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# **CHAPTER 53**

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3 4	(1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a person No person who has attained the age of 70 years
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5 6	The Commission shall pay to its part-time members such fees (1) If the Treasury so determines in the case of
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7	(1) In part II of Schedule 1 to the House
	Staff
8	The Commission may appoint such staff as the chairman of
	Proceedings
9 10	The quorum of the Commission and the arrangements relating to The validity of any proceedings of the Commission shall not
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11 12 13	(1) With the exception 34specified in sub-paragraph (2) below, the The Statutory Instruments Act 1946 shall apply to all powers
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SCHEDULE 2 — Establishment, Incorporation and Constitution of Building Societies

Part I — GENERAL

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## Requirements for establishment

1 (1) Any ten or more persons may establish a society...

#### The memorandum

2 (1) The memorandum of a building society shall state the...

#### The rules

3 (1) The rules of a building society shall provide for...

Requirements for alteration of purpose, powers and rules

4 (1) A building society may by special resolution alter its...

## Membership

5 (1) The rules of a building society shall provide that...

# Liability of members

6 (1) The liability at any time of a shareholding member...

#### Joint shareholders

7 (1) Two or more persons may jointly hold shares in...

#### Joint borrowers

8 (1) Where a loan secured on land is made by...

#### Use and change of name

9 (1) The common seal of a building society shall bear...

Offences relating to society's name

10 (1) If a building society does not—

# Restrictions on business names

10A (1) This paragraph and paragraph 10B below apply where a...

Use of business names: required disclosure

10B (1) Paragraph 9(2A) above shall have effect as if after...

*Use of business names: supplementary* 

10C (1) A building society which contravenes paragraph 10A(2) above shall...

# Change of principal office

11 (1) A building society may change its pricipal office—

Societies to supply copies of rules etc.

12 (1) A building society shall, on demand, give a copy...

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## Register of members

13 (1) Every building society shall maintain a register of members...

Exception to duties to send documents

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Right of members to obtain particulars from the register

15 (1) At any time when a building society—

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Capacity of society not limited by its memorandum

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Power of directors to bind society

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Powers of central office

19 (1) The central office, on receiving from a building society...
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20 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, every building society shall...

Special meeting on members' requisition

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Failure to comply with members' requisition

20B (1) This paragraph applies where a members' requisition is deposited...

Length of notice for calling meetings

21 (1) Any provision contained in the rules of a building...

Persons entitled to notice of meetings

22 (1) Subject to the provisions of this Part of this...

Members' entitlement to vote on resolutions

23 (1) A member of a building society is entitled to...

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## Right to demand a poll

25 (1) Any provision contained in the rules of a building...

# Special resolutions

- 26 No resolution of a building society shall be passed as...
- 27 (1) A resolution of a building society shall be a...
- 27A A resolution of a building society shall be a shareholding...

# Borrowing members' resolutions

- 28 No resolution of a building society shall be passed as...
- 29 (1) A resolution of a building society shall be a...

# Transfer resolutions

30 (1) The transfer resolutions required for the purposes of section...

Members' right to propose and circulate resolutions

31 (1) If at least the requisite number of qualified members...

Members' resolutions: supplementary provisions

32 (1) Notice of a resolution given under paragraph 31(1) above...

#### Postal ballots

33 (1) The rules of a building society may provide for...

Declarations to be made in proxy and ballot forms

34 (1) If a member of a building society who purports...

Advertising requirements in lieu of notice of meetings, etc.

35 (1) The advertising requirements referred to in paragraph 14 above,...

## The prescribed amount

36 (1) For the purposes of this Part of this Schedule,...

SCHEDULE 2A — Discharge of mortgages: supplementary provisions

#### Main provisions

1 (1) When all money intended to be secured by a...

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Power to prescribe form of documents

3 (1) The Chief Registrar may make rules for prescribing anything...

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1 In this Schedule— "authorisation" means authorisation under section 9 or...

Part II — AUTHORISATION

## Procedure for authorisation

2 (1) An application for authorisation—(a) shall be made in...

