
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**Companies (Summary Financial Statement)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

Part II

Conditions for sending out summary financial statement

Relevant consultation

6.—(1) A listed public company may conduct a relevant consultation to ascertain the wishes of an entitled person.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, a relevant consultation of the wishes of an entitled person is a notice given to the entitled person (including for this purpose a person to whom regulation 4(5) applies), by sending it by post or giving it in any other manner authorised by the company's articles, which—

- (a) states that for the future, so long as he is an entitled person, he will be sent a summary financial statement instead of the full accounts and reports of the company, unless he notifies the company in writing that he wishes to continue to receive full accounts and reports;
- (b) accompanies a copy of the full accounts and reports;
- (c) accompanies a copy of a summary financial statement, prepared in accordance with Article 259 of the 1986 Order and these Regulations, with respect to the financial year covered by those full accounts and reports and which is identified in the notice as an example of the document which the entitled person will receive for the future, so long as he is an entitled person, unless he notifies the company to the contrary; and
- (d) subject to paragraph (3), is accompanied by a printed card or form, in respect of which any postage necessary for its return to the company has been, or will be, paid by the company, which is so worded as to enable an entitled person (including a person to whom regulation 4(5) applies), by marking a box and returning the card or form, to notify the company that he wishes to receive full accounts and reports for the next financial year for which he is entitled to receive them as an entitled person and for all future financial years thereafter.

(3) Regulation 5(3) applies in respect of the payment of postage for the return of the printed card or form referred to in paragraph (2)(d).