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The Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2011

PART 5

APPROVAL OF DEBT PAYMENT PROGRAMMES

Consent of creditors

- **23.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (5), and regulation 25, each creditor of a debtor must consent to an application by the debtor for approval of a debt payment programme.
- (2) In the case of a joint debt payment programme, the consent of each creditor of both debtors is required under paragraph (1).
- (3) A request to a creditor for consent is to be sent by the DAS Administrator, or as the case may be, a continuing money adviser, and if posted, must be sent to the creditor by first class recorded delivery post.
- (4) A continuing money adviser seeking the consent of a creditor (electronically or otherwise) must use the form provided by the DAS Administrator for that purpose.
- (5) A creditor who is requested to consent to an application for a programme which provides for the payment of more than one debt and who does not respond to that request within 21 days after the date of request is deemed to consent.
- (6) Where a creditor does not consent to an application under paragraph (1), and that consent is not deemed as given, approval of a debt payment programme under regulation 24 or 25 is not invalid by reason only of the lack of consent provided the debtor did not know, and could not reasonably have known, the identity of the creditor.
 - (7) The DAS Administrator is to maintain a record of creditor consents.