## Offences in connection with application

- 3 (1) Any building society which furnishes any information or makes...
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- 4 (1) If the Commission proposes to impose conditions it shall...
- 5 (1) This paragraph applies where the Commission has decided to...
  Part IV REVOCATION OF AUTHORISATION

## Procedure for revocation

- 6 (1) If the Commission proposes to revoke a society's authorisation...
- 7 (1) This paragraph applies where the Commission proposes, instead of...
- 8 (1) This paragraph applies where the Commission has decided, instead...

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9 (1) The modifications of the provisions of Part III of...

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10 Where any provision of this Schedule requires notice of any...

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1 (1) Where any land has been mortgaged to a building...

#### Discharge of mortgages

2 (1) When all money intended to be secured by a...

# Power to prescribe form of documents

3 (1) The Chief Registrar may make rules for prescribing anything...

# SCHEDULE 5 — The Building Societies Investor Protection Board

#### Constitution

1 (1) The Board shall consist of seven members as follows,...

## Appointment and tenure of office

2 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph a...

#### Allowances

The Board shall pay to each member such allowances in...

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#### Proceedings

- 4 (1) The Board shall determine its own procedure, including the...
- 5 (1) The fixing of the common seal of the Board...

# Performance of functions

5A The Board may authorise—(a) any member or members of...

Accounts, audit and annual report

6 (1) The Board may determine its own financial year.

SCHEDULE 6 — Insolvency Payments: Trusts and Joint or Client Account Holdings

- 1 (1) The following provisions of this Schedule have effect for...
- 2 (1) Where any persons hold an investment in a building...
- 3 Where an investment is held on trust for any person...
- 4 (1) Except in the case of a partnership, where two...
- 5 Where an investment is made by a person whose business...
- 6 The Board may decline to make any payment under section...
- 7 In this Schedule "jointly entitled" means—(a) in England and...
- 8 In the application of this Schedule in relation to investments...

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Members or depositors dying

1 (1) The provisions of this paragraph have effect where a...

Receipts by depositors under age

2 Any receipt or acknowledgment given to a building society by...

SCHEDULE 7A — Directions: supplementary provisions

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1 In this Schedule "direction" means a direction under section 36(3),...

Procedure for giving proposed direction

2 (1) If the Commission proposes to give a direction, it...

Procedure for giving different direction

3 (1) This paragraph applies where the Commission has decided to...

Different directions on appeal

4 (1) The modifications of the provisions of paragraph 2 and...

Notice to directors and chief executives

5 Where any provision of this Schedule requires notice of any...

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Part I — THE SERVICES

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- 2 Investment services.
- 3 Insurance services.
- Trusteeship.
- 5 Executorship.
- 6 Land services.

#### Part II — GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON SERVICES

- Subject to paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 below, no...
- 2 Paragraph 1 above shall not be taken to prevent—
- 3 Where, as part of the power to provide banking services,...
- The right to recover any sum overdrawn (with or without...
- Acquiring or holding relevant investments shall not be treated as...
- Paragraph 1 above shall not be taken to prevent the...

Part III — RESTRICTIONS IN RELATION TO CERTAIN SERVICES

#### Banking services

In relation to the power to provide banking services—

#### Investment services

In relation to the power to provide investment services—

# Trusteeship

In relation to the power to provide the service of...

#### Land services

- In relation to the power to provide land services—
- No employee of a building society, a subsidiary or other...

Part IV — SUPPLEMENTARY

## Powers—general

Any power derived from this Schedule to perform any activity...

#### *Powers—specific services*

Without prejudice to the general scope of any service specified...

## Banking—particular provisions

- (1) A building society shall, so far as regards the...
- Where an account of a person with a building society...
- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 1(f) and (g) of...

#### Land services—sanction

If a person performs any service in contravention of paragraph...

# *Interpretation*

- This Schedule is to be construed as relating only to...
- In this Schedule— "arranging", in relation to the performance of...

