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Local authority prosecutions 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008

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**TABLE 1: PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ACT  
1968: 1 APRIL 2007 TO 31 MARCH 2008**

Reported cases		(1) False description of goods (s1)			(2) False statements about services (s14)		
		Numbers	Fines	Compensation	Numbers	Fines	Compensation
<b>Group A: House fittings and major appliances</b>							
AA	Home construction	0	0	0	3	3,450.00	0
AB	House improvements	2	4,620.00	0	55	45,725.00	40,472.89
AC	Glazing products and installations	0	0	0	1	600.00	0
AD	Furniture (not upholstered or nursery), pictures, etc	2	19,200.00	0	0	0	0
AL	Audio-visual	1	200	0	0	0	0
AM	Personal computers, accessories, software and services	4	6,700.00	604.25	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>30,720.00</b>	<b>604.25</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>49,775</b>	<b>40,472.89</b>

		(1) False description of goods (s1)			(2) False statements about services (s14)		
Reported cases		Numbers	Fines	Compensation	Numbers	Fines	Compensation
<b>Group B: Other household requirements</b>							
BA	Food and drink	11	4,600.00	0	0	0	0
BJ	DIY Materials	2	5,150.00	0	0	0	0
BM	Telecommunications	0	0	0	2	3,200.00	4,202.27
BQ	Gardening products and sales	0	0	0	2	100.00	0
BP	Hardware, cleaning materials, other house hold goods and services	2	900	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>10,650</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3,300.00</b>	<b>4,202.27</b>

		(1) False description of goods (s1)			(2) False statements about services (s14)		
		Numbers	Fines	Compensation	Numbers	Fines	Compensation
<b>Reported cases</b>							
<b>Group C: Personal goods and services</b>							
CA	Clothing and clothing fabrics	8	11,600.00	0	0	0	0
CE	Toilet articles, perfumery, hairdressing and beauty care	1	187.50	0	0	0	0
CF	Jewellery, silverware, clocks and watches	4	1,750.00	30.26	0	0	0
CH	Tobacco and related products	2	3,175.00	0	0	0	0
CZ	Other personal goods and services	4	12,000.00	0	4	1,350	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>28,712.50</b>	<b>30.26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,350.00</b>	<b>0</b>

		(1) False description of goods (s1)			(2) False statements about services (s14)			
		Numbers	Fines	Compensation	Numbers	Fines	Compensation	
<b>Reported cases</b>								
<b>Group D: Other services</b>								
DE	Ancillary credit business	4	2333.32	0	0	0	0	
DP	Estate agency, house purchase, surveying and valuation	0	0	0	6	16,800.00	0	
DQ	Letting and property management services	0	0	0	2	13,500.00	0	
DY	Other professional services	0	0	0	2	7,600.00	4,500.00	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>2,333.32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>37,900.00</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	

		(1) False description of goods (s1)			(2) False statements about services (s14)		
		Numbers	Fines	Compensation	Numbers	Fines	Compensation
<b>Reported cases</b>							
<b>Group E: Transport</b>							
ED	New cars	4	1,450.00	0	1	0	425.00
EE	Second hand cars	62	40,965.00	16,994.72	5	10,800	713.72
EF	Car repairs and servicing	4	700.00	1000.00	0	0	0
EG	Other motor vehicle purchase	11	74,644.80	22,303.67	0	0	0
EJ	Spares and accessories	0	0	0	1	1,500.00	0
EY	Boats, caravans, trailers, motorised buggies and other vehicles	3	1950.00	500.00	0	0	0
EZ		0	0	0	1	150.00	116.29
<b>Totals</b>		<b>84</b>	<b>119,709.80</b>	<b>40,798.39</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12,450.00</b>	<b>1255.01</b>

		(1) False description of goods (s1)			(2) False statements about services (s14)		
Reported cases		Numbers	Fines	Compensation	Numbers	Fines	Compensation
<b>Group F: Leisure</b>							
FG	Holidays	0	0	0	4	3,700.00	0
FH	Entertainment, catering and accommodation	0	0	0	4	13,000.00	2,135.00
FK	Books, newspapers and magazines	0	0	0	1	200.00	0
FL	Sports and hobby equipment and services	0	0	0	1	600.00	0
FM	Toys, games and video consoles (excluding) video game/comp)	3	5,500.00	0	1	500.00	0
FN	CDs, audio and video tapes, records, video/computer software	10	1,500.00	0	0	0	0
FO	Pets, pet foods and veterinary goods and services including pet insurance	13	22,525.00	944.81	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>29,525.00</b>	<b>944.81</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>	<b>2,135.00</b>

Reported cases		False description of goods (s1)			False statements about services (s14)		
		Numbers	Fines	Compensation	Numbers	Fines	Compensation
<b>Group G: Industrial/commercial goods and services</b>							
GA	Industrial commercial goods and services	5	7,000.00	1,950.00	1	600.00	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>7000.00</b>	<b>1,950.00</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>0</b>

Reported cases		False description of goods (s1)			False statements about services (s14)		
		Numbers	Fines	Compensation	Numbers	Fines	Compensation
<b>Grand totals</b>		<b>162</b>	<b>228,650.62</b>	<b>44,327.71</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>123,375.00</b>	<b>52,565.17</b>

Source: Office of Fair Trading, based on figures supplied by local authority trading standards and environmental health departments.

