

Companies Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 46

PART 17

A COMPANY'S SHARE CAPITAL

CHAPTER 8

ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL

Subdivision or consolidation of shares

618 Sub-division or consolidation of shares

- (1) A limited company having a share capital may—
 - (a) sub-divide its shares, or any of them, into shares of a smaller nominal amount than its existing shares, or
 - (b) consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of a larger nominal amount than its existing shares.
- (2) In any sub-division, consolidation or division of shares under this section, the proportion between the amount paid and the amount (if any) unpaid on each resulting share must be the same as it was in the case of the share from which that share is derived.
- (3) A company may exercise a power conferred by this section only if its members have passed a resolution authorising it to do so.
- (4) A resolution under subsection (3) may authorise a company—
 - (a) to exercise more than one of the powers conferred by this section;
 - (b) to exercise a power on more than one occasion;
 - (c) to exercise a power at a specified time or in specified circumstances.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

(5) The company's articles may exclude or restrict the exercise of any power conferred by this section.

Notice to registrar of sub-division or consolidation

- (1) If a company exercises the power conferred by section 618 (sub-division or consolidation of shares) it must within one month after doing so give notice to the registrar, specifying the shares affected.
- (2) The notice must be accompanied by a statement of capital.
- (3) The statement of capital must state with respect to the company's share capital immediately following the exercise of the power—
 - (a) the total number of shares of the company,
 - (b) the aggregate nominal value of those shares,
 - (c) for each class of shares—
 - (i) prescribed particulars of the rights attached to the shares,
 - (ii) the total number of shares of that class, and
 - (iii) the aggregate nominal value of shares of that class, and
 - (d) the amount paid up and the amount (if any) unpaid on each share (whether on account of the nominal value of the share or by way of premium).
- (4) If default is made in complying with this section, an offence is committed by—
 - (a) the company, and
 - (b) every officer of the company who is in default.
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale and, for continued contravention, a daily default fine not exceeding one-tenth of level 3 on the standard scale.