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A NEW DAWN OF CORPORATE CRIMINAL LIABILITY LAW IN THE UNITED  
KINGDOM: LESSONS FOR NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

The UK Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act (CMCHA) 2007 received royal assent on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and came into force on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2008. This conscious legislative action has given birth to a new statutory offence of corporate manslaughter thereby marking a radical end to the old common law offence of corporate manslaughter by negligence. This article, apart from justifying the new Act, also examines the useful lessons and limitations of the Act that may serve as barometers for the possible reforms of the principles of corporate criminal liability in Nigeria. This article contends that the UK's CMCHA 2007, despite the few areas hotly disputed, is an important innovative legal development worthy of emulation. The need for this work stems from the fact that the UK's CMCHA 2007 has the required ability to provoke the needed reforms on corporate criminal liability in Nigeria.

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