<b>(1)</b> <b>In addition to the information shown above (s1):</b>	<b>(2)</b> <b>In addition to the information shown above: (s14)</b>
<p>20 defendants were conditionally discharged</p> <p>7 defendants received prison sentences</p> <p>2 defendants received supervision order</p> <p>4 defendants received community punishment order</p> <p>12 defendants received suspended sentence</p> <p>17 defendants received community order</p> <p>1 defendant received a compensation order</p> <p>2 confiscation orders was granted</p>	<p>2 defendants were conditionally discharged</p> <p>5 defendants received prison sentences</p> <p>5 defendants received community order</p> <p>5 defendants received a suspended sentence</p> <p>1 defendant received a community punishment order</p> <p>1 defendant received a compensation order</p>

**TABLE 2: PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE FAIR TRADING ACT 1973:  
1 APRIL 2007 TO 31 MARCH 2008**

		(1) Restriction on Statements Order			(2) Business Advertisements Disclosure Order		
Reported cases		Numbers	Fines	Compensation	Numbers	Fines	Compensation
<b>Group E: Motoring and transport</b>							
EE	Second hand car	1	500.00	0	2	800.00	0
EG	Other motor vehicle purchase	1	100.00	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Group F: Holiday and entertainment</b>							
FO	Pets and veterinarian products/services	0	0	0	1	750.00	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand totals</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,550.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Source: Office of Fair Trading, based on figures supplied by local authority trading standards and environmental health departments

**In addition to the information shown above:**

**(1) Restriction on Statements Order**

**(2) Business Advertisements Disclosure Order**

1 defendant received a prison sentence

1 defendant received a community punishment order

**TABLE 3: PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 1987: 1 APRIL 2007 TO 31 MARCH 2008**

Reported cases	(1) Action under Part II (safety regulations)			(2) Action under Part III (misleading prices)		
	Numbers	Fines	Compensation	Numbers	Fines	Compensation
<b>Group A: House fittings and major appliances</b>						
AB Home maintenance and Improvements	0	0	0	2	500.00	0
AD Furniture (not upholstered or nursery), pictures, etc	6	16,550.00	0	0	0	0
AK Textiles and soft furnishings	2	1,500.00	0	0	0	0
AL Audio-visual	1	0	1,750.00	0	0	0
AR Small domestic appliance	3	1,600.00	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19,650.00</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

		(1) Action under Part II (safety regulations)			(2) Action under Part III (misleading prices)		
Reported cases		Numbers	Fines	Compensation	Numbers	Fines	Compensation
<b>Group B: Other household requirements</b>							
BA	Food and drink	0	0	0	3	5,525.00	0
BJ	DIY Materials	3	850.00	0	0	0	0
BQ	Garden products and services	0	0	0	1	100.00	0
BM	Telecommunications (excluding mobile phones)	0	0	0	1	1,000.00	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>850.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6,625.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

		(1)			(2)		
		Action under Part II (safety regulations)			Action under Part III (misleading prices)		
Reported cases		Numbers	Fines	Compensation	Numbers	Fines	Compensation
<b>Group C: Personal goods and services</b>							
CA	Clothing and clothing fabrics	2	7,000.00	0	1	8,000.00	0
CE	Toilet articles, perfumery, hairdressing and beauty care.	1	6000.00	0	0	0	0
CH	Tobacco	11	7,250.00	0	0	0	0
CZ	Other personal goods and services	9	21541.66	0	2	1,875.00	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>41,791.66</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9,875.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

		(1)			(2)		
		Action under Part II (safety regulations)			Action under Part III (misleading prices)		
Reported cases		Numbers	Fines	Compensation	Numbers	Fines	Compensation
<b>Group D: Financial</b>							
DP	Estate agents and house purchase services	0	0	0	1	1,500.00	0
DQ	Letting and property management service	0	0	0	1	1,000.00	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

		(1)			(2)		
		Action under Part II (safety regulations)			Action under Part III (misleading prices)		
Reported cases		Numbers	Fines	Compensation	Numbers	Fines	Compensation
<b>Group E: Transport</b>							
ED	New cars	0	0	0	2	17,000.00	0
EE	Second hand cars	0	0	0	4	1,240.00	16.47
EG	Other motor vehicle purchase	0	0	0	1	1,000.0	0
EZ	Other motor costs	1	200.0	0	3	4,750.00	635.17
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23,990.00</b>	<b>651.64</b>

		(1)			(2)		
		Action under Part II (safety regulations)			Action under Part III (misleading prices)		
Reported cases		Numbers	Fines	Compensation	Numbers	Fines	Compensation
<b>Group F: Holidays and entertainment</b>							
FG	Holidays	0	0	0	1	500.00	0
FM	Toys, games and video consoles (excluding video games)	8	18,500.00	0	0	0	0
FN	CDs, audio and video tapes, records, video/computer software	0	0	0	1	1000.00	18.00
FZ	Other recreational goods and services including age-restricted items	10	4,250.00	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>22,750.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>18.00</b>

Reported cases	(1) Action under Part II (safety regulations)			(2) Action under Part III (misleading prices)		
	Numbers	Fines	Compensation	Numbers	Fines	Compensation
<b>Grand totals</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>85,241.66</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>44,990.00</b>	<b>669.64</b>

Source: Office of Fair Trading, based on figures supplied by local authority trading standards and environmental health departments.

