



## 2008 CHAPTER 12

### PART 10

#### CHARITABLE COMPANIES

##### **Invalidity of certain transactions**

**97.—**(1) Articles 45 and 45A of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (capacity of company not limited by its memorandum; power of directors to bind company) do not apply to the acts of a company which is a charity except in favour of a person who—

- (a) gives full consideration in money or money's worth in relation to the act in question, and
- (b) does not know that the act is not permitted by the company's memorandum or, as the case may be, is beyond the powers of the directors,

or who does not know at the time the act is done that the company is a charity.

(2) However, where such a company purports to transfer or grant an interest in property, the fact that the act was not permitted by the company's memorandum or, as the case may be, that the directors in connection with the act exceeded any limitation on their powers under the company's constitution, does not affect the title of a person who subsequently acquires the property or any interest in it for full consideration without actual notice of any such circumstances affecting the validity of the company's act.

(3) In any proceedings arising out of subsection (1) the burden of proving—

- (a) that a person knew that an act was not permitted by the company's memorandum or was beyond the powers of the directors, or
- (b) that a person knew that the company was a charity,

lies on the person making that allegation.

(4) Where a company is a charity, the ratification of an act under Article 45(3) of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, or the ratification of a transaction to which Article 330A of that Order applies (invalidity of certain transactions to which directors or their associates are parties), is ineffective without the prior written consent of the Commission.