

# Companies Act 1985

# **1985 CHAPTER 6**

# PART VII

## ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

# CHAPTER I

## PROVISIONS APPLYING TO COMPANIES GENERALLY

Revision of defective accounts and reports

## [<sup>F1</sup>245A Secretary of State's notice in respect of annual accounts.

 $[^{F2}(1)$  Where—

- (a) copies of a company's annual accounts [<sup>F3</sup>or directors' report] have been sent out under section 238, or
- (b) a copy of a company's annual accounts [<sup>F3</sup>or directors' report] has been laid before the company in general meeting or delivered to the registrar,

and it appears to the Secretary of State that there is, or may be, a question whether the accounts  $[^{F4}$ or report] comply with the requirements of this Act, he may give notice to the directors of the company indicating the respects in which it appears to him that such a question arises or may arise.]

- (2) The notice shall specify a period of not less than one month for the directors to give him an explanation of the accounts [<sup>F5</sup>[<sup>F6</sup>or report] or prepare revised accounts or [<sup>F7</sup>a revised report]].
- (3) If at the end of the specified period, or such longer period as he may allow, it appears to the Secretary of State that [<sup>F8</sup> the directors have not—
  - (a) given a satisfactory explanation of the accounts  $[^{F9}$  or report], or
  - (b) revised the accounts [<sup>F9</sup>or report] so as to comply with the requirements of this Act,

he may if he thinks fit apply to the court.]

[<sup>F10</sup>(4) The provisions of this section apply equally to revised annual accounts [<sup>F11</sup>and revised directors' reports], in which case they have effect as if the references to revised accounts [<sup>F12</sup>or reports] were references to further revised accounts [<sup>F12</sup>or reports].]]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1 New ss. 245–245C inserted (subject to the saving and transitional provisions in S.I. 1990/2569, art. 6) by Companies Act 1989 (c. 40, SIF 27), ss. 1, 12, 213(2) as part of the text inserted in place of ss. 221–262 (as mentioned in s. 1(a) of the 1989 Act)
- F2 S. 245A(1) substituted (22.3.2005) by The Companies Act 1985 (Operating and Financial Review and Directors' Report etc.) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/1011), reg. 15(2)
- **F3** Words in s. 245A(1)(a)(b) substituted (12.1.2006) by The Companies Act 1985 (Operating and Financial Review) (Repeal) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3442), reg. 2(2)(a), Sch. 1 para. 10(2)(a)
- F4 Words in s. 245A(1) substituted (12.1.2006) by The Companies Act 1985 (Operating and Financial Review) (Repeal) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3442), reg. 2(2)(a), Sch. 1 para. 10(2)(b)
- F5 Words in s. 245A(2) substituted (22.3.2005) by The Companies Act 1985 (Operating and Financial Review and Directors' Report etc.) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/1011), reg. 15(3)
- F6 Words in s. 245A(2) substituted (12.1.2006) by The Companies Act 1985 (Operating and Financial Review) (Repeal) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3442), reg. 2(2)(a), Sch. 1 para. 10(3)(a)
- F7 Words in s. 245A(2) substituted (12.1.2006) by The Companies Act 1985 (Operating and Financial Review) (Repeal) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3442), reg. 2(2)(a), Sch. 1 para. 10(3)(b)
- **F8** Words in s. 245A(3) substituted (22.3.2005) by The Companies Act 1985 (Operating and Financial Review and Directors' Report etc.) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/1011), reg. 15(4)
- **F9** S. 245A(3) substituted (12.1.2006) by The Companies Act 1985 (Operating and Financial Review) (Repeal) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3442), reg. 2(2)(a), Sch. 1 para. 10(4)
- F10 S. 245A(4) substituted (22.3.2005) by The Companies Act 1985 (Operating and Financial Review and Directors' Report etc.) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/1011), reg. 15(5)
- F11 Words in s. 245A(4) substituted (12.1.2006) by The Companies Act 1985 (Operating and Financial Review) (Repeal) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3442), reg. 2(2)(a), Sch. 1 para. 10(5)(a)
- **F12** Words in s. 245A(4) substituted (12.1.2006) by The Companies Act 1985 (Operating and Financial Review) (Repeal) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3442), reg.2(2)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 10(5)(b)**

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Ss. 245A and 245B excluded by S.I. 1990/2569, art. 6(2)
- C2 Ss. 245-245C applied (1.10.2005) by The Companies (Disclosure of Auditor Remuneration) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2417), reg. 7

#### Status:

Point in time view as at 12/01/2006. This version of this provision has been superseded.

#### Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Companies Act 1985, Section 245A.