

## SCHEDULE 3

### Amendments to the Companies Act 2006

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### Amendments to Chapters 2 to 4 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006

- 13.**—(1) Section 495 (auditor's report on company's annual accounts) <sup>M1</sup>is amended as follows.
- (2) For subsection (2) substitute—
- “(2) The auditor's report must include—
- (a) the identity of the company whose annual accounts are the subject of the audit,
  - (b) a description of the annual accounts that are the subject of the audit (including the period covered by those accounts),
  - (c) a description of the financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of those accounts, and
  - (d) a description of the scope of the audit identifying the auditing standards in accordance with which the audit was conducted.”
- (3) For subsection (4) substitute—
- “(4) The auditor's report—
- (a) must be either unqualified or qualified,
  - (b) must include a reference to any matters to which the auditor wishes to draw attention by way of emphasis without qualifying the report,
  - (c) must include a statement on any material uncertainty relating to events that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting, and
  - (d) must identify the auditor's place of establishment.”.

(4) After subsection (4) insert—

“(5) Where more than one person is appointed as an auditor—

    - (a) all the persons appointed must jointly make a report under this section and the report must include a statement as to whether all the persons appointed agree on the matters contained in the report, and
    - (b) if all the persons appointed cannot agree on the matters contained in the report, the report must include the opinions of each person appointed and give reasons for the disagreement.”.

#### Marginal Citations

**M1** Section 495 was amended by [S.I. 2013/3008](#).

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Statutory Auditors and Third Country Auditors Regulations 2016, Paragraph 13.