

Energy Act 2008

2008 CHAPTER 32

PART 1

GAS IMPORTATION AND STORAGE

CHAPTER 2

IMPORTATION AND STORAGE OF COMBUSTIBLE GAS

Enforcement

9 Offences relating to licences

- (1) An offence is committed by a licence holder if—
 - (a) a thing is done for which the licence specifies that the prior consent of the Secretary of State or any other person is required, without that consent first having been obtained;
 - (b) such a thing is done in circumstances where that consent was obtained subject to conditions and those conditions have not been satisfied;
 - (c) the licence holder fails to keep records, give a notice or make a return or report, in accordance with the provisions of the licence;
 - (d) the licence holder breaches any other provision of the licence which is specified, or of a description specified, in an order made by the Secretary of State.
- (2) In proceedings against a person for an offence under subsection (1), it is a defence for the person to prove that due diligence was exercised to avoid committing the offence.
- (3) It is an offence for a person to make a statement which the person knows to be false, or recklessly to make a statement which is false, in order to obtain—
 - (a) a licence, or

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- (b) the consent of the Secretary of State or any other person for the purposes of any requirement imposed by virtue of section 6(4).
- (4) It is an offence for a person to fail to disclose information which the person knows, or ought to know, to be relevant to an application for—
 - (a) a licence, or
 - (b) the consent of the Secretary of State or any other person for the purposes of any requirement imposed by virtue of section 6(4).
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.