



# Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

## 2014 CHAPTER 14

### PART 10

#### OFFENCES

##### *Offences*

#### **128 Offences by societies to be also offences by officers etc**

- (1) Where a registered society commits an offence under this Act, the offence is treated as also having been committed by—
  - (a) every officer of the society who is bound by its rules to fulfil the duty of which the offence is a breach, or
  - (b) if there is no such officer, every member of its committee.
- (2) In proceedings against a person alleged to have committed an offence under this Act by virtue of subsection (1)(b), it is a defence to prove—
  - (a) that the person was ignorant of the commission of the offence, or
  - (b) that the person attempted to prevent the commission of the offence.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to an offence under section 127 consisting of a failure to comply with section 12 or 50(2) or (3).
- (4) For the purposes of this section as it applies in relation to a failure to comply with section 123(3)(a), a liquidator of a society is treated as an officer of it.