
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme Order 2013

PART 13

Criminal offences and penalties

Offences

82.—(1) It is an offence for a person to make a statement—

- (a) which that person knows to be false or misleading in a material particular; or
- (b) recklessly and which is false or misleading in a material particular,

where the statement is made in purported compliance with a provision of this Order.

(2) It is an offence for a person to fail to comply with an enforcement notice.

(3) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under paragraph (2) to prove that such person had a reasonable excuse for the matters charged.

(4) It is an offence for a person to pretend to be an authorised person.

(5) It is an offence for a person in control of any premises to refuse to allow the administrator or an authorised person access to those premises contrary to article 66(4) where such access is reasonably required.

Penalties

83.—(1) A person guilty of an offence under article 82(1) or (2) is liable—

(a) in England and Wales or Northern Ireland—

- (i) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 months, or both;
- (ii) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years, or both;

and

(b) in Scotland—

- (i) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 12 months, or both;
- (ii) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years, or both.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under article 82(4) or (5) is liable—

(a) in England and Wales or Northern Ireland—

- (i) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 months, or both;

(ii) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years, or both;

and

(b) in Scotland—

(i) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 12 months, or both;

(ii) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 2 years, or both.

Bodies corporate

84.—(1) Where an offence under this Part is committed by a body corporate and—

(a) it is committed with the consent or connivance of an officer; or

(b) it is attributable to any neglect on the officer's part,

the officer as well as the body corporate is guilty of the offence and is liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

(2) An “officer”, in relation to a body corporate, means a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body, or a person purporting to act in any such capacity.

(3) If the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, paragraph (1) applies in relation to the acts or defaults of a member in connection with that member's functions of management as if the member were a director of the body corporate.

Scottish partnerships

85.—(1) Where an offence under this Part is committed by a Scottish partnership and—

(a) it is committed with the consent or connivance of a partner; or

(b) it is attributable to any neglect on the partner's part,

the partner as well as the partnership is guilty of the offence and is liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

(2) In paragraph (1) “partner” includes a person purporting to act as a partner.

The Crown

86.—(1) This Order applies to the Crown but no contravention of it by the Crown makes the Crown criminally liable.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), this Order applies to persons in the public service of the Crown as it applies to other persons.