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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1990 No. 593

The Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (repealed)

F1 Order repealed by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16** and the repeal having been brought into operation on different dates, as to which, see individual provisions.

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1. [F1] . . . . . .

F1 Art. 1 repealed (1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300(2), **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2008/2860, **art. 4**, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch; S.I. 2009/1941, arts. 3, 10 and S.I. 2009/2476, reg. 2(3)(4)))

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2. [F2] . . . . . .

F2 Art. 2 repealed (1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300(2), **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2008/2860, **art. 4**, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch; S.I. 2009/1941, arts. 3, 10 and S.I. 2009/2476, reg. 2(3)(4)))

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3. [F3] . . . . . .

F3 Art. 3 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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4. [F4] . . . . . .

F4 Art. 4 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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5. [F5] . . . . . .

F5 Art. 5 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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6. [F6] . . . . . .

F6 Art. 6 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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7. [F7] . . . . . .

F7 Art. 7 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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8. [F8] . . . . . .

F8 Art. 8 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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9. [F9] . . . . . .

F9 Art. 9 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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10. [F10] . . . . . .

F10 Art. 10 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

Auditors' report

11. [F11] . . . . . .

F11 Art. 11 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

Publication of accounts and reports

12. [F12] . . . . . .

F12 Art. 12 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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13. [F13] . . . . . .

F13 Art. 13 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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14. [F14] . . . . . .

F14 Art. 14 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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15. [F15] . . . . . .

F15 Art. 15 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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16. [F16] . . . . . .

F16 Art. 16 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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17. [F17] . . . . . .

F17 Art. 17 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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F18 Art. 18 repealed (1.10.2007) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/2194, arts. 1(3)(a), **8**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with art. 12)

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F19 Art. 19 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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20. [F20] . . . . . .

F20 Art. 20 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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21. [F21] . . . . . .

F21 Art. 21 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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22. [F22] . . . . . .

F22 Art. 22 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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23. [F23] . . . . . .

F23 Art. 23 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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24. [F24] . . . . . .

F24 Art. 24 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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F26 Art. 27 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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28. [F27] . . . . . .

F27 Art. 28 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 37(2))

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29. [F28] . . . . . .

F28 Art. 29 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 37(2))

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30. [F29] . . . . . .

F29 Art. 30 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 37(2))

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31. [F30] . . . . . .

F30 Art. 31 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 37(2))

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32. [F31] . . . . . .

F31 Art. 32 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(2))

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33. [F32] . . . . . .

F32 Art. 33 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 38(2))

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34. [F33] . . . . . .

F33 Art. 34 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 38(2))

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35. [F34] . . . . . .

F34 Art. 35 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 38(2))

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36. [F35] . . . . . .

F35 Art. 36 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 38(2))

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37. [F36] . . . . . .

F36 Art. 37 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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38. [F37] . . . . . .

F37 Art. 38 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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39. [F38] . . . . . .

F38 Art. 39 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 39)

Power to call for information

40. [F39] . . . . . .

F39 Art. 40 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 39)

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41. [F40] . . . . . .

F40 Art. 41 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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42. [F41] . . . . . .

F41 Art. 42 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(2))

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43. [F42] . . . . . .

F42 Art. 43 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(2))

O#ences by bodies corporate, partnerships and unincorporated associations

44. [F43] . . . . . .

F43 Art. 44 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(2))

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45. [F44] . . . . . .

F44 Art. 45 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(2))

Jurisdiction and procedure in respect of o#ences

46. [F45] . . . . . .

F45 Art. 46 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(2))

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47. [F46] . . . . . .

F46 Art. 47 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(2))

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48. [F47] . . . . . .

F47 Art. 48 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 42(2))

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F48 Art. 48A repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 42(2))

F48 Art. 48A repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 42(2))

Art. 49 rep. by 2004 c. 27

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50. F49 . . . . . .

F49 Art. 50 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 38(2))

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51. F50 . . . . . .

F50 Art. 51 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(2))

Power to make consequential amendments

52. F51 . . . . . .

F51 Art. 52 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12) (with saving by Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments etc) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/948, **art. 10**)

Power to make provision in consequence of changes a#ecting accountancy bodies

53. F52 . . . . . .

F52 Art. 53 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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54. F53 . . . . . .

F53 Art. 54 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(3))

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55. [F54] . . . . . .

F54 Art. 55 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(3))

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56. [F55] . . . . . .

F55 Art. 56 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(3))

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