

*These notes refer to the Intellectual Property Act 2014  
(c.18) which received Royal Assent on 14 May 2014*

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ACT 2014

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY

#### **Part 1: DESIGNS**

##### *Section 14: UK Registered designs – Offences committed by partnerships*

56. [Section 14](#) inserts new subsections into existing section 35A of the RDA to introduce specific provisions dealing with how partners are treated where offences under the RDA are committed by a partnership. Proceedings for such offences are to be brought in the name of the partnership, but partners may also be liable unless they can be shown not to have been aware of the offence or to have tried to stop it from being committed. The new subsections take account of the different legal systems in England and Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.