
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1986 No. 1032

The Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (revoked)

PART XXIII

COMPANIES INCORPORATED OUTSIDE NORTHERN IRELAND CARRYING ON BUSINESS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

F1 Order repealed (prosp.) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1284(2), 1295, 1300(2), [Sch. 16](#) and the repeal being partly in force, as to which see individual Articles (with savings (with adaptations) by Companies Act 2006 (Commencement No. 6, Saving and Commencement Nos. 3 and 5 (Amendment)) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/674), arts. 2(3), {4}, Sch. 2) and subject to amendments (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments etc\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/948\)](#), arts. 2(2), 3(1)(b)(2), [Sch. 1 paras. 135, 147, 148](#) {Sch. 2 Note 1} (with arts. 6, 11, 12) and subject to amendments (6.4.2008) by [S.R. 2008/133](#), {regs. 2, 3}

CHAPTER I

REGISTRATION, ETC.

Application of this Part

640.—(1) This Part applies to—

- (a) a company incorporated outside Northern Ireland which after the commencement of this Order, establishes a place of business in Northern Ireland, and
- (b) a company so incorporated which has, before the commencement of this Order, established a place of business in Northern Ireland and continues to have an established place of business in Northern Ireland at the commencement of this Order.

(2) A company to which this Part applies is in this Order referred to as a “Part XXIII company”.

[^{F1} Branch registration under the Eleventh Company Law Directive (89/666/EEC)

640A.—(1) This Article applies to any limited company which—

- (a) is incorporated outside the United Kingdom and Gibraltar, and
- (b) has a branch in Northern Ireland.

(2) Schedule 20A (branch registration under the Eleventh Company Law Directive (89/666/EEC) shall have effect in relation to any company to which this Article applies.]

F1 SR 1993/198

[^{F2} Scope of Articles 641 and 642

640B. Article 641 and 642 shall not apply to any limited company which—

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- (a) is incorporated outside the United Kingdom and Gibraltar, and
- (b) has a branch in the United Kingdom.]

F2 SR 1993/198

Documents to be delivered to registrar

641.—(1) When a company incorporated outside Northern Ireland establishes a place of business in Northern Ireland, it shall within one month of doing so deliver to the registrar for registration—

- (a) a certified copy of the charter, statutes or memorandum and articles of the company or other instrument constituting or defining the company's constitution, and, if the instrument is not written in the English language, a certified translation of it; and
- (b) a return in the prescribed form containing—
 - (i) a list of the company's directors and secretary, containing the particulars specified in paragraph (2),
 - (ii) a list of the names and addresses of some one or more persons resident in Northern Ireland authorised to accept on the company's behalf service of process and any notices required to be served on it,
 - (iii) a list of the documents delivered in compliance with sub-paragraph (a), and
 - (iv) [^{F3}subject to paragraph (3A),] a statutory declaration (made by a director or secretary of the company or by any person whose name and address are given in the list required by head (ii)), stating the date on which the company's place of business in Northern Ireland was established.

[^{F4}(2) The list referred to in paragraph (1)(b)(i) shall contain the following particulars with respect to each director—

- (a) in the case of an individual—
 - (i) his name,
 - (ii) any former name,
 - (iii) his usual residential address,
 - (iv) his nationality,
 - (v) his business occupation (if any),
 - (vi) if he has no business occupation but holds other directorships, particulars of them, and
 - (vii) his date of birth;
- (b) in the case of a corporation or Scottish firm, its corporate or firm name and registered or principal office.

(3) The list referred to in paragraph (1)(b)(i) shall contain the following particulars with respect to the secretary (or, where there are joint secretaries, with respect to each of them)—

- (a) in the case of an individual, his name, any former name and his usual residential address;
- (b) in the case of a corporation or Scottish firm, its corporate or firm name and registered or principal office.

Where all the partners in a firm are joint secretaries of the company, the name and principal office of the firm may be stated instead of the particulars required by sub-paragraph (a).

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^{F3}(3A) In place of the statutory declaration referred to in head (iv) of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1), there may be delivered to the registrar using electronic communications a statement made by any person by whom the declaration could have been made stating the date on which the company's place of business in Northern Ireland was established.]

