



Consumer Credit Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 39

PART VIII

SECURITY

Negotiable instruments

123 Restrictions on taking and negotiating instruments

- (1) A creditor or owner shall not take a negotiable instrument, other than a bank note or cheque, in discharge of any sum payable—
 - (a) by the debtor or hirer under a regulated agreement, or
 - (b) by any person as surety in relation to the agreement.
- (2) The creditor or owner shall not negotiate a cheque taken by him in discharge of a sum payable as mentioned in subsection (1) except to a banker (within the meaning of the Bills of Exchange Act 1882).
- (3) The creditor or owner shall not take a negotiable instrument as security for the discharge of any sum payable as mentioned in subsection (1).
- (4) A person takes a negotiable instrument as security for the discharge of a sum if the sum is intended to be paid in some other way, and the negotiable instrument is to be presented for payment only if the sum is not paid in that way.
- (5) This section does not apply where the regulated agreement is a non-commercial agreement.
- (6) The Secretary of State may by order provide that this section shall not apply where the regulated agreement has a connection with a country outside the United Kingdom.