



# Housing Act 1974

## 1974 CHAPTER 44

### PART II

#### REGISTRATION OF HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS

#### 13 The register of housing associations

- (1) There shall be a register of housing associations which shall be established and maintained by the Corporation and in which the Corporation may register any housing association which—
  - (a) is a registered charity and not an exempt charity ; or
  - (b) is a society registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 (in this Part of this Act referred to as "the 1965 Act") and fulfils the conditions in subsection (2) below.
- (2) The conditions referred to in subsection (1)(b) above are that the housing association does not trade for profit and is established for the purpose of, or has among its objects or powers those of, providing, constructing, improving or managing—
  - (a) houses to be kept available for letting, or
  - (b) where the rules of the association restrict membership of the association to persons entitled or prospectively entitled (whether as tenants or otherwise) to occupy a house provided or managed by the association, houses for occupation by members of the association, or
  - (c) hostels,and that, if the association has any additional purposes or objects, it has none which are not mentioned in subsection (3) below.
- (3) The additional purposes or objects referred to in subsection (2) above are those—
  - (a) of providing land or buildings for purposes connected with the requirements of the persons occupying the houses or hostels provided or managed by the association;
  - (b) of providing amenities or services for the benefit of those persons, either exclusively or together with other persons;

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- (c) of encouraging and giving advice on the formation of other housing associations which would be eligible for registration by the Corporation ; and
  - (d) of providing services for, and giving advice on the running of, registered housing associations.
- (4) The Corporation shall, after consultation with the committee established under section 14 below, establish criteria which should be satisfied by a housing association seeking registration, and may from time to time, after such consultation, vary those criteria.
- (5) In deciding whether to register a housing association, the Corporation shall have regard—
- (a) to any advice given to them by the committee established under section 14 below, and
  - (b) to the question whether the association satisfies the criteria established in accordance with subsection (4) above.
- (6) For all purposes other than rectification of the register, a body shall be conclusively presumed to be a housing association falling within subsection (1) above at any time when it is or was on the register of housing associations.
- (7) The register of housing associations shall be open to inspection at the head office of the Corporation at all reasonable times.

#### **14 The Housing Associations Registration Advisory Committee**

- (1) There shall be a committee which shall be called the Housing Associations Registration Advisory Committee and shall have the function of advising the Corporation—
- (a) generally on the exercise of the Corporation's powers with respect to the registration of housing associations ; and
  - (b) when consulted in accordance with subsection (4) of section 13 above, on the establishment and variation of the criteria referred to in that subsection; and
  - (c) on the question whether any particular housing association whose application for registration is referred to the Committee by the Corporation should be registered.
- (2) The Committee shall consist of a chairman appointed by the Secretary of State and such number of other members so appointed as the Secretary of State may from time to time determine; and every member shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
- (3) The Committee shall consist of persons whom the Secretary of State considers to be qualified to advise the Corporation on the matters referred to in subsection (1) above.
- (4) The Secretary of State may, out of money provided by Parliament, pay to all or any of the members of the Committee such salaries or other remuneration as he may with the consent of the Minister for the Civil Service determine.
- (5) The Corporation may pay,—
- (a) to all or any of the members of the Committee, such travelling and other expenses, and

(b) to persons attending their meetings at the request of the Committee, such travelling and other allowances (including compensation for loss of remunerative time),  
as the Secretary of State may with the consent of the Minister for the Civil Service determine.

## **15 Removal of bodies from the register**

- (1) Where a body has been registered in the register of housing associations, that body shall not be removed from the register except by the Corporation in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2) If it appears to the Corporation that any body which is registered—
  - (a) is no longer a housing association falling within paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of section 13(1) above, or
  - (b) has ceased to exist or does not operate,the Corporation shall, on giving not less than 14 days' notice to that body, remove it from the register; and in a case where paragraph (b) above applies, any such notice shall be deemed to be given to a body if it is served at the address last known to the Corporation to be the principal place of business of that body.
- (3) A body which is aggrieved by a decision of the Corporation to remove it from the register of housing associations may appeal against the decision to the High Court or, as the case may be, the Court of Session.
- (4) If an appeal is brought under subsection (3) above and is not withdrawn the Corporation shall not remove the body concerned from the register of housing associations until the appeal has been finally determined.
- (5) No sum shall be paid in respect of a grant under section 29, section 32 or section 33 of this Act to a body which has been removed under this section from the register of housing associations.
- (6) Where, at the time of its removal under this section from the register of housing associations, a body owns any land, section 2 of this Act shall continue to apply to that land after the removal as if the body concerned continued to be a registered housing association.

