



# Companies Act 1985

## 1985 CHAPTER 6

### <sup>F1</sup>PART XXV

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 716-734 repealed (prosp.) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1295, 1300, [Sch. 16](#) and the repeal being partly in force, as to which see individual sections.

##### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Power to amend and modify Pt. 25 conferred (1.7.2005) by [Companies \(Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise\) Act 2004 \(c. 27\)](#), ss. 58(b), 65; S.I. 2004/3322, [art. 2\(3\)](#), Sch. 3 (subject to arts. 3-13)

#### **716 Prohibition of partnerships with more than 20 members.**

<sup>F2</sup> .....

##### Textual Amendments

- F2** Ss. 716, 717 repealed (21.12.2002) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Removal of 20 Member Limit in Partnerships etc.\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/3203\)](#), [art. 2](#)

#### **717 Limited partnerships: limit on number of members.**

<sup>F3</sup> .....

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**Textual Amendments**

- F3** Ss. 716, 717 repealed (21.12.2002) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Removal of 20 Member Limit in Partnerships etc.\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/3203\)](#), **art. 2**

**718 Unregistered companies.**

**F4** .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F4** S. 718 repealed (1.10.2009) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2008/2860, **art. 4**, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch.))

**719 Power of company to provide for employees on cessation or transfer of business.**

**F5** .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F5** S. 719 repealed (1.10.2009) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/2194, art. 8, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with art. 12) (as amended by S.I. 2007/2607, art. 4(2)(b)); S.I. 2008/2860, **art. 4**, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch.))

**720 Certain companies to publish periodical statement.**

**F6** .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F6** S. 720 repealed (6.4.2007) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1178, 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2006/3428, arts. 4(1)(d), **7(c)**, Sch. 4 Pt. 1 (subject to art. 5, Sch. 1 and with arts. 6, 8, Sch. 5 (as amended by S.I. 2007/3495, art. 11, Sch. 5))

**721 Production and inspection of books where offence suspected.**

**F7** .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F7** Ss. 721-725, 726(1) repealed (1.10.2009) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2008/2860, **art. 4**, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch. and by S.I. 2009/1941, art. 13))

**722 Form of company registers, etc.**

**F8** .....

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**Textual Amendments**

**F8** Ss. 721-725, 726(1) repealed (1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2008/2860, **art. 4**, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch. and by S.I. 2009/1941, art. 13)

**723 Use of computers for company records.**

**F9** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F9** Ss. 721-725, 726(1) repealed (1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2008/2860, **art. 4**, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch. and by S.I. 2009/1941, art. 13)

**723A Obligations of company as to inspection of registers, &c.**

**F10** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F10** Ss. 721-725, 726(1) repealed (1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2008/2860, **art. 4**, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch. and by S.I. 2009/1941, art. 13)

**723B Confidentiality orders**

**F11** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F11** Ss. 721-725, 726(1) repealed (1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2008/2860, **art. 4**, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch. and by S.I. 2009/1941, art. 13)

**723C Effect of confidentiality orders**

**F12** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F12** Ss. 721-725, 726(1) repealed (1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2008/2860, **art. 4**, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch. and by S.I. 2009/1941, art. 13)

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**723D Construction of sections 723B and 723C**

F13 .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F13 Ss. 721-725, 726(1) repealed (1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2008/2860, art. 4, Sch. 1 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch. and by S.I. 2009/1941, art. 13)

**723E Sections 723B and 723C: offences**

F14 .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F14 Ss. 721-725, 726(1) repealed (1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2008/2860, art. 4, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch. and by S.I. 2009/1941, art. 13))

**723F Regulations under sections 723B to 723E**

F15 .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F15 Ss. 721-725, 726(1) repealed (1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2008/2860, art. 4, Sch. 1 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch. and by S.I. 2009/1941, art. 13)

**F16 724 .....**

**Textual Amendments**  
F16 S. 724 repealed (E.W.S.) by Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45, SIF 66), s. 438, Sch. 12

**725 Service of documents.**

F17 .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F17 Ss. 721-725, 726(1) repealed (1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2008/2860, art. 4, Sch. 1 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch. and by S.I. 2009/1941, art. 13)

**726 Costs and expenses in actions by certain limited companies.**

(1) F18 .....

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- (2) Where in Scotland a limited company is pursuer in an action or other legal proceeding, the court having jurisdiction in the matter may, if it appears by credible testimony that there is reason to believe that the company will be unable to pay the defender's expenses if successful in his defence, order the company to find caution and sist the proceedings until caution is found.

**Textual Amendments**

**F18** S. 726(1) repealed (1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2008/2860, art. 4, Sch. 1 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch. and by S.I. 2009/1941, art. 13)

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C2** S. 726 applied (with modifications) (6.4.2001) by S.I. 2001/1090, reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. I  
**C3** S. 726(2) applied (1.10.2009) by The Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1941), art. 13(3)

**727 Power of court to grant relief in certain cases.**

**F19** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F19** S. 727 repealed (1.10.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(b), Sch. 3 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

**728 Enforcement of High Court orders.**

**F20** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F20** S. 728 repealed (1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2008/2860, art. 4, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch.))

**729 Annual report by Secretary of State.**

**F21** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F21** S. 729 repealed (6.4.2007) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1179, 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2006/3428, arts. 4(1)(e), 7(e), Sch. 4 Pt. 1 (subject to art. 5, Sch. 1 and with arts. 6, 8, Sch. 5 (as amended by S.I. 2007/3495, art. 11, Sch. 5))

**730 Punishment of offences.**

(1) **F22** .....

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- (2) <sup>F22</sup> .....
- (3) <sup>F22</sup> .....
- (4) <sup>F22</sup> .....
- (5) <sup>F23</sup> .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F22** S. 730(1)-(4) repealed (1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2008/2860, **art. 4**, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch.))
- F23** S. 730(5) repealed (1.10.2007) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/2194, **arts. 8**, 10(1), Sch. 2 Pt. 1, Sch. 4 para. 13 (with art. 12)

**730A Meaning of “officer in default”**

<sup>F24</sup> .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F24** S. 730A repealed (1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2008/2860, **art. 4**, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch.))

**731 Summary proceedings.**

<sup>F25</sup> .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F25** S. 731 repealed (1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2008/2860, **art. 4**, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch.))

**732 Prosecution by public authorities.**

<sup>F26</sup> .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F26** S. 732 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 44)

**733 Offences by bodies corporate.**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F27** S. 733 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 44); s. 733 expressed to be modified (7.10.2008 at 9.30 a.m.) by The Heritable Bank plc Transfer of Certain Rights and Liabilities Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/2644), arts. 1(2), 26, **Sch. 2 para. 1(b)**

**734 Criminal proceedings against unincorporated bodies.**

**F28** .....

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**Textual Amendments**

**F28** S. 734 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 44)

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