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PART 2

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE
REFERENDUM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Final proceedings

Declaration by counting officers

51.—(1) This regulation applies to the counting officer for a voting area in a region for which a Regional Counting Officer is appointed.

(2) After making the certification under section 128(5) of the 2000 Act, the counting officer must—

- (a) immediately give to the Regional Counting Officer notice of the matters certified;
 - (b) as soon as practicable give to the Regional Counting Officer notice of the number of rejected ballot papers under each head shown in the statement of rejected ballot papers.
- (3) When authorised to do so by the Regional Counting Officer, the counting officer must—
- (a) make a declaration of the matters certified under section 128(5) of the 2000 Act;
 - (b) give public notice of the matters certified together with the number of rejected ballot papers under each head shown in the statement of rejected ballot papers.

52.—(1) This regulation applies to—

- (a) the counting officer for Northern Ireland;
- (b) the counting officer for a voting area in a region for which no Regional Counting Officer is appointed.

(2) After making the certification under section 128(5) of the 2000 Act, the counting officer must—

- (a) immediately give to the Chief Counting Officer notice of the matters certified;
 - (b) as soon as practicable give to the Chief Counting Officer notice of the number of rejected ballot papers under each head shown in the statement of rejected ballot papers.
- (3) When authorised to do so by the Chief Counting Officer, the counting officer must—
- (a) make a declaration of the matters certified under section 128(5) of the 2000 Act;
 - (b) give public notice of the matters certified together with the number of rejected ballot papers under each head shown in the statement of rejected ballot papers.

Declaration by Regional Counting Officers

53.—(1) After making the certification under paragraph 7(4) of Schedule 3 to the 2015 Act, a Regional Counting Officer must—

- (a) immediately give to the Chief Counting Officer notice of the matters certified;
 - (b) as soon as practicable give to the Chief Counting Officer notice of the number of rejected ballot papers for the region under each head shown in the statements of rejected ballot papers.
- (2) When authorised to do so by the Chief Counting Officer, a Regional Counting Officer must—
- (a) make a declaration of the matters certified under paragraph 7(4) of Schedule 3 to the 2015 Act;
 - (b) give public notice of the matters certified together with the number of rejected ballot papers for the region under each head shown in the statements of rejected ballot papers.

Declaration of referendum result by Chief Counting Officer

54. After making the certification under section 128(6) of the 2000 Act, the Chief Counting Officer must—

- (a) immediately make a declaration of the matters certified under that provision;
- (b) as soon as practicable give public notice of the matters certified together with the number of rejected ballot papers under each head shown in the statements of rejected ballot papers.