## **16 Notifications to and by other bodies**

- (1) As soon as may be after registering a housing association or removing a body from the register the Corporation shall give notice of the registration or removal—
  - (a) if the association or body is a registered charity and not an exempt charity, to the Charity Commissioners; and
  - (b) if the association or body is a society registered under the 1965 Act, to the appropriate registrar.
- (2) Where notice is given to the Charity Commissioners or to the appropriate registrar as mentioned in subsection (1) above, the Commissioners or the registrar, as the case may be, shall record the registration or removal from the register by the Corporation.
- (3) As soon as may be after an appeal is brought under section 15(3) above, the Corporation shall give notice of the appeal,—

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- (a) if the body appealing is a registered charity and not an exempt charity, to the Charity Commissioners; and
- (b) if the body appealing is a society registered under the 1965 Act, to the appropriate registrar.

## **17 Certain loans and grants limited to registered housing associations**

- (1) Subject to subsections (3) and (4) below, on and after 1st April 1975 or such later date as the Secretary of State may by order specify for the purposes of this subsection—
  - (a) no such loan as is specified in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to this Act shall be made to a housing association unless, at the time the loan is made, the association is a registered housing association; and
  - (b) the powers of a local authority, including a county council, under paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (3) of section 119 of the Housing Act 1957 or under paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (2) of section 152 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1966 (to make grants and loans to, and to guarantee payments in respect of money borrowed by, housing associations) shall not be exercisable unless, at the time the grant or loan is made or, as the case may be, the guarantee is given, the housing association is a registered housing association.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3) below, the power of the Secretary of State to make grants under section 93 of the Finance Act 1965 (grants to housing associations for affording relief from tax) shall not be exercisable on a claim made by a housing association under that section in respect of a period beginning on or after 6th April 1975 or such later date as the Secretary of State may by order specify for the purposes of this subsection unless, throughout that period, the housing association is a registered housing association.
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) above shall not apply in relation to a housing association if—
  - (a) it is for the time being specified in an order made by the Secretary of State under section 80 of the Housing Finance Act 1972 (power to apply to certain housing associations provisions of that Act relating to local authorities); or
  - (b) before the operative date, the association has made an application for registration to the Corporation and the application has not yet been disposed of by the Corporation.
- (4) Nothing in subsection (1)(b) above shall prevent a local authority, including a county council, from making loans under section 119(3)(a) of the Housing Act 1957 or section 152(2)(a) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1966 to an unregistered housing association for the assistance of the association—
  - (a) in connection with any works required to be carried out in pursuance of, or the acquisition of any estate or interest in a dwelling or other building for the purposes of, any arrangements under section 121 of the said Act of 1957 or under section 155 of the said Act of 1966 which, before the operative date, have been approved by the Secretary of State ; or
  - (b) in connection with the provision of dwellings which are relevant dwellings, within the meaning of section 73 of the Housing Finance Act 1972 (dwellings taken into account for the purposes of special residual subsidy); or
  - (c) in connection with the provision of works which are relevant works, approved for subsidy, within the meaning of section 53 of the Housing (Financial

Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972 (works taken into account for the purposes of special residual subsidy); or

- (d) in connection with a building scheme, within the meaning of section 75 of the Housing Finance Act 1972, which, before the operative date, has been approved by the Secretary of State for the purposes of that section ; or
- (e) in connection with a building scheme or improvement scheme, within the meaning of sections 55 and 57 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972, which before the operative date has been approved by the Secretary of State for the purposes of those sections.

