

# Insurance Companies Act 1982 F1 (repealed)

# **CHAPTER 50**

# INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982 (REPEALED)

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- Each director, controller, manager or main agent of the insurance...
- In the case of a non-EC company whose head office...

Direction and management of the insurance company

The insurance company is directed and managed by a sufficient...

Business to be conducted in a sound and prudent manner

- The insurance company conducts its business in a sound and...
- 6 (1) The insurance company shall not be regarded as conducting...
- The insurance company shall not be regarded as conducting its...
- The insurance company shall not be regarded as conducting its...
- The insurance company shall not be regarded as conducting its...

# SCHEDULE 2B] — RESTRICTION ON DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION PART I — INFORMATION RELATING TO UK, EC AND NON-EC **COMPANIES**

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Disclosure for facilitating discharge of functions by Secretary of State

Paragraph 1 above does not preclude the disclosure of information...

Disclosure for facilitating discharge of functions by other regulatory authorities

(1) Paragraph 1 above does not preclude the disclosure by...

# Other permitted disclosures

(1) Paragraph 1 above does not preclude the disclosure of...

*Information supplied by a supervisory authority* 

(1) Paragraph 1 above applies also to information which— PART II — INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER PERSONS

## Restriction on disclosure

(1) Subject to paragraph 7 below, no information which—

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#### Permitted disclosures

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Rights of policy holders

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6 (1) Where it is proposed to execute an instrument by...

Procedure with respect to applications

7 (1) The Treasury shall not determine an application made under...

Determination of applications

8 (1) Where the transferor is a UK or non-EC company...

Rights of policy holders

9 (1) This paragraph applies where the Treasuryapprove an application made...

Effect of approval of Secretary of State

10 (1) Subject to paragraph 9(2) above, an instrument giving effect...

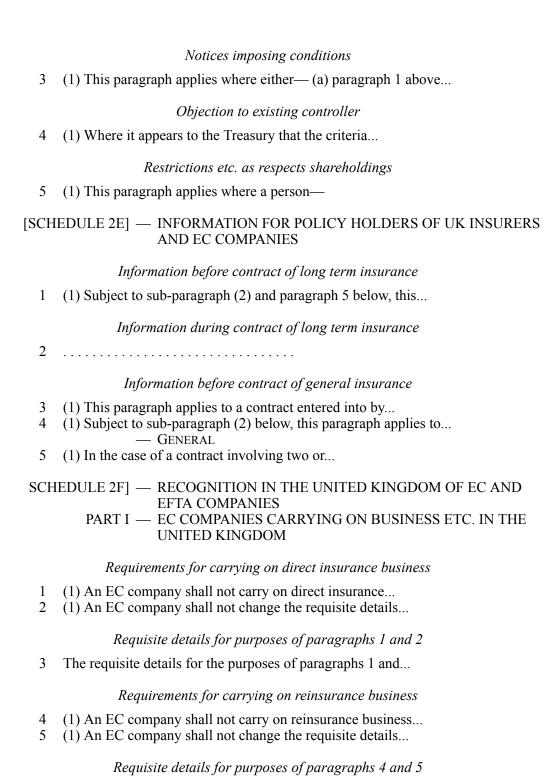
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2 (1) This paragraph applies where—(a) a UK company appoints...



Power of Secretary of State where notice given under paragraph 4 or 5

7 (1) This paragraph applies where the Treasuryreceive from an EC...

The requisite details for the purposes of paragraphs 4 and...

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# Requirements for providing insurance

- 8 (1) An EC company shall not provide insurance of a...
- 9 (1) An EC company shall not change the requisite details...

Requisite details for purposes of paragraphs 8 and 9

10 The requisite details for the purposes of paragraph 8 and...

Additional requirements for covering relevant motor vehicle risks

11 An EC company shall not provide insurance in the United...

Power to prevent disposal of assets

12 (1) The powers conferred on the Treasury by section 40A...

Powers to obtain information

- 13 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, the powers conferred by...
- 14 (1) The powers conferred by section 44 above on the...
- 14A Paragraphs 13 and 14 above shall apply in relation to...

Residual power to protect policy holders

15 The Treasury may exercise their powers under section 45 above...

Powers of intervention

16 (1) Where it appears to the Treasury that an EC...

Power to withdraw recognition

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19 An EFTA company shall not provide insurance in the United...

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20 (1) Where it appears to the Treasury that an EFTA...

Power to require information

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- (1) Where, in the case of an EC company which...

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Requirements for carrying on direct insurance business

- (1) A UK insurer shall not carry on direct insurance...
- (1) A UK insurer shall not change the requisite EC...
- (1) A UK company shall not change the requisite UK...

Requisite details for purposes of paragraphs 1 to 3

(1) The requisite EC details for the purposes of paragraphs...

# Requirements for providing insurance

- (1) A UK insurer shall not provide insurance of any...
- (1) A UK insurer shall not change the requisite details...

Requisite details for purposes of paragraphs 5 and 6

The requisite details for the purposes of paragraphs 5 and...

Requirement to notify cessation of insurance business etc.

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## Notification to Secretary of State

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3	
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Postponement of coming into force of section 36 above

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10	A deposit made under regulation 6 of the Insurance Companies
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13 14	
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17 18	Section 17(2)(a) of the Interpretation Act 1978 shall not apply
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9 10	
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	The Consumer Credit Act 1974
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– S.I. 2003/708 art. 2 commences (2001 c. 16)