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## SCHEDULES

#### SCHEDULE 2

**EXCLUSIONS: OTHER COMPETITION SCRUTINY** 

### PART II

#### **COMPANIES**

The Companies Act 1989 (c. 40)

- 2 (1) The Companies Act 1989 is amended as follows.
  - (2) In Schedule 14, for paragraph 9 (exclusion of certain agreements from the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976), substitute—

# "The Competition Act 1998

- 9 (1) The Chapter I prohibition does not apply to an agreement for the constitution of a recognised supervisory or qualifying body to the extent to which it relates to—
  - (a) rules of, or guidance issued by, the body; and
  - (b) incidental matters connected with the rules or guidance.
  - (2) The Chapter I prohibition does not apply to an agreement the parties to which consist of or include—
    - (a) a recognised supervisory or qualifying body, or
    - (b) any person mentioned in paragraph 3(5) or (6) above, to the extent to which the agreement consists of provisions the inclusion of which in the agreement is required or contemplated by the rules or guidance of that body.
  - (3) The Chapter I prohibition does not apply to the practices mentioned in paragraph 3(4)(a) and (b) above.
  - (4) Where a recognition order is revoked, sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) above are to continue to apply for a period of six months beginning with the day on which the revocation takes effect, as if the order were still in force.
  - (5) In this paragraph—
    - (a) "the Chapter I prohibition" means the prohibition imposed by section 2(1) of the Competition Act 1998,
    - (b) references to an agreement are to be read as applying equally to, or in relation to, a decision or concerted practice,

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and expressions used in this paragraph which are also used in Part I of the Competition Act 1998 are to be interpreted in the same way as for the purposes of that Part of that Act.

(6) In the application of this paragraph to decisions and concerted practices, references to provisions of an agreement are to be read as references to elements of a decision or concerted practice."

The Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5))

- 3 (1) The Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 is amended as follows.
  - (2) In Schedule 14, for paragraph 9 (exclusion of certain agreements from the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976), substitute—

### "The Competition Act 1998

- 9 (1) The Chapter I prohibition does not apply to an agreement for the constitution of a recognised supervisory or qualifying body to the extent to which it relates to—
  - (a) rules of, or guidance issued by, the body; and
  - (b) incidental matters connected with the rules or guidance.
  - (2) The Chapter I prohibition does not apply to an agreement the parties to which consist of or include—
    - (a) a recognised supervisory or qualifying body, or
    - (b) any person mentioned in paragraph 3(5) or (6),

to the extent to which the agreement consists of provisions the inclusion of which in the agreement is required or contemplated by the rules or guidance of that body.

- (3) The Chapter I prohibition does not apply to the practices mentioned in paragraph 3(4)(a) and (b).
- (4) Where a recognition order is revoked, sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) are to continue to apply for a period of 6 months beginning with the day on which the revocation takes effect, as if the order were still in force.
- (5) In this paragraph—
  - (a) "the Chapter I prohibition" means the prohibition imposed by section 2(1) of the Competition Act 1998,
  - (b) references to an agreement are to be read as applying equally to, or in relation to, a decision or concerted practice,

and expressions used in this paragraph which are also used in Part I of the Competition Act 1998 are to be interpreted in the same way as for the purposes of that Part of that Act.

(6) In the application of this paragraph to decisions and concerted practices, references to provisions of an agreement are to be read as references to elements of a decision or concerted practice."