**In addition to the information shown above:**

**(1) Action under Part II (safety regulations)**

- 9 defendants were conditionally discharged
- 1 defendant received a prison sentence
- 2 defendants received community orders
- 1 defendant received a suspended sentence
- 1 defendant received a compensation order

**(2) Action under Part III (misleading prices)**

- 1 defendant received a prison sentence

**TABLE 4: PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE CONSUMER CREDIT ACT  
1974: 1 APRIL 2007 TO 31 MARCH 2008**

Reported cases	Number	Fines	Compensation					
				CD	IMP	AD	CS	OTHER
Consumer Credit Act 1974 (s7)	4	1,583.33			1		1	2
Unlicensed trading (s39)	12	6,233.33		1	1		2	8
False or misleading advertisements contrary to section 46	2	3,300.00						2
Consumer Credit Act 1974(s169)	4	1,333.33		1	1		1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12,449.99</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>

Source: Office of Fair Trading, based on figures supplied by local authority trading standards and environmental health departments

**Key:**

CD - conditional discharge IMP - imprisonment

AD – absolute discharge CS - community service

OTHER - other non-fine penalty

**TABLE 5: PROSECUTIONS UNDER OTHER CONSUMER PROTECTION LEGISLATION: 1 APRIL 2007 TO 31 MARCH 2008**

<b>Food Safety Act 1990</b>			
<b>Reported cases</b>	<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Fines</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
Selling food not of the nature or substance or quality demanded (s 14)	17	45,785.00	15.00
Falsely describing or presenting food (section 15)	18	25,600.00	0
The Colours in Food Regulations 1995	1	1,500.00	0
The Food Labelling Regulations 1996	25	36,900.00	15.00
The General Food Regulations 2004	5	4,600.00	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>114,385.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>Hallmarking Act 1973</b>			
<b>Reported cases</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Fines</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
Section 1	5	1,550.00	15.13
Section 11	1	250.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>	<b>15.13</b>
<b>Other legislation</b>			
<b>Reported cases</b>	<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Fines</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
Other legislation	1461	729,434.53	65,499.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>729,434.53</b>	<b>65,499.27</b>

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**Property Misdescription Act 1991**

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<b>Reported cases</b>	<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Fines</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
Section 1	6	3,850.00	0
Section 4(1)	1	750.00	0
Property Misdescriptions (Specified Matters) Order 1992	1	1,000.00	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5,600.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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**Package Travel Regulations**

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<b>Reported cases</b>	<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Fines</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
The Package Travel, Package holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992	5	24,200.00	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24,200.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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**Road Traffic Act**

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<b>Reported cases</b>	<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Fines</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
1988 Act	32	24,635.00	3,334.25
1988 (RDV C&U Regs)	44	19,566.00	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>44,201.00</b>	<b>3,334.25</b>

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**Weights and Measures Act**

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<b>Reported cases</b>	<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Fines</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
1985 Act	22	26,480.00	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26,480.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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<b>Reported cases</b>	<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Fines</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>1,644</b>	<b>946,100.53</b>	<b>68,878.65</b>

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Source: Office of Fair Trading, based on figures supplied by local trading standards & environmental health departments

**In addition to the information shown above:**

**Food Safety Act 1990**

7 defendants who were conditionally discharged  
2 defendants received community services order  
1 defendant received a suspended sentence

**Other legislation**

113 defendants were conditionally discharged  
3 defendants were absolutely discharged  
175 defendants received prison sentences  
131 defendants were required to undertake community service  
6 defendants were admonished  
145 defendants received a suspended sentence  
5 defendants received forfeiture orders  
26 defendants received community punishment orders  
3 defendants received community rehabilitation orders  
3 defendants received curfew orders  
2 defendants had confiscation orders granted against them  
3 defendants had forfeiture and destruction orders granted against them  
11 defendants received supervision orders  
3 defendants received injunction orders  
3 defendants had compensation orders granted against them  
1 defendant received combination orders  
1 defendant received ASBO

**Road Traffic Act**

2 defendants were conditionally discharged  
1 defendant received a community service order  
1 defendant received a compensation order

**Hallmarking Act 1973**

1 defendant was conditionally discharged  
1 defendant received a suspended sentence

**Weight and Measures Act 1985**

1 defendant was conditionally discharged