SCHEDULE 8A — Transfer directions: modifications of Part X

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## Part I — DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 42B(3)

#### **Preliminary**

1 This Part of this Schedule applies where a direction is...

Compensation for loss of office

2 (1) The consent of the Commission shall be sufficient authority...

Statements to members

3 (1) The following provisions of this paragraph shall apply in...

Application for confirmation

4 No application for confirmation by the Commission of the transfer...

Grounds for not confirming transfer

5 Section 95 shall apply as if— (a) for paragraphs (a)... Part II — DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 42B(4)

## Preliminary

6 This Part of this Schedule applies where a direction is...

Compensation for loss of office

7 (1) The consent of the Commission shall be sufficient authority...

Increased remuneration

8 If the Commission consents to the inclusion of any such...

Statements to members

9 (1) The following provisions of this paragraph shall apply in...

Application for confirmation

10 No application for confirmation by the Commission of the transfer...

Grounds for not confirming transfer

11 Section 98 shall apply as if— (a) for paragraphs (a)...

SCHEDULE 9 — Directors: Requisite Particulars of Restricted Transactions

## Preliminary

1 In this Schedule— "the financial year" means the financial year...

The requisite particulars

2 (1) The particulars of a restricted transaction or arrangement required...

SCHEDULE 10 — Requisite Particulars of Income or Related Businesses
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#### Conveyancers

1 Where the business associate of the building society provides conveyancing...

## Valuers and surveyors

2 Where the business associate of the building society provides the...

#### Accountants

Where the business associate of the building society provides accountancy...

#### Insurance agents, etc.

4 Where the business associate of the building society arranges for...

Part II — REQUISITE PARTICULARS ON ADOPTION OF THIS PART

#### Conveyancers

5 Where the business associate of the building society provides conveyancing...

## Valuers and surveyors

6 Where the business associate of the building society provides the...

#### Accountants

Where the business associate of the building society provides accountancy...

## Insurance agents, etc.

Where the business associate of the building society arranges for...

Part III — SUPPLEMENTARY

## Power to prescribe bands for Part II particulars

9 (1) The Commission, with the consent of the Treasury, may...

## Interpretation

10 (1) In this Schedule— "administrative services" means services falling within...

# SCHEDULE 11 — Auditors: Appointment, Tenure, Qualifications

# Appointment

- 1 (1) The first auditors of a building society may be...
- 2 The directors, or the building society in general meeting, may...
- 3 (1) If at any annual general meeting of a building...
- 4 (1) A resolution at a general meeting of a building...

## Qualification and disqualification of auditors

5 (1) A person is not qualified for appointment as auditor...

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#### Removal of auditors

6 (1) A building society may by resolution in general meeting...

# Resignation of auditors

- 7 (1) An auditor of a building society may resign his...
- 8 (1) Where an auditor's notice of resignation contains a statement...
- 9 In the application of this Schedule to Scotland, references to...

# SCHEDULE 12 — Schemes for Investigation of Complaints Part I — MATTERS TO BE PROVIDED FOR IN SCHEMES

#### Administration

- 1 The establishment and functioning of an independent body (whether corporate...
- 2 The identity of the members.
- 3 The manner in which the expenses of the scheme are...

#### The adjudicator

4 The appointment of an independent adjudicator to conduct investigations under...

## Scope of scheme

5 The matters action in relation to which is to be...

# Functions of adjudicator

- 6 The duty of the adjudicator to investigate, and make determinations...
- 7 The powers of, and procedure to be followed in the...
- 8 The powers of the adjudicator on the making of determinations....

## Determinations and their effects

- 9 The extent to which determinations are binding.
- 10 The manner in which determinations are to be communicated and...

