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## SCHEDULES

### [<sup>F1</sup>SCHEDULE B1

#### ADMINISTRATION

**F1** Sch. B1 inserted (27.3.2006) by Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/1455 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 3(2), Sch. 1 (with art. 4); S.R. 2006/21, art. 2 (with S.R. 2006/22, arts. 2-7)

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

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#### NATURE OF ADMINISTRATION

##### *Administration*

**2.—**(1) For the purposes of this Order “administrator” of a company means a person appointed under this Schedule to manage the company's affairs, business and property.

(2) For the purposes of this Order—

- (a) a company is “in administration” while the appointment of an administrator of the company has effect,
- (b) a company “enters administration” when the appointment of an administrator takes effect,
- (c) a company ceases to be in administration when the appointment of an administrator of the company ceases to have effect in accordance with this Schedule, and
- (d) a company does not cease to be in administration merely because an administrator vacates office (by reason of resignation, death or otherwise) or is removed from office.

**3.** A person may be appointed as administrator of a company—

- (a) by administration order of the High Court under paragraph 11,
- (b) by the holder of a floating charge under paragraph 15, or
- (c) by the company or its directors under paragraph 23.

##### *Purpose of administration*

**4.—**(1) The administrator of a company must perform his functions with the objective of—

- (a) rescuing the company as a going concern, or
- (b) achieving a better result for the company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the company were wound up (without first being in administration), or
- (c) realising property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), the administrator of a company must perform his functions in the interests of the company's creditors as a whole.

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- (3) The administrator must perform his functions with the objective specified in sub-paragraph (1) (a) unless he thinks either—
- (a) that it is not reasonably practicable to achieve that objective, or
  - (b) that the objective specified in sub-paragraph (1)(b) would achieve a better result for the company's creditors as a whole.
- (4) The administrator may perform his functions with the objective specified in sub-paragraph (1) (c) only if—
- (a) he thinks that it is not reasonably practicable to achieve either of the objectives specified in sub-paragraph (1)(a) and (b), and
  - (b) he does not unnecessarily harm the interests of the creditors of the company as a whole.
5. The administrator of a company must perform his functions as quickly and efficiently as is reasonably practicable.

#### *Status of administrator*

6. An administrator is an officer of the High Court (whether or not he is appointed by the Court).

#### *General restrictions*

7. A person may be appointed as administrator of a company only if he is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the company.

8. A person may not be appointed as administrator of a company which is in administration (subject to the provisions of paragraphs 91 to 98 and 101 to 104 about replacement and additional administrators).

9.—(1) A person may not be appointed as administrator of a company which is in liquidation by virtue of—

- (a) a resolution for voluntary winding up, or
  - (b) a winding-up order.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1)(a) is subject to paragraph 39.
- (3) Sub-paragraph (1)(b) is subject to paragraphs 38 and 39.

10.—(1) A person may not be appointed as administrator of a company which—

- (a) has a liability in respect of a deposit which it accepted in accordance with the Banking Act 1979 (c. 37) or 1987 (c. 22), but
  - (b) is not an authorised deposit taker.
- (2) A person may not be appointed as administrator of a company which effects or carries out contracts of insurance.
- (3) But sub-paragraph (2) does not apply to a company which—
- (a) is exempt from the general prohibition in relation to effecting or carrying out contracts of insurance, or
  - (b) is an authorised deposit taker effecting or carrying out contracts of insurance in the course of a banking business.
- (4) In this paragraph—
- “authorised deposit taker” means a person with permission under Part IV of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (c. 8) to accept deposits, and

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“the general prohibition” has the meaning given by section 19 of that Act.

- (5) This paragraph shall be construed in accordance with—
- (a) section 22 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (classes of regulated activity and categories of investment),
  - (b) any relevant order under that section, and
  - (c) Schedule 2 to that Act (regulated activities).]

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