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The Breaching Limits on Ticket Sales Regulations 2017

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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1. Structured Information Line

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Breaching Limits on Ticket Sales Regulations 2017

6. Products Concerned

The purchase of tickets on the secondary ticket market in excess of the maximum permitted using an electronic communications network or service

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

Secondary ticketing

The Digital Economy Act 2017 ("the 2017 Act") introduces a new power to introduce a criminal offence of purchasing tickets for a recreational, sporting or cultural event in excess of the maximum permitted (Section 106 of the 2017 Act). The intended offence addresses the use of automated software to purchase tickets for a recreational, sporting or cultural event in excess of the maximum set by event organisers and will apply to tickets bought using automated software for events in the UK, but cover activity to obtain tickets that occurs outside the UK.

The offence will be summary only, with a maximum punishment of an unlimited fine in England and Wales, and an exceptional summary maxima in Scotland.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The government recognises that the process for distributing and buying tickets can often be a cause for public frustration and concern. New rules regarding tickets offered for sale on the secondary ticketing market were introduced in the Consumer Rights Act 2015. These came into force on 27 May 2015 and related mainly to the information that should be provided to purchasers using the secondary ticketing platforms.

The power in section 106 Digital Economy Act 2017 builds on the provisions in the Consumer Rights Act 2015 by introducing a power to introduce a criminal offence of buying tickets in excess of the maximum permitted by the events organiser.

The proposed offence of breaching limits on ticket sales applies where tickets are offered for sale for a recreational, sporting or cultural event in the UK, there is a limit to the number of tickets a purchaser may buy and tickets may be purchased using an electronic communications network or service. If a purchaser buys in excess of the maximum number of tickets permitted using an electronic communications network or service then that purchaser will commit an offence which is subject to a fine.



10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

No Basic Text exists

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

No impact assessment

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

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