## Reports by investigators to administering body

11 The making to the body administering the scheme of regular...

## Amendment or revocation of scheme

12 The manner of amending or revoking the scheme.

## Accession to membership

13 Accession to membership of other societies.

## Withdrawal from membership

14 Withdrawal from membership.

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#### Share accounts

1 The operation or termination of a share account and the...

# Deposit accounts

2 The operation or termination of a deposit account and the...

Borrowing members: class 1 or class 2 advances

3 The operation or termination of the account of a member...

Borrowers: mobile home loans

4 The operation or termination of the account of a borrower...

Borrowers: other loans

5 The operation or termination of the account of a borrower...

Money transmission services

6 The terms on which are provided, the operation of, or...

Foreign exchange facilities

7 The terms on which are provided, the operation of, or...

Agency payments and receipts

8 The terms on which payments are made or received as...

#### Provision of credit

9 The operation or termination of the account of a borrower...

Part III — MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOGNISED SCHEMES: OTHER PROVISIONS

## Grounds of complaint

1 (1) The grounds for making action by a building society...

Permissible exclusions from investigation

2 A scheme must not exclude action from investigation on any...

## Functions of adjudicator

- 3 A scheme must, as regards the duties and powers attached...
- 4 (1) Subject to any provision made in pursuance of sub-paragraph...
- 5 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, a scheme must confer...

#### Effect of determinations and their communication

- 6 (1) Subject to any provision made in pursuance of sub-paragraph...
- 7 A scheme must impose on the adjudicator an obligation not...

## Reports by adjudicator to administering body

8 A scheme must require reports by the adjudicator as to...

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#### Publication

9 (1) A scheme must permit the body administering the scheme...

SCHEDULE 13 — Schemes for Investigation of Complaints: Recognition, Accession, etc.

## Preliminary

- 1 For the purposes of this Schedule, a scheme—"qualifies for...
- 2 (1) The function of the Commission of granting recognition of...

# The register of recognised schemes

3 (1) The central office shall maintain a register of recognised...

Procedure for recognition: Commission's initiative

4 (1) If it appears to the Commission, from its own...

Procedure for recognition: submission by societies

5 (1) Submission by or on behalf of building societies of...

## Procedure on accession to schemes

6 (1) A building society or connected undertaking of a building...

#### Withdrawal of recognition

- 7 (1) The Commission may withdraw its recognition of a scheme...
- 8 (1) If the Commission proposes at any time to withdraw...
- 9 Withdrawal of recognition by the Commission shall take effect as...

## Withdrawal from membership

10 (1) A building society or connected undertaking of a building...

SCHEDULE 14 — Settlement of Disputes
Part I — PROCEEDINGS IN COURT

#### Jurisdiction of the court

- 1 (1) No court other than the High Court or, in...
- 2 The court may hear and determine a dispute falling within...

# Right of central office to be heard

3 (1) Any person who institutes proceedings in the court in...
Part II — ARBITRATION

Circulation of election addresses, resolutions and statements

4 (1) If the rules of the society so provide, any...

# Calling of special meeting

4A If the rules of the society so provide, any dispute...

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## Procedure on a reference to arbitration

5 (1) This paragraph has effect in relation to an arbitration...

# Access to register of members

6 (1) Any dispute as to the rights of a member...

## Disputes cognizable under a scheme

7 (1) Any dispute relating to a relevant service action in...

#### General

8 In this Part of this Schedule, in relation to an...

# SCHEDULE 15 — Application of Companies Winding Up Legislation to Building Societies

Part I — GENERAL MODE OF APPLICATION

- 1 The enactments which comprise the companies winding up legislation (referred
- 2 Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, the enactments...
- 3 (1) The enactments shall, in their application to building societies,...
- 4 (1) Where any of the enactments as applied to building...
- 5 Any enactment which specifies a money sum altered by order...

Part II — MODIFIED APPLICATION OF INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

#### PARTS IV AND XII

#### Preliminary

6 In this Part of this Schedule, Part IV of the...

Members of a building society as contributories in winding up

- 7 (1) Section 74 (liability of members) of the Act is...
- 8 Sections 75 to 78 and 83 in Chapter I of...
- 9 (1) Section 79 (meaning of "contributory") of the Act does...

