



# Bribery Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 23

### *Failure of commercial organisations to prevent bribery*

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- (1) A relevant commercial organisation (“C”) is guilty of an offence under this section if a person (“A”) associated with C bribes another person intending—
  - (a) to obtain or retain business for C, or
  - (b) to obtain or retain an advantage in the conduct of business for C.
- (2) But it is a defence for C to prove that C had in place adequate procedures designed to prevent persons associated with C from undertaking such conduct.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, A bribes another person if, and only if, A—
  - (a) is, or would be, guilty of an offence under section 1 or 6 (whether or not A has been prosecuted for such an offence), or
  - (b) would be guilty of such an offence if section 12(2)(c) and (4) were omitted.
- (4) See section 8 for the meaning of a person associated with C and see section 9 for a duty on the Secretary of State to publish guidance.
- (5) In this section—
  - “partnership” means—
    - (a) a partnership within the Partnership Act 1890, or
    - (b) a limited partnership registered under the Limited Partnerships Act 1907,

or a firm or entity of a similar character formed under the law of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom,
  - “relevant commercial organisation” means—
    - (a) a body which is incorporated under the law of any part of the United Kingdom and which carries on a business (whether there or elsewhere),
    - (b) any other body corporate (wherever incorporated) which carries on a business, or part of a business, in any part of the United Kingdom,

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- (c) a partnership which is formed under the law of any part of the United Kingdom and which carries on a business (whether there or elsewhere),  
or
  - (d) any other partnership (wherever formed) which carries on a business, or part of a business, in any part of the United Kingdom,
- and, for the purposes of this section, a trade or profession is a business.

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