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CHAPTER 24

CO-OPERATIVE AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1969

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FORM A — KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WE, A.B., OF ONE OF THE OFFICERS...

FORM B — KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I , OF , IN THE COUNTY...

and *If no words are struck out in the bond or condition, strike out these...

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 38A(6) words substituted by [2008 c. 12 \(N.I.\) Sch. 8 para. 2](#)