#### Voluntary winding up

- 10 (1) Section 84 of the Act does not apply.
- In subsection (1) of section 101 (appointment of liquidation committee)...
- 12 (1) Section 107 (distribution of property) of the Act does...
- 13 Sections 110 and 111 (liquidator accepting shares, etc. as consideration...
- 14 Section 116 (saving for certain rights) of the Act shall...

## Winding up by the court

- 15 In sections 117 (High Court and county court jurisdiction) and...
- 16 Section 122 (circumstances in which company may be wound up...
- 17 Section 124 (application for winding up) of the Act does...
- 18 (1) In section 125 (powers of court on hearing of...
- 19 Section 126 (power of court, between petition and winding up...

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- 20 If, before the presentation of a petition for the winding...
- 21 (1) Section 130 of the Act (consequences of winding-up order)...
- 22 Section 140 (appointment of liquidator by court in certain circumstances)...
- 23 In the application of sections 141(1) and 142(1) (liquidation committees),...
- 24 The conditions which the court may impose under section 147...
- 25 Section 154 (adjustment of rights of contributories) of the Act...
- 26 In section 165(2) (liquidator's powers) of the Act, the reference...

## Winding up: general

- 27 Section 187 (power to make over assets to employees) of...
- 28 (1) In section 201 (dissolution: voluntary winding up) of the...
- 29 In section 205 (dissolution: winding up by the court) of...

## Penal provisions

- 30 Sections 216 and 217 of the Act (restriction on re-use...
- 31 (1) Sections 218 and 219 (prosecution of delinquent officers) of...
- 32 (1) Where a report is made to the prosecuting authority...

## Preferential debts

33 Section 387 (meaning in Schedule 6 of "the relevant date")...

Part III — MODIFIED APPLICATION OF INSOLVENCY (NORTHERN IRELAND)
ORDER 1989

# PARTS V AND XI

## Preliminary

34 In this Part of this Schedule, Part V of the...

Members of a building society as contributories in winding up

- 35 (1) Article 61 (liability of members) is modified as follows....
- 36 Articles 62 to 65 and 69 in Chapter I of...
- 37 In the enactments as applied to a building society, "...

# Voluntary winding up

- 38 (1) Article 70 does not apply. (2) In the enactments...
- 39 In paragraph (1) of Article 87 (appointment of liquidation committee),...
- 40 (1) Article 93 (distribution of property) does not apply; and...
- 41 Articles 96 and 97 (liquidator accepting shares, etc., as consideration...
- 42 Article 101 (saving for certain rights) shall also apply in...

#### Winding up by the High Court

- 43 Article 102 (circumstances in which company may be wound up...
- 44 Article 104 (application for winding up) does not apply.
- 45 (1) In Article 105 (powers of High Court on hearing...
- 46 Article 106 (power of High Court, between petition and winding-up...
- 47 If, before the presentation of a petition for the winding...

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- 48 (1) Article 110 (consequences of winding-up order) shall have effect...
- 49 Article 119 (appointment of liquidator by High Court in certain...
- 50 In the application of Article 120(1) (liquidation committee) to building...
- 51 The conditions which the High Court may impose under Article...
- 52 Article 132 (adjustment of rights of contributories) shall have effect...
- 53 In Article 140(2) (liquidator's powers), the reference to an extraordinary...

# Winding up: general

- 54 Article 158 (power to make over assets to employees) does...
- 55 (1) In Article 166 (dissolution: voluntary winding up), paragraph (2)...
- 55A In Article 169 (dissolution: winding up by the High Court)...

## Penal provisions

- 55B Articles 180 and 181 (restriction on re-use of name) do...
- 55C (1) Articles 182 and 183 (prosecution of delinquent officers) do...
- 55D (1) Where a report is made to the prosecuting authority...

## Preferential debts

- 55E Article 347 (meaning in Schedule 4 of "the relevant date")...
  - Part IV DISSOLUTION OF BUILDING SOCIETY WOUND UP (ENGLAND AND WALES, SCOTLAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND)
  - 56 (1) Where a building society has been wound up voluntarily,...
  - 57 (1) Sections 654 to 658 of the Companies Act 1985...

