

SCHEDULE 7

PROHIBITED CONDUCT STANDARD CONTRACTS

Probation period

- 3 (1) The probation period, in relation to an occupation contract which is a periodic standard contract because of an order under section 116, is—
- (a) the period of 12 months starting with the occupation date of the contract (see section 116(2)(b)), or
 - (b) if there is an extension under paragraph 4, the period of 18 months starting with the occupation date of the contract.
- (2) If the landlord gives the contract-holder notice that the probation period will end before the time at which it would end under sub-paragraph (1), the period ends on the date specified in the notice.
- (3) If under paragraph 7 the court orders that the probation period will end before the time at which it would end under sub-paragraph (1), the period ends on the date specified in the order.
- (4) If sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) both apply, the period ends on the earlier of the date specified in the notice and the date specified in the order.
- (5) Sub-paragraph (6) applies instead of sub-paragraphs (1) to (4) if, at what would be the end of probation period under those sub-paragraphs—
- (a) a possession claim made by the landlord in respect of the dwelling has not been concluded, or
 - (b) the landlord has given the contract-holder a possession notice or a notice under section 173 (landlord's notice to end contract), and the period before the end of which the landlord may make a possession claim has not ended.
- (6) Where this sub-paragraph applies, the probation period is the period starting with the occupation date of the contract and ending—
- (a) when a relevant event occurs, or
 - (b) if no relevant event occurs, immediately after the contract ends.
- (7) In a case within sub-paragraph (5)(a) the relevant event is the conclusion of the possession claim in favour of the contract-holder.
- (8) In a case within sub-paragraph (5)(b) each of the following is a relevant event—
- (a) withdrawal of the notice;
 - (b) the period ending without a possession claim having been made;
 - (c) conclusion in favour of the contract-holder of a possession claim made in reliance on the notice.
- (9) If a private landlord other than a registered charity becomes the landlord under the contract before the time at which the probation period would end apart from this sub-paragraph, the probation period ends.