

3. Violations

Section 19 of the Act provides that:

- (1) Every person who violates any of the provisions of this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence and is liable
 - (a) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or to both fine and imprisonment; or
 - (b) on conviction upon indictment to a fine not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both fine and imprisonment.
- (2) A prosecution under paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) may be instituted at any time within three years from the time when the subject matter of the complaint arose.

Section 24 of the Act delegates responsibility for the enforcement of the Act to all officers as defined in the Customs Act.

(a) Export Controls Investigations Status for 1985

In 1985, a total of six hundred and forty-one (641) files were opened. Of these, four hundred and sixty-one (461) represent investigations initiated to establish whether the Export and Import Permits Act was violated, and one hundred and eighty (180) were assistance cases. The latter do not represent suspected offences and are