Insolvency rules and fees: England and Wales and Scotland

58 (1) Rules may be made under section 411 of the...

Insolvency rules and fees: Northern Ireland

- 59 (1) Rules may be made under Article 359 of the...
- SCHEDULE 15A Application of other companies insolvency legislation to building societies
  - Part I GENERAL MODE OF APPLICATION
  - 1 (1) Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the enactments...
  - 2 (1) The enactments shall, in their application to building societies,...
  - 3 (1) Where any of the enactments as applied to building...
  - 4 (1) Rules may be made under section 411 of the...
  - 5 Any enactment which specifies a money sum altered by order...
- 5A In this Schedule, "scheme manager" has the same meaning as...
  - Part II MODIFIED APPLICATION OF PARTS I AND II AND CHAPTER I OF PART III OF INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

# Preliminary

6 In this Part of this Schedule, the Insolvency Act 1986...

## Voluntary arrangements

7 Section 1 of the Act (proposals for voluntary arrangements) has...

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- 8 In section 2 (procedure where nominee is not liquidator or...
- 8A In subsection (2) of section 4A of the Act (approval...
  - 9 In section 6 of the Act (challenge of decisions) as...
- 9A In section 7A of the Act (prosecution of delinquent officers)...

#### Administration orders

- 10 (1) Section 8 of the Act (power of court to...
- 11 (1) Subsection (1) of section 9 of the Act (application...
- 12 In section 10 of the Act (effect of application for...
- 13 In section 11 of the Act (effect of administration order),...
- 14 In subsection (1) of section 12 of the Act (notification...
- 15 Subsection (3) of section 13 of the Act (appointment of...
- 16 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, section 14 of the...
- 17 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, paragraph 16 of Schedule...
- 18 In section 15 of the Act (power to deal with...
- 19 (1) Section 17 of the Act (general duties of administrator)...
- 20 In subsection (4) of section 19 of the Act (vacation...
- 21 (1) Subsection (1) of section 23 of the Act (statement...
- 22 Section 24 of the Act (consideration of proposals by creditors'...
- 23 (1) Section 25 of the Act (approval of substantial revisions)...
- 24 Subsection (1) of section 27 of the Act (protection of...

## Receivers and managers

- 25 In section 38 of the Act (receivership accounts), "prescribed" means...
- 26 In subsection (1) of section 39 of the Act (notification...
- 27 Section 40 (payment of debts out of assets subject to...

Part III — MODIFIED APPLICATION OF PARTS II, III AND IV OF INSOLVENCY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1989

#### Preliminary

28 In this Part of this Schedule, the Insolvency (Northern Ireland)...

## Voluntary arrangements

- 29 Article 14 of the Order (proposals for voluntary arrangements) has...
- 30 In Article 15 (procedure where nominee is not liquidator or...
- 30A In paragraph (2) of Article 17A of the Order (approval...
- 31 In Article 19 of the Order (challenge of decisions) as...
- 31A In Article 20A of the Order (prosecution of delinquent officers)...

## Administration orders

- 32 (1) Article 21 of the Order (power of High Court...
- 33 (1) Paragraph (1) of Article 22 of the Order (application...
- 34 In Article 23 of the Order (effect of application for...
- 35 In Article 24 of the Order (effect of administration order),...
- 36 In paragraph (1) of Article 25 of the Order (notification...
- 37 Paragraph (3) of Article 26 of the Order (appointment of...
- 38 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, Article 27 of the...
- 39 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, paragraph 17 of Schedule...
- 40 In Article 28 of the Order (power to deal with...
- 41 (1) Article 29 of the Order (general duties of administrator)...

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- 42 In paragraph (4) of Article 31 of the Order (vacation...
- 43 (1) Paragraph (1) of Article 35 of the Order (statement...
- 44 Article 36 of the Order (consideration of proposals by creditors'...
- 45 (1) Article 37 of the Order (approval of substantial revisions)...
- Paragraph (1) of Article 39 of the Order (protection of...

