “the relevant period” means—
  - (a) in relation to England and Wales, [<sup>F3</sup>the general limit in a magistrates’ court];
  - (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, 6 months.

[<sup>F4</sup>(5) In this section “relevant act” means—

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- (a) in relation to England and Wales, an act within section 63(7)(a) or (b) or (7A) (a) or (b);
- (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, an act within section 63(7)(a) or (b) [<sup>F5</sup> or (7A) (a) or (b)].]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 67(2) substituted (13.4.2015) by Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 (c. 2), **ss. 37(4)(a), 95(1)**; S.I. 2015/778, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 31 (with Sch. 2 para. 1)
- F2** Words in s. 67(3) substituted (13.4.2015) by Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 (c. 2), **ss. 37(4)(b), 95(1)**; S.I. 2015/778, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 31 (with Sch. 2 para. 1)
- F3** Words in s. 67(4)(a) 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** table
- F4** S. 67(5) inserted (13.4.2015) by Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 (c. 2), **ss. 37(4)(c), 95(1)**; S.I. 2015/778, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 31 (with Sch. 2 para. 1)
- F5** Words in s. 67(5)(b) added (N.I.) (13.5.2016) by Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 21), **ss. 50(4), 61(1)**

#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 67 in force at 26.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/2993, **art. 2(2)(e)**

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

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

- Sch. 7 para. 5A and cross-heading inserted by [2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 90\(3\)](#)