



# Consumer Credit Act 1974

## 1974 CHAPTER 39

### PART II

#### CREDIT AGREEMENTS, HIRE AGREEMENTS AND LINKED TRANSACTIONS

#### 16 Exempt agreements

- (1) This Act does not regulate a consumer credit agreement where the creditor is a local authority or building society, or a body specified, or of a description specified, in an order made by the Secretary of State, being—
  - (a) an insurance company,
  - (b) a friendly society,
  - (c) an organisation of employers or organisation of workers,
  - (d) a charity,
  - (e) a land improvement company, or
  - (f) a body corporate named or specifically referred to in any public general Act
- (2) Subsection (1) applies only where the agreement is—
  - (a) a debtor-creditor-supplier agreement financing—
    - (i) the purchase of land, or
    - (ii) the provision of dwellings on any land,and secured by a land mortgage on that land; or
  - (b) a debtor-creditor agreement secured by any land mortgage; or
  - (c) a debtor-creditor-supplier agreement financing a transaction which is a linked transaction in relation to—
    - (i) an agreement falling within paragraph (a), or
    - (ii) an agreement falling within paragraph (b) financing—
      - (aa) the purchase of any land, or
      - (bb) the provision of dwellings on any land,and secured by a land mortgage on the land referred to in paragraph (a) or, as the case may be, the land referred to in sub-paragraph (ii).

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- (3) The Secretary of State shall not make, vary or revoke an order—
  - (a) under subsection (1)(d) without consulting the Minister of the Crown responsible for insurance companies,
  - (b) under subsection (1)(b) or (c) without consulting the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies,
  - (c) under subsection (1)(d) without consulting the Charity Commissioners, or
  - (d) under subsection (1)(e) or (f) without consulting any Minister of the Crown with responsibilities concerning the body in question.
- (4) An order under subsection (1) relating to a body may be limited so as to apply only to agreements by that body of a description specified in the order.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by order provide that this Act shall not regulate other consumer credit agreements where—
  - (a) the number of payments to be made by the debtor does not exceed the number specified for that purpose in the order, or
  - (b) the rate of the total charge for credit does not exceed the rate so specified, or
  - (c) an agreement has a connection with a country outside the United Kingdom.
- (6) The Secretary of State may by order provide that this Act shall not regulate consumer hire agreements of a description specified in the order where—
  - (a) the owner is a body corporate authorised by or under any enactment to supply electricity, gas or water, and
  - (b) the subject of the agreement is a meter or metering equipment,  
or where the owner is the Post Office or the Kingston upon Hull City Council.
- (7) Nothing in this section affects the application of sections 137 to 140 (extortionate credit bargains).
- (8) In the application of this section to Scotland subsection (3)(c) shall not have effect.
- (9) In the application of this section to Northern Ireland subsection (3) shall have effect as if any reference to a Minister of the Crown were a reference to a Northern Ireland department, any reference to the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies were a reference to the Registrar of Friendly Societies for Northern Ireland, and any reference to the Charity Commissioners were a reference to the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland.