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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1997 No. 313**

**COMPANIES**

**Companies (Forms) (Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997**

*Made* - - - - *24th June 1997*

*Coming into operation* *22nd August 1997*

The Department of Economic Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 232(2), 233(1) and (2), 650 and 681(1) of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(1) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Companies (Forms) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 22nd August 1997.

(2) In these Regulations—

“the 1986 Order” means the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986; and

“the 1990 Regulations” means the Companies (Forms) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990(2).

**2.** With effect from 22nd August 1997, form 233 in the Schedule, with such variations as circumstances require, is the form prescribed for the purposes of Article 233 of the 1986 Order, including that Article as applied by Article 650 of the 1986 Order.

**3.**—(1) With effect from 22nd August 1997, forms 233(1), 233(2), 650b and 650c in Schedule 2 to the 1990 Regulations are revoked, save that those forms may be used until 22nd August 1998 for those purposes of Article 233 of the 1986 Order (including that Article as applied by Article 650) which correspond to the purposes for which the forms were originally prescribed.

(2) With effect from 22nd May 1998, forms 232 and 650a in Schedule 2 to the 1990 Regulations are revoked.

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(1) S.I.1986/1032 (N.I. 6); Articles 232 and 233 were inserted into the 1986 Order in place of existing Articles of those numbers by Article 5 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5)) and amended by regulations 2 and 3 of S.R. 1997 No. 314. Article 650 was substituted by Article 25 of, and paragraph 18 of Schedule 10 to, the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990.

(2) S.R. 1990 No. 383

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on

24th June 1997.

*A. L. Brown*  
Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

233

Change of accounting reference date

Company Number

Company Name in Full

NOTES

You may use this form to change the accounting date relating to either the current or the immediately previous accounting period.

- a. You may not change a period for which the accounts are already overdue.
b. You may not extend a period beyond 18 months unless the company is subject to an administration order.
c. You may not extend periods more than once in five years unless:

- 1. the company is subject to an administration order; or
2. you have the specific approval of the Department (please submit a copy); or
3. you are extending the company's accounting reference period to align with that of a parent or subsidiary undertaking established in the European Economic Area; or
4. the form is being submitted by a Part XXII company.

The accounting reference period ending

Day Month Year

Grid for Day, Month, Year

is shortened/extended1 so as to end on

Day Month Year

Grid for Day, Month, Year

Subsequent periods will end on the same day and month in future years.

If extending more than once in five years, please indicate in this box the number of the provision listed in note c. on which you are relying.

Small box for provision number

Signed

Signed box

Date

Date box

Please delete as appropriate

To director/secretary/administrator/administrative receiver/liquidator and manager/person authorised on behalf of a Part XXII company

Please give the name, address, telephone number, and if available, a DX number and Exchange, for the person Companies Registry should contact if there is any query.

Form for name, address, telephone number, DX number and Exchange

Small box for contact information

When you have completed and signed the form please send it to the Registrar of Companies at: IDB House, 64 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4JX DX 481 Belfast

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations prescribe a new form 233 to be used by companies (including certain Part XXIII companies) in order to change their accounting reference date under Article 233 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. The new forms reflect amendments to Article 233 made by regulation 3 of the Companies (1986 Order) (Miscellaneous Accounting Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997, and will take effect on 22nd August 1997, the date on which those amendments come into operation.

The Regulations revoke existing forms 233(1), 233(2), 650b and 650c with effect from 22nd August 1997. These forms will be replaced by new form 233. There is, however, a transitional provision permitting the existing forms to be used until 22nd August 1998 in certain circumstances.

The Regulations revoke existing forms 232 and 650a with effect from 22nd May 1998, after which they become obsolete due to amendments to Article 232 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 made by regulation 2 of the Companies (1986 Order) (Miscellaneous Accounting Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997.