STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2006 No. 377

PARTNERSHIPS

LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS

Limited Liability Partnerships (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006

Made - - - - 15th September 2006
Coming into operation 1st October 2006

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment(1), in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 10, 11, and 13 of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act (Northern Ireland) 2002(2), makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

- **1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Limited Liability Partnerships (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 and shall come into operation on 1st October 2006 ("the commencement date").
- (2) Regulation 2 has effect as respects financial years which begin on or after 1st January 2006 and which end on or after the commencement date.
 - (3) In these Regulations—

"the 1986 Order" means the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(3)

"the 1989 Order" means the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(4), and

"the principal regulations" means the Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004(5).

Amendment of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (accounts and audit)

2. Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (modifications to provisions of Part VIII of the 1986 Order as applied to limited liability partnerships) is amended in accordance with Schedule 1.

⁽¹⁾ Formerly the Department of Economic Development seeS.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(5)

^{(2) 2002} c. 12

⁽³⁾ S.I. 1986/1032 (N.I. 6)

⁽⁴⁾ S.I. 1989/2405 (N.I. 19)

⁽⁵⁾ S.R. 2004 No. 307 amended by S.I. 2005/1455 (N.I. 10)

Amendment of Schedule 3 to the principal regulations (insolvency)

3. Schedule 3 to the principal regulations (modifications to provisions of the 1989 Order as applied to limited liability partnerships) is amended in accordance with Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

Transitional provision

4. In a case where a petition for an administration order has been presented before the commencement date, the amendments to the principal regulations made by regulation 3 shall have no effect.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment on 15th September 2006



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SCHEDULE 1 Regulation 2

- 1. Schedule 1 to the principal regulations is amended as follows.
- 2. After the entry relating to Article 233 of the 1986 Order (alteration of accounting reference date) insert—

"Article 234 (duty to prepare individual accounts)(6)	
Paragraph (3)	Omit paragraph (3)
Article 235 (duty to prepare group accounts)(7)	
Paragraph (4)	Omit paragraph (4).".

3. After the entry relating to Article 236 of the 1986 Order (exemption for parent companies included in accounts of larger group) insert—

"Article 236A (exemption for parent companies included in non-EEA group	
accounts)(8)	
Paragraph (4)	Omit paragraph (4).".

4. For the entry relating to Articles 242 (duty to prepare directors' report) and 242A (approval and signing of directors' report) of the 1986 Order substitute—

"Articles 242 to 242ZZB (duty to prepare directors' report)(9)

Article 242A (approval and signing of directors' report)(10)

Articles 242B (duty to prepare directors' remuneration report) and 242C (approval and signing of directors' remuneration report(11)

Omit Articles 242 to 242ZZB

Omit Articles 242B and 242C.".

- 5. In the entry relating to Article 243 of the 1986 Order (auditors' report)(12), for "paragraph (3)", in both places where it occurs, substitute "paragraphs (3) to (5)".
- 6. In the entry relating to Article 246 of the 1986 Order (persons entitled to receive copies of accounts and reports)(13) after the entry relating to paragraph (1) insert—

⁽⁶⁾ Article 234 was inserted by Article 6(1) of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5)), and amended by regulation 2 of S.R. 2004 No.496

⁽⁷⁾ Article 235 was inserted by Article 7(1) of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5)), and amended by regulation 2 of S.R. 2004 No. 496

⁽⁸⁾ Article 263A was inserted by regulation 4 of S.R. 2004 No. 496

⁽⁹⁾ Article 242 was substituted, and Articles 242ZZA and 242ZZB inserted, by regulation 2 of S.R. 2005 No. 61

⁽¹⁰⁾ Article 242A was inserted by Article 10(1) of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5))

⁽¹¹⁾ Articles 242B and 242C were inserted by regulation 3 of S.R. 2005 No. 56

⁽¹²⁾ Article 243 was substituted by Article 11 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5)), and amended by regulation 4 of S.R. 2005 No. 56, by regulation 6 of S.R. 2004 No.496 and by regulations 3 and 10 of S.I. 2005 No. 61

⁽¹³⁾ Article 246 was inserted by Article 12 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5)), and amended by Article 11 of S.R. 2003 No. 3, by regulation 10(4) of S.R. 2005 No. 56, by regulation 17 of, and paragraph 2 of the Schedule to S.R. 2005 No. 61 and by regulation 2(2) of, and paragraph 5 of the Schedule to, S.R. 2006 No. 94

"Paragraph (1A)	Omit paragraph (1A)(b) to (d).".