## Receivers and managers

- 47 In Article 48 of the Order (receivership accounts), "prescribed" means...
- 48 In paragraph (1) of Article 49 of the Order (notification...
- 49 Article 50 (payment of debts out of assets subject to...

## SCHEDULE 16 — Mergers: Supplementary Provisions

Part I — ISSUE OF STATEMENTS TO MEMBERS

(1) A building society which desires— (a) to amalgamate with...

Part II — NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSALS FOR MERGER

#### Preliminary

2 In this Part of this Schedule— "merger" means an amalgamation...

## Duty to notify members

- 3 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, it shall be the...
- 4 (1) A building society shall include in or with every...

# Duty to notify central office

5 (1) Where a building society sends a merger statement or...

#### Penalty

- 6 If default is made by a building society in complying...
  - Part III CONFIRMATION BY COMMISSION: PROCEDURE
- 7 An application for confirmation by the Commission of an amalgamation...
- 8 (1) Where a building society applies to the Commission for...
- 9 (1) After the date specified in pursuance of paragraph 8(2)(b)...

# SCHEDULE 17 — Transfers of Business: Supplementary Provisions PART I — ISSUE OF STATEMENT OR SUMMARY TO MEMBERS

#### Preliminary

1 In this Part of this Schedule—" prescribed matters"...

Duty to send transfer statements or summaries to members

- 2 A building society which desires to transfer its business shall,...
- 3 (1) A transfer statement, in relation to a transfer of...
- 4 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, a building society shall,...
- (1) The Commission, with the consent of the Treasury, may...
   PART IA NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSALS FOR TRANSFERS OF BUSINESS

#### Preliminary

5A In this Part of this Schedule—"requisite particulars",...

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## Duty to notify members

- 5B (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, it shall be the...
- 5C A building society shall include in or with every notice...

# Duty to notify central office

5D (1) Where a building society sends a transfer proposal notification...

#### Penalty

- 5E If default is made by a building society in complying...
  - Part II CONFIRMATION BY COMMISSION: PROCEDURE
  - 6 An application by a building society for confirmation by the...
  - 7 (1) Where a building society applies for confirmation of a...
  - 8 (1) After the date specified in the notice in pursuance...

# SCHEDULE 18 — Amendments of Enactments Part I — UNITED KINGDOM

Bankers' Books Evidence Act 1879 (c.11)

1 In section 9(1) of the Bankers' Books Evidence Act 1879...

Land Registration Act 1925 (c.21)

2 In section 25(1) (proprietor's power to create charges) of the...

Payment of Wages Act 1960 (c. 37)

3 (1) This paragraph amends the Payment of Wages Act 1960...

Trustee Investments Act 1961 (c. 62)

4 (1) This paragraph amends the Trustee Investments Act 1961 as...

Stock Transfer Act 1963 (c.18)

5 In section 1(4) of the Stock Transfer Act 1963 (simplified...

Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 (c.12)

6 In section 31(b) of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act...

Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (c.10)

Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 (c.80)

3 (1) This paragraph amends the Banking and Financial Dealings Act...

Local Government Act 1972 (c.70)

9 In Schedule 12A (access to information: exempt information) to the...

Consumer Credit Act 1974 (c. 39)

10 (1) This paragraph amends the Consumer Credit Act 1974 as...