(4) In paragraphs (2)(a) and (3)(a)—

- (a) “name” means a person's Christian name (or other forename) and surname, except that in case of a peer, or an individual usually known by a title, the title may be stated instead of his Christian name (or other forename) and surname, or in addition to either or both of them; and
- (b) the reference to a former name does not include—
 - (i) in the case of a peer, or an individual normally known by a British title, the name by which he was known previous to the adoption of or succession to the title, or
 - (ii) in the case of any person, a former name which was changed or disused before he attained the age of 18 years or which has been changed or disused for 20 years or more, or
 - (iii) in the case of a married woman, the name by which she was known previous to the marriage.

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^{F3}(5) Any person who makes a false statement under paragraph (3A) which he knows to be false or does not believe to be true is liable to imprisonment or a fine, or both.]]

F3	SR 2003/3
F4	1990 NI 10

Registration of altered particulars

642.—(1) If any alteration is made in—

- (a) the charter, statutes, or memorandum and articles of a Part XXIII company or any such instrument as is mentioned in Article 641, or
- (b) the directors or secretary of a Part XXIII company or the particulars contained in the list of the directors and secretary, or
- (c) the names or addresses of the persons authorised to accept service on behalf of a Part XXIII company,

the company shall, within the time specified in paragraph (3), deliver to the registrar for registration a return containing the prescribed particulars of the alteration.

(2) If any change is made in the corporate name of a Part XXIII company, the company shall within the time specified in paragraph (3) deliver to the registrar for registration a return containing the prescribed particulars of the change.

(3) The time for delivery of the returns required by paragraphs (1) and (2) is—

- (a) in the case of an alteration to which paragraph (1)(c) applies, 21 days after the making of the alteration, and
- (b) otherwise, 21 days after the date on which notice of the alteration or change in question could have been received in Northern Ireland in due course of post (if despatched with due diligence).

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^{F5}Change in registration regime

642A.—(1) Where a company ceases to be a company to which Article 640A applies and, immediately after ceasing to be such a company—

- (a) continues to have in Northern Ireland a place of business which it had immediately before ceasing to be such a company, and
- (b) does not have a branch in Great Britain,

it shall be treated for the purposes of Article 641 as having established the place of business on the date when it ceased to be a company to which Article 640A applies.

(2) Where a limited company incorporated outside the United Kingdom and Gibraltar—

- (a) ceases to have a branch in Great Britain, and
- (b) both immediately before and immediately after ceasing to do so, has a place of business, but not a branch, in Northern Ireland,

it shall be treated for the purposes of Article 641 as having established the place of business on the date when it ceased to have a branch in Great Britain.

(3) Schedule 20B (transitional provisions in relation to change in registration regime) shall have effect.]

F5 SR 1993/198

Obligation to state name and other particulars

643.—(1 ^{F6} Every Part XXIII company shall—
Sub#para. (a) rep. by 1986 c. 60

- (b) conspicuously exhibit on every place where it carries on business in Northern Ireland the company's name and the country in which it is incorporated.
- (c) cause the company's name and the country in which it is incorporated to be stated in legible characters in all bill-heads and letter paper, and in all notices and other official publications of the company,
- (d) if the liability of the members of the company is limited, cause notice of that fact to be stated in legible characters^{F7}. . . in all bill-heads, letter paper, notices and other official publications of the company in Northern Ireland, and to be affixed on every place where it carries on its business.

(2) Paragraph (1)(b) and (c) does not apply to a company incorporated in Great Britain.

^{F8}(3 ^{F6} Every company to which Article 640A applies shall, in the case of each branch of the company registered under paragraph 1 of Schedule 20A, cause the following particulars to be stated in legible characters in all letter paper and order forms used in carrying on the business of the branch—

- (a) the place of registration of the branch, and
- (b) the registered number of the branch.

(4 ^{F6} Every company to which Article 640A applies, which is not incorporated in a Member State and which is required by the law of the country in which it is incorporated to be registered under paragraph 1 of Schedule 20A, cause the following particulars to be stated in legible characters in all letter paper and order forms used in carrying on the business of the branch—

- (a) the identity of the registry in which the company is registered in its country of incorporation, and

(b) the number with which it is registered.

(5)^{F6} Every company to which Article 640A applies and which is not incorporated in a Member State shall, in the case of each branch of the company registered under paragraph 1 of Schedule 20A, cause the following particulars to be stated in legible character in all letter paper and order forms used in carrying on the business of the branch—

- (a) the legal form of the company,
- (b) the location of its head office,
- (c) if applicable, the fact that it is being wound up.]

F6	mod. by SR 2004/307
F7	1986 c. 60
F8	SR 1993/198

Regulation of Part XXIII companies in respect of their names

644.—(1) If it appears to the Department that the corporate name of a Part XXIII company is a name by which the company, had it been formed under this Order, would on the relevant date^{F9} (determined in accordance with paragraphs (3A) and (3B)) have been precluded from being registered by Article 36 either—

- (a) because it falls within paragraph (1) of that Article, or
- (b) if it falls within paragraph (2) of that Article, because the Department would not approve the company's being registered by that name,

the Department may serve a notice on the company, stating why the name would not have been registered.

(2) If the corporate name of a Part XXIII company is in the Department's opinion too like a name appearing on the relevant date in the index of names kept by the registrar under Article 663 or which should have appeared in that index on that date, or is the same as a name which should have so appeared, the Department may serve a notice on the company specifying the name in the index which the company's name is too like or which is the same as the company's name.

(3) No notice shall be served on a company under paragraph (1) or (2) later than 12 months after the relevant date,^{F9} . . .

[^{F9}(3A) For the purposes of paragraphs (1) to (3), the relevant date, in relation to a company, is the date on which it has complied with paragraph 1 of Schedule 20A or Article 641(1) or, if there is more than one such date, the first date on which it has complied with either of those provisions since becoming a Part XXIII company.

(3B) But where the company's corporate name has changed since the date ascertained in accordance with paragraph (3A), the relevant date is the date on which the company has, in respect of the change or, if more than one, the latest change, complied with paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 20A or Article 642(2), as the case may be.]

(4) A Part XXIII company on which a notice is served under paragraph (1) or (2)—

- (a) may deliver to the registrar for registration a statement in the prescribed form specifying a name approved by the Department other than its corporate name under which it proposes to carry on business in Northern Ireland, and
- (b) may, after that name has been registered, at any time deliver to the registrar for registration a statement in the prescribed form specifying a name approved by the Department (other than its corporate name) in substitution for the name previously registered.

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(5) The name by which a Part XXIII company is for the time being registered under paragraph (4) is, for all purposes of the law applying in Northern Ireland (including this Order and the Business (Northern Ireland) Order 1986), deemed to be the company's corporate name; but—

- (a) this does not affect references to the corporate name in this Article, or any rights or obligations of the company, or render defective any legal proceedings by or against the company, and
- (b) any legal proceedings that might have been continued or commenced against the company by its corporate name or its name previously registered under this Article may be continued or commenced against it by its name for the time being so registered.

(6) A Part XXIII company on which a notice is served under paragraph (1) or (2) shall not at any time after the expiration of 2 months from the service of that notice (or such longer period as may be specified in that notice) carry on business in Northern Ireland under its corporate name. Nothing in this paragraph, or in Article 647(2) (which imposes penalties for its contravention) invalidates any transaction entered into by the company.

(7) The Department may withdraw a notice served under paragraph (1) or (2) at any time before the end of the period mentioned in paragraph (6); and that paragraph does not apply to a company served with a notice which has been withdrawn.

F9 SR 1993/198

Service of documents: companies to which Article 640A applies

644A.—(1) This Article applies to any company to which Article 640A applies.

(2) Any process or notice required to be served on a company to which this Article applies in respect of the carrying on of the business of a branch registered by it under paragraph 1 of Schedule 20A is sufficiently served if—

- (a) addressed to any person whose name has, in respect of the branch, been delivered to the registrar as a person falling within paragraph 3(e) of that Schedule, and
 - (b) left at or sent by post to the address for that person which has been so delivered.
- (3) Where—
- (a) a company to which this Article applies makes default, in respect of a branch, in delivering to the registrar the particulars mentioned in paragraph 3(e) of Schedule 20A, or
 - (b) all the persons whose names have, in respect of a branch, been delivered to the registrar under paragraph 1 of that Schedule as persons falling within paragraph 3(e) are dead or have ceased to reside in Northern Ireland, or refuse to accept service on the company's behalf, or for any reason cannot be served,

a document may be served on the company in respect of the carrying on of the business of the branch by leaving it at, or sending it by post to, any place of business established by the company in Northern Ireland.

