
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1993 No. 2135

The Edinburgh Assay Office (Amendment) Order 1993

Amendment of the Edinburgh Assay Office Order 1979

2. The Edinburgh Assay Office Order 1979(1) shall be amended as follows:
- (a) in article 2 (Interpretation), the following shall be inserted after the definition of “the appointed day”:

““the designated day” means the day of the next general meeting of the Incorporation which occurs after the expiry of the period of three months commencing with the date on which the Edinburgh Assay Office (Amendment) Order 1993 comes into force.”;
 - (b) in article 4 (Alteration of constitution):
 - (i) there shall be substituted for paragraph (1):

“(1) As from the designated day the Incorporation shall consist of a maximum of sixteen members, being persons appearing to have an interest in, or concern with, the continuance of the practice of hallmarking in Scotland; and in the appointment of members regard shall be had to the need for securing that they shall include persons appearing to be suitably qualified as follows:—”;
 - (ii) there shall be substituted for paragraph (1)(a):

“(a) one or more persons (but not more than seven) by virtue of their engagement wholly or mainly in the manufacture of, or trading in, articles of precious metal ; and”;
 - (iii) in paragraph (2), for “the appointed day” there shall be substituted “the designated day”;
 - (iv) there shall be substituted for paragraph (3):

“(3) The members first appointed under paragraph (2) of this article shall be appointed as respects—

 - (a) four, until the end of the annual meeting of the Incorporation held in 1993;
 - (b) four, until the end of the annual meeting held in 1994;
 - (c) four, until the end of the annual meeting held in 1995; and
 - (d) four, until the end of the annual meeting held in 1996.”;
 - (c) in article 6 (Deacon), paragraph (3) shall be deleted;
 - (d) in article 8 (Court of Wardens), the following shall be substituted for paragraph (1)(a):

“On the designated day and thereafter in annual meetings, the members shall appoint as wardens to the Committee of the Incorporation known as “the Court of Wardens” four or such greater number of persons as the members may from time to time determine as requisite for the efficient discharge of the work of the office: Provided that not more than two of the wardens (or one warden, in the event of the Deacon being a person engaged wholly or mainly in the manufacture of, or

trading in, articles of precious metals) may be a person or persons engaged wholly or mainly in the manufacture of, or trading in, articles of precious metals and not more than one of the other wardens so appointed shall be a person who is not a member.”;

(e) after article 22 there shall be inserted the following article:

“Disposal of surplus monies.

23. The Incorporation shall, having made adequate financial provision for the discharge of its powers, functions and duties set out or referred to in article 3 above, including provision for payment or providing for payment of the ordinary expenses, debts and liabilities of the Assay Office, have the power to apply the remaining income or capital of the Incorporation to establish and maintain or procure the establishment and maintenance of an organisation which is a recognised charity, whether connected or identified with the practice of hallmarking or not.”.