

Corporate Corruption Compliance UK

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Bribery Act 2010

3 offences can be committed by 'person'

s. 1*
Active briberyIntention to
influence
Relief or knowledge

s. 2*
Passive briberySoliciting or
receiving

s. 6*
Bribing foreign public official





Section 7 offence

 Commercial organisation is liable for conduct that would amount to ss. 1 or 6 offences by 'associated persons'

Unless

- It shows it has adequate procedures to prevent such conduct
- Can be committed anywhere in the world by body incorporated or 'carrying on business' in UK











Failing to prevent bribes
ANYWHERE IN WORLD
by

Associated Person, (performs services eg. employee, agent, subsidiary)

Unless shows
-Adequate procedures, s.7(1)(2)
-Guidance s. 9





Investigation, prosecution, penalties

Investigation and prosecution

Serious Fraud Office.

Crown Prosecution Service:

prosecution thresholds

- Evidential
- Public interest

Penalties

Bribery Act

- Fine
- Imprisonment max 10 yrs





corporate liability risk

1. via general principle

Corporations may be liable for ss 1, 2, or 6 under the identification route.

Extra territ jurisdiction limited by need for 'close connection' s. 12

2. via s. 7 failure to prevent

Commercial organisations may be liable under section 7 – failure to prevent conduct amounting to offence under ss 1 or 6

Long arm jurisdiction –

If carry on business in UK





via general principle

- 'Person' in statute includes incorp. and unincorp bodies (presumption)
- Identification principle for offences requiring proof of intention/knowledge:
- Corp liable only if 'directing mind' of company has committed the offence
- Directing mind = person who acts 'as corp' eg director, senior officer





Individual director liability, s.14

- Where a corporation commits offence under ss 1, 2 or 6 then
- Any director or senior officer who has connived or consented in that offence will be liable too.





WUK Bribery Act 2010 corporate offence, s. 7



Commercial Organisation

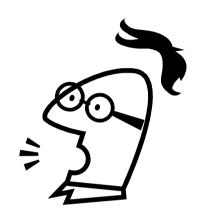
Failure to prevent bribery

Unless shows adequate measures





Conclusions



And Questions?