## **18 Special rules applicable to tenancies of registered and certain other housing associations**

- (1) On and after the operative date, the reference in subsection (5) of section 5 of the Rent Act 1968 or in subsection (4) of section 5 of the Rent (Scotland) Act 1971 to a housing association shall be construed as not extending to an unregistered housing association unless—
  - (a) the association is for the time being specified in an order made by the Secretary of State under section 80 of the Housing Finance Act 1972 ; or
  - (b) the association is a society registered under the 1965 Act and its rules restrict membership to persons who are tenants or prospective tenants of the association and preclude the granting or assignment of tenancies to persons other than members ; or
  - (c) the association has made an application for registration to the Corporation before the operative date and the application has not been disposed of by the Corporation.
- (2) If at any time, by virtue of subsection (1) above, a tenancy ceases to be one to which Part VIII of the Housing Finance Act 1972 applies, or sections 60 to 66 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972 apply, and becomes a protected tenancy for the purposes of the Rent Act 1968, or of the Rent (Scotland) Act 1971, that tenancy shall be a regulated tenancy and the housing association which is the landlord under that tenancy shall give notice in writing to the tenant, in such form as may be prescribed, informing him that his tenancy is no longer excluded from protection under the Rent Act 1968 or the Rent (Scotland) Act 1971.
- (3) If, without reasonable excuse, a housing association fails to give notice to a tenant under subsection (2) above within the period of 21 days beginning on the day on which his tenancy becomes a protected tenancy, the association shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £100.
- (4) Where an offence under subsection (3) above committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, any director, manager or secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate or any person who was purporting to act in any such capacity, he as well as the body corporate shall be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (5) In this section " prescribed" means prescribed by order made by the Secretary of State.
- (6) The provisions of Schedule 3 to this Act shall have effect for supplementing this section, and Part I of that Schedule shall come into force on the passing of this Act.

**19 Inquiries into affairs of registered 1965 Act associations**

- (1) The Corporation may appoint a person (who may or may not be a member of the Corporation's staff) to conduct an inquiry into the affairs of any registered 1965 Act association.
- (2) For the purposes of an inquiry under subsection (1) above, the person appointed to conduct the inquiry may, by notice in writing served on the association concerned or on any person who is or has been an officer or member of the association, require the association or that person to produce to the person appointed to conduct the inquiry such books, accounts and other documents relating to the association's business, and to furnish to him such other information relating to that business, as he considers necessary for the purposes of the inquiry.
- (3) Any association or other person who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with the requirements of a notice under subsection (2) above shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £400.
- (4) For the purposes of an inquiry under subsection (1) above the Corporation may require the accounts and balance sheet of the association concerned, or such of them as the Corporation may specify, to be audited by an auditor appointed by the Corporation being a person who,—
  - (a) under section 7(1) of the Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968, is a qualified auditor for the purposes of that Act, or
  - (b) under section 7(2) of that Act, is a qualified auditor in relation to the particular association whose accounts are required to be audited under this subsection.
- (5) Any person appointed to conduct an inquiry under subsection (1) above and any person appointed to make an audit under subsection (4) above shall, on completion of the inquiry or, as the case may be, the audit, make a report to the Corporation on such matters and in such form as the Corporation may specify.
- (6) The expenses of an audit under subsection (4) above, including the remuneration of the auditor, shall be paid by the Corporation.
- (7) An audit under subsection (4) above shall be additional to, and shall not affect, any audit made or to be made under any other enactment.

**20 Corporation's power to act for protection of registered 1965 Act associations**

- (1) Where the Corporation are satisfied, as the result of an inquiry or an audit under section 19 above, that there has been in the administration of a registered 1965 Act association any misconduct or mismanagement, the Corporation may do all or any of the following, namely,—
  - (a) by order remove any member of the committee of the association, or any officer, agent or servant of the association, who has been responsible for or privy to the misconduct or mismanagement or has by his conduct contributed to it or facilitated it;
  - (b) order any bank or other person who holds money or securities on behalf of the association not to part with the money or securities without the approval of the Corporation;
  - (c) by order restrict the transactions which may be entered into, or the nature or amount of the payments which may be made, in the administration of the association without the approval of the Corporation.