7. For the entry relating to paragraph (1) of Article 247 of the 1986 Order (right to demand copies of accounts and reports)(14) substitute—

from "and that directors' report" to end.".	"Paragraph (1)	(a) Omit sub-paragraphs (b), and (c), and(b) in sub-paragraph (d) omit the words from "and that directors' report" to the end.".
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- 8. In the entry relating to Article 248 of the 1986 Order (requirements in connection with publication of accounts)(15), for the modification to paragraph (3)(d) substitute "(b) omit subparagraph (e), and".
- 9. After the entry relating to Article 249 of the 1986 Order (accounts and report to be laid before company in general meeting) insert—

"Article 249A (members' approval of Omit Article 249A" directors' remuneration report)(16)

10. For the entry relating to paragraph (1) of Article 250 of the 1986 Order (accounts and reports to be delivered to registrar)(17) substitute—

"Paragraph (1)	(a) (b) (c)	For the words "The directors of a company" substitute "The designated members of a limited liability partnership", omit sub-paragraphs (b) and (c), in sub-paragraph (d) omit from "and that directors' report" to the end, and
	(d)	for "the directors' must annex" substitute "the designated members must annex"."

- 11. Omit the entry relating to Article 251 of the 1986 Order (accounts of subsidiary undertakings to be appended in certain cases)(18).
- 12. Omit the entry relating to Article 252(3) of the 1986 Order (3 month extension of period allowed for delivering accounts where overseas interests)(19).

⁽¹⁴⁾ Article 247 was inserted by Article 12 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5)), and amended by Article 11 of S.R.2003 No. 3, by regulation 10(6) of S.R. 2005 No. 56 and by regulation 17 of, and paragraph 3 of the Schedule to, S.R. 2005 No. 61 and by regulation 2(2) and paragraph 6 of the Schedule to S.R. 2006 No. 94

⁽¹⁵⁾ Article 248 was inserted by Article 12 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5)), and amended by regulation 4 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to, S.R. 1995 No.128 and by regulation 8 of S.R. 2004 No.496

⁽¹⁶⁾ Article 249A was inserted by regulation 7 of S.R.2005 No.56

⁽¹⁷⁾ Article 250 was inserted by Article 13 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5)), and amended by regulation 10(8) of S.R. 2005 No. 56 and by regulation 17 of, and paragraph 5 of the Schedule to, S.R. 2005 No. 61 and by regulation 2(2) of, and paragraph 8 of the Schedule to S.R. 2006 No. 94

⁽¹⁸⁾ Article 251 was repealed by regulation 15 of, and paragraph 6 in Part 1 of Schedule 7 to S.R. 2004 No. 496

⁽¹⁹⁾ Article 252 was inserted by Article 13 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5)). Article 252(3) was repealed by regulation 9 of S.R. 2004 No.496

13. For the entry relating to Article 253 of the 1986 Order (voluntary revision of annual accounts and directors' report)(20) substitute—

"Article 253 accounts)	(voluntary	revision	of	
Paragraph (1)				For paragraph (1) substitute— "(1) If it appears to the members of a limited
				liability partnership that any annual accounts did not comply with the requirements of this Order, they may prepare revised accounts.".
Paragraph (2)				 (a) Omit the words ", or report" in both places where they occur, and (b) omit the words "laid before the company in general meeting or.".
Paragraph (3)				Omit the words from "or a revised summary financial statement" to the end.
Paragraph (4)				(a) In sub-paragraph (a), omit the words "statement or report",
				(b) in sub-paragraph (b), omit the words "or reporting accountant" and the words ", statement or report", and
				(c) in sub-paragraph (c)—
				(i) For "where the previous accounts or report" substitute "where the previous accounts",
				(ii) omit head (ii), and
				(iii) omit the words from ", or where a summary financial statement" to the end.".

