



# Deep Sea Mining Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 53

### 14 Supplementary provisions relating to offences.

- (1) Proceedings for an offence under this Act or under regulations made under this Act may be taken, and the offence may for incidental purposes be treated as having been committed, in any place in the United Kingdom.
- (2) Proceedings for such an offence shall not be instituted in England and Wales or Northern Ireland except—
  - (a) in the case of proceedings in England and Wales, by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions; or
  - (b) in the case of proceedings in Northern Ireland, by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland; or
  - (c) in any case, by the Secretary of State or a person authorised by him in that behalf.
- (3) A person may be guilty of an offence under regulations made under this Act whether or not he is [<sup>F1</sup>a British citizen, a British Dependent Territories citizen][<sup>F2</sup>, a British National (Overseas)][<sup>F1</sup>or a British Overseas citizen] or, in the case of a body corporate, it is incorporated under the law of any part of the United Kingdom.
- (4) Where an offence has been committed by a body corporate and is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate or any person who was purporting to act in any such capacity, he as well as the body corporate shall be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

In this subsection “director”, in relation to a body corporate which—

- (a) is established by or under any enactment for the purpose of carrying on under public ownership any industry or part of an industry or undertaking; and
  - (b) is a body whose affairs are managed by its members,
- means a member of the body corporate.

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- (5) In any proceedings for an offence of failing to comply with any provision of this Act or of regulations made under this Act, it shall be a defence to prove that the accused used all due diligence to comply with that provision.

<sup>F3</sup>(6) .....

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61, SIF 87\)](#), s. 52(7), **Sch. 7**  
**F2** Words inserted by [S.I. 1986/948](#), art. 8, **Sch.**  
**F3** S. 14(6) repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993, c. 50, s. 1(1), Sch. 1, Pt.XIV
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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 14 extended (with modifications)(Guernsey)(19.1.1998) by [S.I. 1997/2978](#), art. 4, **Sch.**  
S. 14 extended (with modifications)(Jersey)(19.1.1998) by [S.I. 1997/2979](#), art. 4, **Sch.**  
S. 14 extended (with modifications) (Isle of Man) (1.5.2000) by [S.I. 2000/1112](#), art. 3, **Sch.**

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