(4) Where a company to which this Article applies has more than one branch in Northern Ireland, any notice or process required to be served on the company which is not required to be served in respect of the carrying on of the business of one branch rather than another shall be treated for the purposes of this Article as required to be served in respect of the carrying on of the business of each of its branches.

Service of documents on a Part XXIII company

645.—(1) Any process or notice required to be served on a Part XXIII company^[F10] to which Article 641 applies] is sufficiently served if addressed to any person whose name has been delivered to the registrar under the foregoing provisions of this Part and left at or sent by post to the address which has been so delivered.

(2) However—

- (a) where such a company makes default in delivering to the registrar the name and address of a person resident in Northern Ireland who is authorised to accept on behalf of the company service of process or notices, or
- (b) if at any time all the persons whose names and addresses have been so delivered are dead or have ceased so to reside, or refuse to accept service on the company's behalf, or for any reason cannot be served,

a document may be served on the company by leaving it at, or sending it by post to, any place of business established by the company in Northern Ireland.

F10 SR 1993/198

Documents to be filed on cessation of business: companies to which Article 640A applies

645A. If a company to which Article 640A applies closes a branch in Northern Ireland, it shall forthwith give notice of that fact to the registrar; and from the date on which notice is so given it is no longer obliged to deliver documents to the registrar in respect of that branch.

Documents to be filed on cessation of business

646. If a Part XXIII company^[F11] to which Article 641 applies] ceases to have a place of business in Northern Ireland, it shall forthwith give notice of that fact to the registrar; and as from the date on which notice is so given the obligation of the company to deliver any document to the registrar ceases.

F11 SR 1993/198

Penalties for non-compliance

647.—(1) If a Part XXIII company fails to comply with any of Articles 641 to 643 and 646 the company, and every officer or agent of the company who knowingly and wilfully authorises or permits the default, is liable to a fine and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a daily default fine for continued contravention.

(2) If a Part XXIII company contravenes Article 644(6), the company and every officer or agent of it who knowingly and wilfully authorises or permits the contravention is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine and, for continued contravention, to a daily default fine.

^[F12](3) If a Part XXIII company fails to comply with Article 645A or Schedule 20A, the company and every officer or agent of the company who knowingly and wilfully authorises or permits the default is liable to a fine, and in the case of a continuing offence, to a daily default fine for continued contravention.]

F12 SR 1993/198

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Interpretation ^{F13} . . .

648.—^{F13}(1) For the purposes of this Chapter—

- “certified” means certified in the prescribed manner to be a true copy or a correct translation;
- “director”, in relation to a Part XXIII company, includes a shadow director; and
- “secretary” includes any person occupying the position of secretary by whatever name called.

^{F13}(2) For the purposes of this Part (except Article 648A and Schedule 20C):

- (a) where a branch comprises places of business in more than one part of the United Kingdom the branch shall be treated as being situated in that part of the United Kingdom where its principal place of business is situated; and
- (b) “branch” means a branch within the meaning of the Council Directive concerning disclosure requirements in respect of branches opened in a Member State by certain types of company governed by the law of another State (the Eleventh Company Law Directive, [89/666/EEC](#)).]

F13 SR 1993/198

^{F14}CHAPTER II]

^{F14}DELIVERY OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS]

F14 1990 NI 5

^{F15}*Credit and financial institutions to which the Bank Branches Directive (89/117/EEC) applies*

648A.—(1) This Article applies to any credit or financial institution—

- (a) which is incorporated or otherwise formed outside the United Kingdom and Gibraltar,
- (b) whose head office is outside the United Kingdom and Gibraltar, and
- (c) which has a branch in Northern Ireland.

(2) Schedule 20C (delivery of accounts and reports) shall have effect in relation to any institution to which this Article applies.

(3) In this Article—

“branch,” in relation to a credit or financial institution, means a place of business which forms a legally dependent part of the institution and which conducts directly all or some of the operations inherent in its business;

“credit institution” means a credit institution as defined in Article 1 of the First Council Directive on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions ([77/780/EEC](#)), that is to say an undertaking whose business is to receive deposits or other repayable funds from the public and to grant credits for its own account;

“financial institution” means a financial institution within the meaning of Article 1 of the Council Directive on the obligations of branches established in a Member State of credit and financial institutions having their head offices outside that Member State regarding the publication of annual accounting documents (the Bank Branches Directive, [89/117/EEC](#)); and

“undertaking” has the same meaning as in Part VIII.]

