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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

1. These Regulations are made under Article 657 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 as applied to limited liability partnerships by regulation 4 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004. Article 657 enables Regulations to provide for the payment of fees in respect of certain functions performed by the registrar of companies both under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 and under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, as it is applied to limited liability partnerships.

2. The fee for the registration of a limited liability partnership under sections 2 and 3 of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 is £35·00.

3. The fee for the registration of an annual return is £20·00. A limited liability partnership is required to submit an annual return to the registrar of companies by Article 371 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 as modified by regulation 4 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004.

4. The fee for the registration of a notification of a change of name of a limited liability partnership is £40·00. A limited liability partnership is permitted to change its name under paragraph 4 of the Schedule to the Limited Liability Partnerships Act (Northern Ireland) 2002.

5. The fee for the performance by the registrar of companies of his functions in relation to an application by a limited liability partnership for its name to be struck off the register is £10·00. Article 603A of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 is applied to limited liability partnerships by regulation 4 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004.

6. The fee for the registration of a charge, created by a limited liability partnership, is £25·00 per entry. The provisions, governing the charges created by limited liability partnerships, are contained in Part XIII of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, as applied to limited liability partnerships by regulation 4 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004.

7. Article 658 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, as applied to limited liability partnerships, enables persons to require a certified copy of, or extract from, any record kept by the registrar of companies. The fee for a certified copy of, or extract from, any record relating to a limited liability partnership is £1·00 and for each page of a certified copy or extract from such a record the fee is £0·40.

8. Section 3(1) of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 provides that, upon the incorporation of a limited liability partnership, the registrar of companies shall give a certificate that the limited liability partnership is incorporated by the name specified in the incorporation document. For the first certificate of incorporation of a limited liability partnership supplied on any occasion, other than on incorporation (when the certificate is included in the incorporation fee) the fee is £3·50. The fee for each additional certificate supplied on the same occasion is £2·50.