14. For the entry relating to Article 253A (Department's notice in respect of annual accounts)(21) substitute—

"Article 253A(Department's notice in respect of annual accounts) Paragraph (1) (a) For sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute— "a copy of a limited liability partnership's annual accounts has been delivered to the registrar,", and (b) omit the words ", report or review".

⁽²⁰⁾ Article 253 was inserted by Article 14 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593(N.I. 5)) and amended by regulation 4 of, and paragraph 2 in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to, S.R. 1995 No.128, by regulations 3 and 10 of, and paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 to, S.R. 2004 No. 496, by regulation 10(9) of S.R. 2005 No. 56, and by regulation 13 of S.R. 2005 No. 61, and by regulation 2(2) of, and paragraph 9 of Schedule to, S.R. 2006 No. 94

⁽²¹⁾ Article 253A was inserted by Article 14 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5)), and amended by regulation 3 of, and paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 to, S.R. 2004 No. 496, by regulation 14 of S.R. 2005 No. 61 and by regulation 2(2) of, and paragraph 10 of the Schedule to, S.R. 2006 No.94

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Paragraph (2)	Omit the words "or report" and the words "or a revised report".
Paragraph (3)	Omit the words "or report" in both places where they occur.
Paragraph (4)	Omit the words "and revised directors' reports" and the words ", or reports" in both places where they occur.".

15. For the entry relating to Article 253B (application to court in respect of defective accounts)(22) substitute—

"Article 253B (application in respect of defective accounts, reports and reviews)	
Paragraph (1)	Omit the words "or a directors' report does not comply" and the words "or revised report".
Paragraph (3)	Omit sub-paragraph (b).
Paragraph (3A)	Omit paragraph (3A).
Paragraph (4)	Omit the words "or report" in each place where they occur and the words "or a revised report".
Paragraph (5)	Omit the words "or report" in both places where they occur.
Paragraph (7)	Omit the words "revised directors' reports," and the words "or reports" in both places where they occur.".

16. After the entry relating to Article 253B insert—

"Article 253C (other persons authorised to apply to court)(23)	
Paragraph (1)	Omit the words "and directors' reports" in both places where they occur.".

17. At the beginning of the entry relating to Article 254A of the 1986 Order (special provisions for medium-sized companies)(24) insert—

"Paragraph (2A)	Omit paragraph (2A).".

⁽²²⁾ Article 253B was inserted by Article 14 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5)), and amended by regulation 3 of, and paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 to, S.R. 2004 No.496, by regulation 10(10) of S.R. 2005 No. 56, by regulation 15 of S.R. 2005 No. 61 and by regulation 2(2) of, and paragraph 11 of the Schedule to, S.R. 2006 No. 94

⁽²³⁾ Article 253C was inserted by Article 14 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5)), and amended by regulation 3 of, and paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 to, S.R. 2004 No.496, by regulation 16 of S.R. 2005 No. 61 and by regulation 2(2) of, and paragraph 12 of the Schedule to, S.R. 2006 No. 94

⁽²⁴⁾ Article 254A was inserted by regulation 3 of S.R. 1997 No. 436, and amended by regulation 3 of, and paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 to, S.R. 2004 No. 496 and by regulation 5 of S.R. 2005 No. 61

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18. For the entry relating to Article 255A (cases in which special provisions do not apply)(25) substitute—

"Article 255A (cases in which special provisions do not apply)

Paragraph (1B)

For paragraph (1B) substitute—

"(1B) A limited liability partnership is ineligible if it is a person (other than a banking limited liability partnership) who has permission under Part 4 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to carry on one or more regulated activities."."