- (2) The Corporation may also by order remove a member of the committee of a registered 1965 Act association where that member—
- (a) is a bankrupt or, in Scotland, is insolvent within the meaning of paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 3 to the Conveyancing and Feudal Reform (Scotland) Act 1970 or is incapable of acting by reason of mental disorder within the meaning of the Mental Health Act 1959 or the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960 ;
  - (b) has not acted ; or
  - (c) cannot be found or does not act and his absence or failure to act impedes the committee's proper management of the association's affairs.
- (3) The Corporation may by order appoint a person to be a member of the committee of a registered 1965 Act association (whether or not he is a member of the association and, if he is not, notwithstanding that the rules of the association restrict membership of the committee to members of the association)—
- (a) in place of a member of the committee removed by them under this section or otherwise;
  - (b) where there are no members of the committee; or
  - (c) where the Corporation are of opinion that it is necessary for the proper management of the association's affairs to have an additional member of its committee.
- (4) A person appointed to be a member of the committee of a registered 1965 Act association under subsection (3) above shall hold office for such period and on such terms as the Corporation may specify and, on the expiry of any such period, the Corporation may renew the appointment for such period as they may specify; but nothing in this subsection shall prevent any such person from retiring from the appointment in accordance with the rules of the association.
- (5) Any member of the committee of a registered 1965 Act association or any officer, agent or servant of the association who is ordered by the Corporation to be removed under subsection (1)(a) or subsection (2) above may appeal against the order to the High Court or, as the case may be, the Court of Session.
- (6) Before making an order under subsection (1)(a) or subsection (2) above the Corporation shall give not less than 14 days' notice of their intention to do so—
- (a) to the person whom they intend to remove, and
  - (b) to the registered 1965 Act association concerned,
- and any such notice may be given by post and, if so given to the person whom the Corporation intend to remove, may be addressed to the recipient's last known address in the United Kingdom.
- (7) If any person contravenes an order under subsection (1)(b) above, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £400, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months, or to both ; but no proceedings for an offence punishable under this subsection shall be instituted in England and Wales except by or with the consent of the Corporation.

## **21 Corporation's power to require transfer of land of registered 1965 Act associations**

- (1) Where the Corporation are satisfied, as the result of an inquiry or an audit under section 19 above, that—

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- (a) there has been in the administration of a registered 1965 Act association any misconduct or mismanagement, or
- (b) the management of the land belonging to any such association would be improved if the land were to be transferred in accordance with the provisions of this section,

the Corporation may, with the consent of the Secretary of State, direct the association to transfer the land belonging to it to another body in accordance with subsection (2) below.

- (2) A direction under subsection (1) above may require the association concerned to transfer the land belonging to it,—
  - (a) in a case where that association is a charity, to another registered housing association which is a charity and the objects of which appear to the Corporation to be, as nearly as practicable, akin to those of the association directed to make the transfer ; and
  - (b) in any other case, to the Corporation or to another registered housing association.
- (3) A transfer in pursuance of a direction under subsection (1) above shall be made on the terms that the Corporation or, as the case may be, the association to which the land is transferred will pay or undertake to pay to the association making the transfer such sum, if any, as will be necessary to defray all its proper debts and liabilities (including any debts and liabilities secured on the land to be transferred) after taking into account any money or other assets belonging to the association.
- (4) If it appears to the Corporation to be likely that, as a result of a transfer in pursuance of a direction under subsection (1) above, the association making the transfer will be dissolved as mentioned in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of section 55 of the 1965 Act, the Corporation shall secure that the costs of such a dissolution are taken into account in determining the sum payable to the association under subsection (3) above.

## **22 Corporation's power to petition for winding up of certain registered housing associations**

- (1) Without prejudice to the power of any person under any other enactment to petition for the winding up of a registered housing association which is a company incorporated under the Companies Act 1948, the Corporation may present a petition for the winding up under that Act of any such registered housing association on the ground that the association is failing properly to carry out its purposes or objects.
- (2) Subject to section 55(a) of the 1965 Act, subsection (1) above shall also apply in relation to a registered housing association which is not such a company as is mentioned in that subsection but which is a registered 1965 Act association.