F15 SR 1993/198, reg. 2(1)

[^{F16}Companies to which the Eleventh Company Law Directive applies

648AA.—(1) This Article applies to any limited company which—

- (a) is incorporated outside the United Kingdom and Gibraltar,
- (b) has a branch in Northern Ireland, and
- (c) is not an institution to which Article 648A applies.

(2) Schedule 20D (delivery of accounts and reports) shall have effect in relation to any company to which this Article applies.]

F16 SR 1993/198, reg. 15

[^{F17}Scope of Articles 649 to 652

648B. Articles 649 to 652 shall not apply to any institution to which Article 648A applies^{F18} or to any limited company which is incorporated outside the United Kingdom and Gibraltar and has a branch in the United Kingdom].]

F17 SR 1993/198, reg. 2(1)

F18 SR 1993/198

Preparation of accounts and reports by Part XXIII companies

649.—(1) Every Part XXIII company shall in respect in each financial year of the company prepare the like accounts and directors' report, and cause to be prepared such an auditors' report, as would be required if the company were formed and registered under this Order.

(2) The Department may by order—

- (a) modify the requirements referred to in paragraph (1) for the purpose of their application to Part XXIII companies;
- (b) exempt a Part XXIII company from those requirements or from such of them as may be specified in the order.

(3) An order may contain such incidental and supplementary provisions as the Department thinks fit.

(4) An order under this Article shall be subject to negative resolution.

Part XXIII company's financial year and accounting reference periods

650.—(1) Articles 231 to 233 (financial year and accounting reference periods) apply to a Part XXIII company, subject to the following modifications.

(2) For the references to the incorporation of the company substitute references to the company establishing a place of business in Northern Ireland.

(3) Omit Article 233(4) (restriction on frequency with which current accounting reference period may be extended).

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Delivery to registrar of accounts and reports of Part XXIII company

651.—(1) A Part XXIII company shall in respect of each financial year of the company deliver to the registrar copies of the accounts and reports prepared in accordance with Article 649. If any document comprised in those accounts or reports is in a language other than English, the directors shall annex to the copy delivered a translation of it into English, certified in the prescribed manner to be a correct translation.

(2) In relation to a Part XXIII company the period allowed for delivering accounts and reports is 13 months after the end of the relevant accounting reference period. This is subject to the following provisions of this Article.

(3) If the relevant accounting reference period is the company's first and is a period of more than 12 months, the period allowed is 13 months from the first anniversary of the company's establishing a place of business in Northern Ireland.

(4) If the relevant accounting period is treated as shortened by virtue of a notice given by the company under Article 233 (alteration of accounting reference date), the period allowed is that applicable in accordance with the above provisions or 3 months from the date of the notice under that Article, whichever last expires.

(5) If for any special reason the Department thinks fit it may, on an application made before the expiry of the period otherwise allowed, by notice in writing to a Part XXIII company extend that period by such further period as may be specified in the notice.

(6) In this Article “the relevant accounting reference period” means the accounting reference period by reference to which the financial year for the accounts in question was determined.

Penalty for non-compliance

652.—(1) If the requirements of Article 651(1) are complied with before the end of the period allowed for delivering accounts and reports, or if the accounts and reports delivered do not comply with the requirements of this Order, the company and every person who immediately before the end of that period was a director of the company is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine and, for continued contravention, to a daily default fine.

(2) It is defence for a person charged with such an offence to prove that he took all reasonable steps for securing that the requirements in question would be complied with.

(3) It is not a defence in relation to a failure to deliver copies to the registrar to prove that the documents in question were not in fact prepared as required by this Order.

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F19 prosp. insertion by 1990 NI 10

CHAPTER III

REGISTRATION OF CHARGES

{prosp insertion of arts. 652A-652M by 1990 NI 10}

652A-652M^{F20}

F20 prosp insertion of Chpt. III (arts. 652A-652M) by 1990 NI 10, arts. 28(b), 41, Sch. 1

[^{F21}CHAPTER IV]
[^{F21}WINDING UP, ETC.]

F21 SR 1993/198

[^{F22}Scope of Chapter

652N. This Chapter applies to any company to which Article 640A applies.]

