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**1984 No. 1490 (C.32)**

**TRADE UNIONS**

**The Trade Union Act 1984 (Commencement) Order 1984**

*Made* - - - 17th September 1984

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 22(3) of the Trade Union Act 1984(a) (“the Act”), hereby makes the following Order:—

*Citation*

1. This Order may be cited as the Trade Union Act 1984 (Commencement) Order 1984.

*Appointed day*

2. Part I of the Act (secret ballots for trade union elections), except section 4 (register of members’ names and addresses), shall come into force on 1st October 1985.

*Tom King,*  
Secretary of State for Employment.

17th September 1984.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order brings into force on 1st October 1985 all the provisions in Part I of the Trade Union Act 1984 apart from section 4. Those provisions require every trade union to secure that the voting members of its principal executive committee are elected at least every five years by means of a secret ballot of the trade union's members.

Section 4, which requires every trade union to compile and thereafter maintain a register of the names and addresses of its members, has been in force since 26th July 1984 by virtue of section 22(2) of the Act. By virtue of section 4(1)(a) and this Order the register is required to be compiled by 1st October 1985.

Part II of the Act (secret ballots before industrial action) comes into force on 26th September 1984 by virtue of section 22(4) of the Act.

Part III of the Act (political funds and objects) comes into force on 31st March 1985 by virtue of section 22(5) of the Act.

Part IV of the Act (supplementary) came into force on the passing of the Act on 26th July 1984.

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