## **23 Transfer of net assets on dissolution of registered 1965 Act associations**

- (1) If a registered 1965 Act association is dissolved as mentioned in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of section 55 of the 1965 Act then, notwithstanding anything in that Act or in the rules of the association, there shall be transferred to the Corporation, or, if the Corporation so directs, to such registered housing association as may be specified in the direction, so much of the property of the association as remains after meeting the claims of its creditors and any other liabilities arising on or before the dissolution.



- (2) If it appears to the Corporation to be appropriate to do so in order to avoid the necessity for the sale of any land belonging to a registered 1965 Act association which is being dissolved as mentioned in subsection (1) above and thereby secure the transfer of the land under that subsection, the Corporation may make payments to discharge any such claims or liabilities as are referred to in that subsection.
- (3) The Corporation may not dispose of any property transferred to them by virtue of subsection (1) above otherwise than to a registered housing association or a subsidiary of the Corporation, and in any case where the property so transferred to the Corporation includes land subject to an existing mortgage or charge, whether in favour of the Corporation or otherwise, the Corporation may, in exercise of their powers under Part I of this Act, dispose of the land subject to that mortgage or charge or subject to a new mortgage or charge in favour of the Corporation, and the amount secured by any such new mortgage or charge shall be such as appears to the Corporation to be appropriate in the circumstances.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (3) above, where property is transferred to the Corporation by virtue of subsection (1) above on the dissolution of a registered 1965 Act association which is a charity, the Corporation may not dispose of that property except to another registered housing association which is a charity and the objects of which appear to the Corporation to be, as nearly as practicable, akin to those of the association which was dissolved.

## **24 Restrictions on exercise of certain powers by registered 1965 Act associations**

- (1) The provisions of this section apply in relation to a registered 1965 Act association, the registration of which by the Corporation has been recorded by the appropriate registrar under section 16(2) above, and references in the following provisions of this section to a registered 1965 Act association shall be construed accordingly.
- (2) The appropriate registrar shall not register a special resolution, as defined in section 50(2) of the 1965 Act, which is passed by a registered 1965 Act association for the purposes of section 50 or section 51 of that Act (amalgamation of societies and transfer of engagements between societies) unless, together with the copy of the special resolution sent to him as mentioned in section 50(4) of that Act, there is sent a copy of the Corporation's consent to the amalgamation or transfer concerned.
- (3) Section 52 of the 1965 Act (power of registered society to convert itself into, to amalgamate with, or to transfer its engagements to, a company registered under the Companies Acts) shall not apply to a registered 1965 Act association.
- (4) If, in pursuance of section 55(a) of the 1965 Act, a registered 1965 Act association resolves by special resolution, as defined in section 141 of the Companies Act 1948, that it be wound up voluntarily, the resolution shall not have effect for the purposes of that Act as a resolution for voluntary winding up unless—
  - (a) before the passing of the resolution the Corporation have given their consent to the passing of the resolution, and
  - (b) together with the copy of the resolution required to be forwarded to the appropriate registrar under section 143 of the Companies Act 1948 (as that section has effect by virtue of the said section 55(a)) there is forwarded a copy of the Corporation's consent.
- (5) If, in pursuance of section 55(b) of the 1965 Act, a registered 1965 Act association is to be dissolved by an instrument of dissolution, the appropriate registrar shall neither

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register that instrument, as required by subsection (5) of section 58 of that Act, nor cause notice of the dissolution to be advertised as mentioned in subsection (6) of that section unless, together with the instrument of dissolution required to be sent to him under subsection (4) of that section, there is sent a copy of the Corporation's consent to the making of that instrument.

- (6) Any reference in the preceding provisions of this section to the Corporation's consent is a reference to an order under the seal of the Corporation giving their consent.

