



Theft Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 31

3 Making off without payment.

- (1) Subject to subsection (3) below, a person who, knowing that payment on the spot for any goods supplied or service done is required or expected from him, dishonestly makes off without having paid as required or expected and with intent to avoid payment of the amount due shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) For purposes of this section “payment on the spot” includes payment at the time of collecting goods on which work has been done or in respect of which service has been provided.
- (3) Subsection (1) above shall not apply where the supply of the goods or the doing of the service is contrary to law, or where the service done is such that payment is not legally enforceable.

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Textual Amendments

F1 S. 3(4) omitted (1.1.2006) by virtue of [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 178(8)(8), Sch. 7 para. 20, [Sch. 17 Pt. 2](#); S.I. 2005/3495, art. 2(1)(m)(u)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Theft Act 1978, Section 3.