



Companies Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 46

PART 18

ACQUISITION BY LIMITED COMPANY OF ITS OWN SHARES

CHAPTER 4

PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES

Authority for off-market purchase

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- (1) [^{F1}Subject to section 693A,] A company may only make an off-market purchase of its own shares in pursuance of a contract approved prior to the purchase in accordance with this section.
- (2) Either—
 - (a) the terms of the contract must be authorised by a ^{F2}. . . resolution of the company before the contract is entered into, or
 - (b) the contract must provide that no shares may be purchased in pursuance of the contract until its terms have been authorised by a ^{F3}. . . resolution of the company.
- (3) The contract may be a contract, entered into by the company and relating to shares in the company, that does not amount to a contract to purchase the shares but under which the company may (subject to any conditions) become entitled or obliged to purchase the shares.
- (4) The authority conferred by a resolution under this section may be varied, revoked or from time to time renewed by a ^{F4}. . . resolution of the company.

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- (5) In the case of a public company a resolution conferring, varying or renewing authority must specify a date on which the authority is to expire, which must not be later than [^{F5}five years] after the date on which the resolution is passed.
- (6) A resolution conferring, varying, revoking or renewing authority under this section is subject to—
- section 695 (exercise of voting rights), and
 - section 696 (disclosure of details of contract).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 694(1) inserted (30.4.2013) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Amendment of Part 18\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/999\)](#), **reg. 8**
- F2** Word in s. 694(2)(a) omitted (30.4.2013) by virtue of [The Companies Act 2006 \(Amendment of Part 18\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/999\)](#), **reg. 5(a)**
- F3** Word in s. 694(2)(b) omitted (30.4.2013) by virtue of [The Companies Act 2006 \(Amendment of Part 18\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/999\)](#), **reg. 5(a)**
- F4** Word in s. 694(4) omitted (30.4.2013) by virtue of [The Companies Act 2006 \(Amendment of Part 18\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/999\)](#), **reg. 5(a)**
- F5** Words in s. 694(5) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies \(Share Capital and Acquisition by Company of its Own Shares\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2022\)](#), **reg. 4(1)**

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- Act amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 1989/638, Sch. 4 by [S.I. 2024/410 Sch. 2 para. 1](#)
- Act amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2008/373 reg. 11(1) by [S.I. 2013/1971 reg. 9\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Amending Regulations revoked (1.10.2013) without ever being in force by S.I. 2013/2224, reg. 2)
- Act amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2008/373 reg. 3(4) by [S.I. 2013/1971 reg. 4](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Amending Regulations revoked (1.10.2013) without ever being in force by S.I. 2013/2224, reg. 2)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 156A-156C inserted by [2015 c. 26 s. 87\(4\)](#)
- s. 156B(5) omitted by [2023 c. 56 Sch. 2 para. 26](#)
- s. 156C(2) words substituted by [2023 c. 56 s. 41\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 156C(2A) inserted by [2023 c. 56 s. 41\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 156C(3) substituted for s. 156C(3)-(5) by [2023 c. 56 Sch. 2 para. 27](#)
- s. 479A(2)(c)(zi) inserted by [S.I. 2019/177 reg. 4\(b\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 4 substituted by regs. 4, 4A immediately before IP completion day by S.I. 2019/1392, regs. 1(2), 4)
- s. 479B(a)(iii) amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I.2008/1991 reg.34 by [S.R. 2024/78 reg. 31\(4\)](#)
- s. 479B(a)(iii) amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I.2008/1991 reg.34A by [S.R. 2024/78 reg. 31\(5\)](#)
- s. 1047(4)(i)(j) inserted by [2023 c. 56 s. 21\(2\)](#)
- s. 1087(da) substituted by [2023 c. 56 s. 52\(2\)](#)
- s. 1087A-1807C applied by S.I. 2009/2436, Sch. 1 para. 20(1)(ca) (as substituted) by [S.I. 2024/410 Sch. 2 para. 5\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 1110E-110G applied by S.I. 2009/1804, reg. 60 (as amended) by [S.I. 2024/234 reg. 26](#)
- s. 11989A applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2009/1804, reg. 79A (as inserted) by [S.I. 2024/234 reg. 46](#)
- Sch. 10 para. 6(2D) inserted by [S.I. 2019/177 reg. 28\(e\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 28(e) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/523, regs. 1(2), 14(e)(iv))
- Sch. 10 para. 7(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/177 reg. 29\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 29 substituted immediately before IP completion day by S.I. 2020/523, regs. 1(2), 14(f))