F22 SR 1993/198

[^{F23}Particulars to be delivered to the registrar: winding up

652O.—(1) Subject to paragraph (8), where a company to which this Chapter applies is being wound up, it shall deliver to the registrar for registration a return in the prescribed form containing the following particulars—

- (a) the name of the company;
- (b) whether the company is being wound up by an order of a court and, if so, the name and address of the court and the date of the order;
- (c) if the company is not being so wound up, as a result of what action the winding up has commenced;
- (d) whether the winding up has been instigated by:
 - (i) the company's members;
 - (ii) the company's creditors; or
 - (iii) some other person or persons,and, in the case of (iii) the identity of that person or those persons shall be given; and
- (e) the date on which the winding up became or will become effective.

(2) The period allowed for delivery of a return under paragraph (1) is 14 days from the date on which the winding up begins.

(3) Subject to paragraph (8), a person appointed to be the liquidator of a company to which this Chapter applies shall deliver to the registrar for registration a return in the prescribed form containing the following particulars—

- (a) his name and address,
- (b) the date of his appointment, and
- (c) a description of such of his powers, if any, as are derived otherwise than from the general law of the company's constitution.

(4) The period allowed for delivery of a return under paragraph (3) is 14 days from the date of the liquidator's appointment.

(5) Subject to paragraph (8), the liquidator of a company to which this Chapter applies shall deliver to the registrar for registration a return in the prescribed form upon the occurrence of the following events—

- (a) the termination of the winding up of the company, and
- (b) the company ceasing to be registered, in circumstances where ceasing to be registered is an event of legal significance.

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The following particulars shall be given:

- (i) in the case of (a), the name of the company and the date on which the winding up terminated; and
- (ii) in the case of (b), the name of the company and the date on which the company ceased to be registered.

(6) The period allowed for delivery of a return under paragraph (5) is 14 days from the date of the event concerned.

(7) The obligation to deliver a return under paragraph (1), (3) or (5) shall apply in respect of each branch which the company has in Northern Ireland (though where the company has more than one branch in Northern Ireland a return which gives the branch numbers of two or more such branches is to be regarded as a return in respect of each branch whose number is given).

(8) No return is required under paragraph (1), (3) or (5) in respect of a winding up under Part VI of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989.]

F23 SR 1993/198

[^{F24}Particulars to be delivered to the registrar: insolvency proceedings etc.

652P.—(1) Where a company to which this Chapter applies becomes subject to any of the following proceedings (other than proceedings for the winding up of the company), that is to say, insolvency proceedings or an arrangement or composition or any analogous proceedings, it shall deliver to the registrar for registration a return in the prescribed form containing the following particulars—

- (a) the name of the company;
- (b) whether the proceedings are by order of a court and, if so, the name and address of the court and the date of the order;
- (c) if the proceedings are not by order of a court, as a result of what action the proceedings have been commenced;
- (d) whether the proceedings have been instigated by:
 - (i) the company's members;
 - (ii) the company's creditors; or
 - (iii) some other person or persons,
 and, in the case of (iii) the identity of that person or those persons shall be given; and
- (e) the date on which the proceedings became or will become effective.

(2) Where a company to which this Chapter applies ceases to be subject to any of the proceedings mentioned in paragraph (1) it shall deliver to the registrar for registration a return in the prescribed form containing the following particulars:

- (a) the name of the company; and
- (b) the date on which it ceased to be subject to the proceedings.

(3) The period allowed for delivery of a return under sub-paragraph (1) or (2) is 14 days from the date on which the company becomes subject to the proceedings concerned.

(4) The obligation to deliver a return under this Article shall apply in respect of each branch which the company has in Northern Ireland (though where the company has more than one branch in Northern Ireland a return which gives the branch number of two or more such branches is to be regarded as a return in respect of each branch whose number is given).]

F24 SR 1993/198

^{F25}Penalty for non-compliance

652Q.—(1) If a company fails to comply with Article 652O(1) or 652P(1) or (2) within the period allowed for compliance, it, and every person who immediately before the end of that period was a director of it, is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine and, for continued contravention, to a daily default fine.

(2) If a liquidator fails to comply with Article 652O(3) or (5) within the period allowed for compliance, he is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine and, for continued contravention, to a daily default fine.

(3) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under this Article to prove that he took all reasonable steps for securing compliance with the requirements concerned.]

F25 SR 1993/198

Status:

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Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (revoked), PART XXIII.