- 19. In sub-paragraph (a) of the entry relating to paragraph (1) of Article 270 of the 1986 Order (minor definition)(26), for "and "credit institution" substitute ""credit institution" and "quoted company".
- 20. In sub-paragraph (a) of the entry relating to paragraph (1) of Article 270A of the 1986 Order (index of defined expressions)(27) after ""credit institution" insert ", "quoted company"".
- 21. In the entry relating to paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to the 1986 Order (form and content of company accounts)(28), omit the entry relating to sub-paragraph (7)(b) and (c).
 - 22. Before the entry relating to paragraph 37 of Schedule 4 to the 1986 Order insert—

"Paragraph 35A(29) Omit sub-paragraphs (b), (c) and (d).".

- 23. In the entry relating to paragraph 3 of Schedule 8 to the 1986 Order (form and content of accounts prepared by small companies)(30), omit the reference to sub-paragraph (7)(b).
 - 24. Before the entry relating to paragraph 37 of Schedule 8 to the 1986 Order—

"Paragraph 35A(31) Omit sub-paragraphs (b), (c) and (d).".

⁽²⁵⁾ Article 255A was inserted by regulation 4 of S.R. 1997 No. 436, and amended by article 51 of S.I. 2001/3649 and by regulation 6 of S.R. 2005 No. 61. The entry relating to Article 255A in the Schedule to the principal regulations was amended by article 8 of S.I. 2004/355

⁽²⁶⁾ Article 270 was inserted by Article 24 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5)) and amended by regulation 6 of S.R. 1993 No. 199, by regulation 11(1) of S.R. 1997 No.314, by regulation 5 of S.R. 2004 No. 263, by regulation 2 of S.I.2000/2952, by Article 14(1) of S.R. 2003 No. 3, by regulation 3 of S.I. 2002/765, by regulation 10(11) of S.R. 2005 No. 56 and by regulation 3 of, and paragraph 22 of Schedule 1 to, S.R. 2004 No.496. The entry relating to section 262 in the Schedule to the principal regulations was amended by article 8 of S.I. 2004/355

⁽²⁷⁾ Article 270A was inserted by Article 24 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5)), and amended by regulation 6 of, and paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to, S.R. 1992 No. 258, by regulation 5 of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to, S.R. 1994 No. 428, by regulation 4 of, and paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to, S.I 1995 No. 128, by regulation 11(2) of S.R. 1997 No. 314, by regulation 7 of S.R. 1997 No. 436, by regulation 5(4) of S.I. 2004 No. 263, by article 14(2) of S.R. 2003 No. 3, by regulation 10 of S.R. 2005 No. 56 and by regulation 3 of, and paragraph 23 of Schedule 1 to, S.R. 2004 No. 496. The entry relating to Article 270A in the Schedule to the principal regulations was amended by article 8 of S.I. 2004/355

⁽²⁸⁾ Sub-paragraph 3 was amended by regulation 13(1) of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to, S.R. 1997 No. 314 and by regulation 14(1) of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to, S.R. 2004 No. 496

⁽²⁹⁾ Paragraph 35A of Schedule 4 was inserted by regulation 14(1) of, and paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 2 to, S.R. 2004 No.496

⁽³⁰⁾ Schedule 8 was substituted by regulation 2(2) of, and Schedule 1 to, S.R. 1997 No.436. Sub-paragraph 3(7) of Schedule 8 was repealed by regulation 14(2) of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to, S.R. 2004 No. 496

⁽³¹⁾ Paragraph 35A of Schedule 8 was inserted by regulation 14(2) of, and paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 3 to, S.R. 2004 No. 496

