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The Insurance Accounts Directive (Miscellaneous Insurance Undertakings) Regulations 2008

PART 2

ACCOUNTS

Penalties for non-compliance (accounts)

5.—(1) If the directors of an insurance undertaking fail to comply with paragraph (1) of regulation 3 within the period referred to in paragraph (2) of that regulation, an offence is committed by every person who, immediately before the end of that period, was a director of the undertaking.

(2) If accounts and reports which are made available for inspection under regulation 4(1) do not comply with the requirements of regulation 3, an offence is committed by every person who, at the time when the accounts and reports were or the account was first made available for inspection, was a director of the insurance undertaking.

(3) If an insurance undertaking fails to comply with regulation 4(1) an offence is committed by—

- (a) the insurance undertaking, and
- (b) every director of the insurance undertaking who is in default.

(4) Where the affairs of an insurance undertaking are managed by its members, any reference in this regulation to a director of the insurance undertaking shall be read as referring to a member of the undertaking.

(5) In proceedings for an offence under this section it is a defence for the person charged to show that he took all reasonable steps and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of the offence.

(6) A person guilty of an offence under this regulation is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

(7) Section 1130 of the Companies Act 2006 (proceedings against unincorporated bodies) applies to an offence under paragraph (3) as it does to an offence under section 519 of that Act (statement by auditor to be deposited with company).