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	Solicitors Act 1974 (c.47)
11	(1) This paragraph amends the Solicitors Act 1974 as follows
Hoi	ne Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee Act 1978 (c.27)
12	In section 3(1) (building society law) of the Home Purchase
	Banking Act 1979 (c.37)
13	
	Charging Orders Act 1979 (c.53)
14	In section 6(1) (interpretation) of the Charging Orders Act 1979,
	Finance Act 1982 (c.39)
15	
	Companies Act 1985 (c.6)
16	
	Insolvency Act 1985 (c.65)
17	
	Housing Act 1985 (c. 68)
18	(1) This paragraph amends the Housing Act 1985 as follows
	Housing Associations Act 1985 (c.69)
19	(1) This paragraph amends the Housing Associations Act 1985 as Part II — NORTHERN IRELAND
	Industrial and Provident Societies Act (Northern Ireland)1969 (c.24 N.I.)
20	In section 31(b) of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act
	Payment of Wages Act (Northern Ireland 1970
21	
	Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/1086 (N.I.12))
22	In Article 33 (security not to be deemed prior mortgage
	Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/156 (N.I.3))
23	(1) This paragraph amends the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981
	Property (Discharge of Mortgage by Receipt) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 (S.I. 1983/766 (N.I.9))
24	In Article 3(10) of the Property (Discharge of Mortgage by

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	Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 (S.1. 1983/1118 (N.1.15))
25	In Article 3(4) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1983,
	Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986
26	
SCHEDULE 19 — Repeals and Revocations Part I — REPEALS: GENERAL	
	Part II — REVOCATION EXTENDING TO GREAT BRITAIN PART III — REPEALS AND REVOCATIONS EXTENDING ONLY TO NORTHERN IRELAND
SCI	HEDULE 20 — Transitional and Saving Provisions
	Preliminary
1	In this Schedule— "the commencement date for" any provision of
	Adoption of powers and alteration of rules
2 3	
	Default powers
4	
	Registration with existing authorities
5	A building society which, at the commencement date for section
	Authorisation under existing enactments
6	(1) A building society which, at the commencement date for
	Anticipation of powers: declaratory provision
7	(1) It is hereby declared that every building society has
	Unlawful anticipation of powers
8	(1) Where a building society adopts any adoptable power under
	Penalty for breach of undertaking
9	If, in breach of the obligation assumed by virtue of
	Penalty for false declaration
10	If the statement in a declaration made for the purposes
	Powers of central office
11	(1) The central office, on receiving from a building society

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# Permissible securities for advances 12 (1) Until provision is made by an order under section... 13 Until provision is made by an order under section 12(3)... Existing business names 14 Any person who, at the commencement date for section 107,... Directors in office 15 (1) Except as provided in this paragraph, an existing director... Existing financial years 16 In the case of a building society established before 25th... Qualifying assets 17 For the purposes of the application of section 118 by... Provision of conveyancing services for building societies 18 SCHEDULE 21 — Provision of Conveyancing Services by Recognised Institutions and Practitioners Power of Lord Chancellor to make recognition rules (1) The Lord Chancellor may, in accordance with the provisions... Recognition of institutions 2 (1) Recognition rules may prescribe—(a) the circumstances in which... Grant and revocation of recognition 3 (1) Recognition rules may make provision—(a) for the manner... Recording of recognised status (1) Recognition rules may make provision—(a) for the keeping... Delegation of functions 5 (1) Recognition rules may make provision—(a) for enabling the... Supplementary provisions as to recognition rules (1) Recognition rules shall be made by statutory instrument subject... Restrictions on conveyancing by unqualified persons not to apply in case of recognised institutions (1) Section 22(1) of the Solicitors Act 1974 (restriction on...

Legal professional privilege

Any communication made to or by a recognised institution in...

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Modification of enactments relating to conveyancing

9 In the following provisions, namely—(a) sections 10(2), 48 and...

Penalty for pretending to be a recognised institution

10 (1) An institution shall not describe itself or hold itself...

Offences committed by bodies corporate and unincorporated associations

11 (1) Where an offence under paragraph 10 above which has...

Power of Lord Chancellor to make recognition rules in the case of sole practitioners

12 (1) The Lord Chancellor may, in accordance with the provisions...

Restrictions on conveyancing by unqualified persons not to apply to recognised practitioners in relation to acts done by their employees

13 Section 22(1) of the Solicitors Act 1974 shall not apply...

Penalty for pretending to be a recognised practitioner

14 (1) A person shall not describe himself or hold himself...

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