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 3

Amendments to Schedule 3 to the principal regulations

- 1. Schedule 3 to the principal regulations is amended as follows.
- 2. In the paragraph after the entry relating to Article 20, relating to modifications to Articles 15 and 16 of the 1989 Order where a proposal under Article 14 has been made by the limited liability partnership, for the words "an administration order is in force in relation to the limited liability partnership" substitute "the limited liability partnership is in administration".
 - 3. Omit the entries relating to Articles 21, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27 of the 1989 Order(32).
- 4. In the entry relating to Article 70 of the 1989 Order (circumstances in which company may be wound up voluntarily)(33)—

Insert after paragraph (1)

"paragraph (1A)	For "company passes a resolution for voluntary winding up" substitute "limited liability partnership determines that it is to be wound up voluntarily" and for "resolution" where it appears for the second time substitute "determination".
paragraph (1B)	For "resolution for voluntary winding up may be passed only" substitute "determination to wind up voluntarily may only be made" and in sub-paragraph (b), for "passing of the resolution" substitute "making of the determination"."

- 5. In the entry relating to Article 107 of the 1989 Order (avoidance of property dispositions, etc.)(34), insert in the left hand column "paragraph (1)".
- 6. In the entry relating to Article 6 of the 1989 Order ("insolvency" and "go into liquidation")(35) insert at the end—

"paragraph (3)	For	"resolution	for	voluntary	winding
		substitute 'ntarily".".	'determ	ination to	wind up

- 7. In the entry relating to Schedule A1 to the 1989 Order (moratorium where directors prepare voluntary arrangement)(36)—
 - (1) For the modification to paragraph 17, sub-paragraph (2) substitute—

[&]quot;paragraph 17

⁽³²⁾ Articles 21, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27 were substituted by Article 3(2) of, and Schedule B1 to, the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/1455 (N.I. 10))

⁽³³⁾ Article 70 was amended by Article 3(3) of, and paragraph 24 of Schedule 2 to the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/1455 (N.I. 10))

⁽³⁴⁾ Article 107 was amended by Article 3(3) of, and paragraph 26 of Schedule 2 to, the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.

⁽³⁵⁾ Article 6 was amended by Article 3(3) of, and paragraph 20 of Schedule 2 to, the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 2005

⁽³⁶⁾ Schedule A1 was inserted by Article 3 of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to, the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 (S.I. 3125 (N.I. 6))

sub-paragraph 2	In head (c) for "meetings of the company and" substitute "a meeting of".
	For "directors" substitute "the designated members of the limited liability partnership".".
(2) After the entry relating to paragraph 48,	sub-paragraph (4)(b)(ii) insert—
"paragraph 48	
sub-paragraph (5)	For "directors do" substitute "limited liability partnership does".".
8. Before the entry relating to Schedule 1 administrative receiver) insert—	to the 1989 Order (powers of the administrator or
"Schedule B1(administration)(37)	
paragraph 3	
sub-paragraph (c)	For "company or its directors" substitute "limited liability partnership".
paragraph 9	
sub-paragraph(1)(a)	For "resolution for voluntary winding up" substitute "determination to wind up voluntarily".
paragraph 10	Omit.
paragraph 13	
sub-paragraph (1)(b)	Omit.
paragraph 23	For sub-paragraph (1) substitute— "(1) A limited liability partnership may appoint an administrator.".
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noncoronh 24	Omit sub-paragraph (2).
paragraph 24	Omit "or its directors".
sub-paragraph (1)(b)	Offit of its directors.
paragraph 43 sub-paragraph (2)	For "resolution may be passed for the winding
suo-paragraph (2)	up of" substitute "determination to wind up voluntarily may be made by".
paragraph 62	For paragraph 62 substitute—
	"62. The administrator has power to prevent any person from taking part in the management of the business of the limited liability partnership and to

⁽³⁷⁾ Schedule B1 was inserted by Article 3(2) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 9

appoint any person to be a manager of that business.".

paragraph 63 At the end add the following—

"Paragraphs (3) and (4) of Article 78 shall apply for the purposes of this paragraph as they apply for the purposes of that Article."

paragraph 84

sub–paragraph (5)(b) For "resolution for voluntary winding up"

substitute " determination to wind up

voluntarily".

