
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2004 No. 470

The Regulatory Reform (Sunday Trading) Order 2004

Amendment of the Sunday Trading Act 1994

2.—(1) The Sunday Trading Act 1994(1) is amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 1 (restrictions on Sunday opening of large shops)—

(a) for the heading immediately preceding paragraph 2 there is substituted:

“Restrictions on Sunday opening hours of large shops”.

(b) for paragraph 2(3) there is substituted:

“(3) Sub-paragraph (1) above does not apply in relation to the opening of a large shop during any continuous period of six hours on a Sunday beginning no earlier than 10 am and ending no later than 6 pm, but this sub-paragraph has effect subject to sub-paragraph (4) below.”;

(c) paragraphs 4 and 5 are omitted;

(d) in paragraph 6 for the words “the permitted Sunday opening hours specified in the notice under paragraph 4 above” there is substituted “the Sunday opening hours”;

(e) for paragraph 8 there is substituted:

“Where a person is charged with having contravened paragraph 2(1) above, in relation to a large shop which was permitted to be open for the serving of retail customers on the Sunday in question, by reason of his having served a retail customer after the end of the period during which the shop is permitted to be open by virtue of paragraph 2(3) above, it shall be a defence to prove that the customer was in the shop before the end of that period and left not later than half an hour after the end of that period.”

(f) paragraph 9 is omitted.

(3) In Schedule 3 (loading and unloading at large shops on Sunday morning), in paragraph 1(a) for “in respect of which a notice under paragraph 4 of that Schedule has effect” there is substituted “that is permitted to be open on a Sunday by virtue of paragraph 2(3) of that Schedule and which the occupier opens on Sunday for the serving of retail customers”.