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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 19

Section 112.

#### OFFENCES RELATING TO FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS OR FALSE ENTRIES

##### *The Control of Pollution Act 1974*

- 1 (1) The <sup>M1</sup>Control of Pollution Act 1974 shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this paragraph.
- (2) For subsection (5) of section 34 (offences relating to consents for discharge of effluent etc) there shall be substituted—
- “(5) A person who, in an application for consent in pursuance of this section, makes any statement which he knows to be false or misleading in a material particular or recklessly makes any statement which is false or misleading in a material particular shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both.”.

(3) For subsection (3) of section 93 (offences relating to power of authorities to obtain information) there shall be substituted—

“(3) A person who—

    - (a) fails without reasonable excuse to comply with the requirements of a notice served on him in pursuance of this section; or
    - (b) in furnishing any information in compliance with such a notice, makes any statement which he knows to be false or misleading in a material particular or recklessly makes any statement which is false or misleading in a material particular,

shall be guilty of an offence.

(3A) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable—

    - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; or
    - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both.”.

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M1 1974 c. 40.

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*The Water (Scotland) Act 1980*

- 2 (1) The <sup>M2</sup>Water (Scotland) Act 1980 shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this paragraph.
- (2) In section 93 (obtaining of information as to underground water) after subsection (7) there shall be inserted—
- “(8) Any person who in keeping a journal under subsection (1) or in furnishing information under subsection (2) or (3) makes any statement which he knows to be false or misleading in a material particular or recklessly makes any statement which is false or misleading in a material particular shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both.”
- (3) In section 94 (false information) after the word “Act” there shall be inserted the words “ (other than by or under section 93) ”.

**Marginal Citations**

**M2** 1980 c. 45.

*The Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989*

- 3 In section 7(3)(b) of the <sup>M3</sup>Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989 (offences of making false statements), after the word “false” in each place where it occurs there shall be inserted the words “ or misleading ”.

**Marginal Citations**

**M3** 1989 c. 14.

*The Environmental Protection Act 1990*

- 4 (1) For section 44 of the <sup>M4</sup>Environmental Protection Act 1990 (offences of making false statements) there shall be substituted—

**“44 Offences of making false or misleading statements or false entries.**

- (1) A person who—
- (a) in purported compliance with a requirement to furnish any information imposed by or under any provision of this Part, or
- (b) for the purpose of obtaining for himself or another any grant of a licence, any modification of the conditions of a licence, any acceptance of the surrender of a licence or any transfer of a licence,
- makes a statement which he knows to be false or misleading in a material particular, or recklessly makes any statement which is false or misleading in a material particular, commits an offence.

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- (2) A person who intentionally makes a false entry in any record required to be kept by virtue of a licence commits an offence.
- (3) A person who commits an offence under this section shall be liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both.”
- (2) In section 71(3) of that Act, paragraph (b) (offence of making false or misleading statements) shall cease to have effect.

#### Marginal Citations

**M4** 1990 c. 43.

#### *The Water Resources Act 1991*

- 5 (1) Section 206 of the <sup>M5</sup>Water Resources Act 1991 (making of false statements etc) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this paragraph.
- (2) For subsection (1), there shall be substituted—
- “(1) If, in furnishing any information or making any application under or for the purposes of any provision of this Act, any person makes a statement which he knows to be false or misleading in a material particular, or recklessly makes any statement which is false or misleading in a material particular, he shall be guilty of an offence under this section.”
- (3) Subsection (2) (which is superseded by the amendment made by sub-paragraph (2) above) shall be omitted.
- (4) After subsection (3) (offences relating to the use of meters in connection with licences under Chapter II of Part II) there shall be inserted—
- “(3A) If a person intentionally makes a false entry in any record required to be kept by virtue of a licence under Chapter II of Part II of this Act, or a consent under Chapter II of Part III of this Act, he shall be guilty of an offence under this section.”
- (5) For subsections (5) to (7) (which require consent to the prosecution of certain offences and provide different penalties for different offences) there shall be substituted—
- “(5) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both.”

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**M5** 1991 c. 57.

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*The Radioactive Substances Act 1993*

- 6 After section 34 of the <sup>M6</sup>Radioactive Substances Act 1993 (offences relating to disclosure of information about trade secrets etc) there shall be inserted—

**“34A Offences of making false or misleading statements or false entries.**

- (1) Any person who—
- (a) for the purpose of obtaining for himself or another any registration under section 7 or 10, any authorisation under section 13 or 14 or any variation of such an authorisation under section 17, or
  - (b) in purported compliance with a requirement to furnish information imposed under section 31(1)(d),
- makes a statement which he knows to be false or misleading in a material particular, or recklessly makes a statement which is false or misleading in a material particular, shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) Any person who intentionally makes a false entry in any record—
- (a) which is required to be kept by virtue of a registration under section 7 or 10 or an authorisation under section 13 or 14, or
  - (b) which is kept in purported compliance with a condition which must be complied with if a person is to have the benefit of an exemption under section 8, 11 or 15,
- shall be guilty of an offence.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both.”

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**M6** 1993 c. 12.

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