sub-paragraph (7)(b) For "passing of the resolution for voluntary

winding up" substitute "determination to wind

up voluntarily".

sub-paragraph (7)(e) For "passing of the resolution for voluntary

winding up" substitute "determination to wind

up voluntarily."

paragraph 88

sub-paragraph (2)(b) Insert at the end "or".

sub-paragraph (2)(c) Omit "or".

sub-paragraph (2)(d) Omit the words from "(d)" to "company".

paragraph 90

sub-paragraph (2)(b) Insert at the end "or".

sub-paragraph (2)(c) Omit ", or".

sub-paragraph (2)(d) Omit the words from "(d)" to "company".

paragraph 92

sub-paragraph(1)(c) Omit.
paragraph 95 Omit.

paragraph 96 For "to 95" substitute "and 94".

paragraph 98

sub-paragraph (1)(a) Omit "or directors".

paragraph 104

sub-paragraph (5) Omit. paragraph 106 Omit.".

9. In the entry relating to Schedule 7 to the 1989 Order (punishment of offences under this Order(38)—

⁽³⁸⁾ Schedule 7 was amended by Article 113 of, and Schedule 6 to, the Companies (No.2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/1504 (N.I. 10)), by Articles 3, 4, and 5 of, and paragraph 55(12) of Schedule 1, paragraph 12 of Schedule 2 and paragraph 15 of Schedule 3 to, the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/3152 (N.I. 6)) and by Articles 3, 25 and 31 of, and paragraph 47 of Schedule 2, paragraph 17 of Schedule 8 and Schedule 9 to, the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 2005

After the entry relating to Schedule A1 insert—

"Schedule B1, paragraph 28(4)	In the entry relating to Schedule B1, paragraph 28(4) omit "or directors".
Schedule B1, paragraph 30(7)	In the entry relating to Schedule B1, paragraph 30(7) omit "or directors".
Schedule B1, paragraph 33	In the entry relating to Schedule B1, paragraph 33 omit "or directors".".

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

These Regulations amend Schedules 1 and 3 to the Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 (S.R. 2004 No. 307) ("the principal regulations"). The principal regulations apply certain provisions of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/1032 (N.I.6)) ("the 1986 Order") and the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/2405 (N.I. 19)) ("the 1989 Order") to limited liability partnerships ("LLPs").

Regulation 3 of the principal regulations applies Part VIII of the 1986 Order (accounts and audit) to LLPs, with the modifications set out in Schedule 1 to the principal regulations. Part VIII has been amended in particular by the Directors' Remuneration Report Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. 2005 No. 56), by the Companies (1986 Order) (International Accounting Standards and Other Accounting Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 (S.R. 2004 No. 496) and by the Companies (1986 Order) (Operating and Financial Review and Directors' Report etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. 2005 No. 61). Regulation 2 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Regulations contain further modifications to the provisions of Part VIII of the 1986 Order consequential upon those amendments.

Regulation 5 of the principal regulations applies provision of the 1989 Order to LLPs, with the modifications set out in Schedule 3 to the principal regulations. The 1989 Order has been amended by the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/3152 (N.I. 6)), by the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (S.R. 2002 No. 223), by the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (S.R. 2002 No.334) and by the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/1455 (N.I. 10)). As a consequence of these amendments to the 1989 Order regulations 3 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Regulations amend the modifications to the 1989 Order as set out in Schedule 3 to the principal regulations.

Regulation 4 makes transitional provision for cases where a petition for an administration order has been presented before the commencement of these Regulations. In such a case the amendments made by these Regulations shall not apply.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that S.R. 2004 No. 496, and associated instruments such as these Regulations, will have on the costs of business is available from the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, 1st Floor Waterfront Plaza, 8 Laganbank Road, Belfast BT1 3BS (they are also available electronically at www. dti.gov.uk/cld).

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A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for the amendments made by regulations 3 of, and Schedule 2 to, this instrument as they have no impact on the costs to business.