## **25 Change of objects of certain charities to require consent**

- (1) If, in the case of a registered charity which is a registered housing association,—
- (a) the charity is neither a company incorporated under the Companies Act 1948 nor an exempt charity, and
  - (b) its registration by the Corporation has been recorded by the Charity Commissioners under section 16(2) above,
- no power contained in the trusts of the charity and permitting any variation of or addition to the objects of the charity may be exercised without the consent of the Charity Commissioners.
- (2) Before giving any consent under subsection (1) above, the Charity Commissioners shall consult the Corporation.
- (3) In subsection (1) above "trusts" has the same meaning as in the Charities Act 1960.

## **26 Payments by registered housing associations to members, etc.**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, a registered housing association shall not make a gift or pay any sum by way of dividend or bonus—
- (a) to any person who is or has been a member of the association; or
  - (b) to any person who is a member of the family of any such person as is referred to in paragraph (a) above; or
  - (c) to any company of which a person falling within paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) above is a director or any Scottish firm of which such a person is a member.
- (2) Subsection (1) above does not apply to—
- (a) any sum paid, in accordance with the rules of the association concerned, as interest on capital lent to the association or subscribed by way of shares in the association; or
  - (b) any sum which—
    - (i) is paid by an association whose rules restrict membership to persons who are tenants or prospective tenants of the association and preclude the granting or assignment of tenancies to persons other than members; and
    - (ii) is paid to a person who has ceased to be a member of the association; and
    - (iii) is due to that person under the terms of the agreement under which he became a member of the association.
- (3) The Corporation may from time to time specify the maximum amounts which may be paid by a registered housing association, other than a registered charity which is not

an exempt charity, by way of fees or other remuneration or by way of expenses to a person who is a member of the association, and different amounts may be so specified for different purposes.

- (4) Where a sum which exceeds any maximum amount for the time being specified under subsection (3) above is paid to a person who is a member of the association by a registered housing association to which that subsection applies, the amount by which that sum exceeds that maximum amount shall be recoverable by the association.
- (5) The Corporation may from time to time specify the conditions subject to which a member of the committee of a registered 1965 Act association may enter into a contract with the association for the provision by that member, directly or indirectly, of goods or services to the association in return for payment; and any such conditions may be so specified as to apply to particular associations, contracts or sums payable thereunder, or as to apply generally.
- (6) Any sum paid to a person under a contract in contravention of any condition specified under subsection (5) above shall be recoverable by the association making the payment.

## **27 Disclosure of interest by members of committees of registered 1965 Act associations**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, it shall be the duty of a member of the committee of a registered 1965 Act association who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or proposed contract with the association to declare the nature of his interest to the committee in accordance with this section.
- (2) In the case of a proposed contract, the declaration required by this section to be made by a member of a committee shall be made at the meeting of the committee at which the question of entering into the contract is first taken into consideration, or, if the member was not at the date of that meeting interested in the proposed contract, at the next meeting of the committee held after he becomes interested in the proposed contract.
- (3) Where a member of a committee becomes interested in a contract with the association after it is made, the declaration required by this section shall be made at the first meeting of the committee held after he becomes interested in the contract.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, a general notice given at a meeting of the committee of an association by a member of the committee to the effect that he is a member of a specified company or firm, and is to be regarded as interested in any contract which may, after the date of the notice, be made with that company or firm, is a sufficient declaration of interest in relation to any contract made after that date with that company or firm.
- (5) A member of a committee need not make a declaration or give a notice under this section by attending in person at a meeting of the committee if he takes reasonable steps to secure that the declaration or notice is brought up and read at the meeting.
- (6) A member of a committee who fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £200.
- (7) Nothing in this section shall be taken to prejudice the operation of any rule of law restricting members of the committee of a registered 1965 Act association from having any interest in contracts with the association.

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## **28 Interpretation of Part II**

Except in so far as the context otherwise requires, in this Part of this Act—

" appropriate registrar " has the same meaning as in the 1965 Act;

" charity " and " exempt charity " have the same meanings as in the Charities Act 1960; " committee ", in relation to a society registered under the 1965 Act, has the same meaning as in that Act;

" house " has the same meaning as in Part I of the Housing Act 1964;

" registered 1965 Act association " means a registered housing association which is a society registered under the 1965 Act; and

" the 1965 Act " has the meaning assigned to it by section 13(1)(b) above.