

Amendments to the Insolvency Act 1986

2. The Insolvency Act 1986(a) is amended as specified in article 3 of this Order.

Requirements in relation to meetings under sections 95 and 98 of the 1986 Act

3.—(1) In section 95 (effect of company's insolvency)—

(a) in subsection (2) for “The liquidator” substitute “In the case of the winding up of a company registered in Scotland, the liquidator”; and

(b) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) In the case of the winding up of a company registered in England and Wales, the liquidator—

- (a) shall summon a meeting of creditors for a day not later than the 28th day after the day on which he formed that opinion;
- (b) shall send notices of the creditors' meeting to the creditors by post not less than 7 days before the day on which that meeting is to be held;
- (c) shall cause notice of the creditors' meeting to be advertised once in the Gazette;
- (d) may cause notice of the meeting to be advertised in such other manner as he thinks fit; and
- (e) shall during the period before the day on which the creditors' meeting is to be held, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the affairs of the company as they may reasonably require;

and the notice of the creditors' meeting shall state the duty imposed by paragraph (e) above.”.

(2) In section 98 (meeting of creditors)—

(a) in subsection (1) for “The company” substitute “In the case of the winding up of a company registered in Scotland, the company”;

(b) after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) In the case of the winding up of a company registered in England and Wales, the company—

- (a) shall cause a meeting of its creditors to be summoned for a day not later than the 14th day after the day on which there is to be held the company meeting at which the resolution for voluntary winding up is to be proposed;
- (b) shall cause the notices of the creditors' meeting to be sent by post to the creditors not less than 7 days before the day on which that meeting is to be held;
- (c) shall cause notice of the creditors' meeting to be advertised once in the Gazette; and
- (d) may cause notice of the meeting to be advertised in such other manner as the directors think fit.”; and

(c) in subsection (6) after “subsection (1)” insert “, (1A)”.

(3) In section 166 (creditors' voluntary winding up), in subsection (5)(a) after “subsection (1)” insert “, (1A)”.

(a) 1986 c. 45.

Transitional provisions

4. The amendments made by article 3 do not apply in respect of a company in voluntary winding up where the resolution to wind up was passed before 6th April 2009.

Date

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is made under section 1 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c. 51) (the “2006 Act”). It amends the Insolvency Act 1986 (c.45) (the “1986 Act”).

Article 3 amends sections 95 and 98 of the 1986 Act as they apply to England and Wales by-

- (a) removing the requirement on a liquidator of a company in members’ voluntary liquidation and on a company in creditors’ voluntary liquidation to advertise notice of the creditors’ meeting, which is required to be summoned under those sections, in a newspaper in addition to the Gazette;
- (b) replacing it with a discretion to undertake additional advertising; and
- (c) in cases where that discretion is exercised, enabling the advertisement to be effected by means other than an advertisement in a local newspaper.

Article 4 contains transitional provisions in relation to the changes made by article 3.

A full Regulatory Impact Assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available from the Insolvency Service website (www.insolvency.gov.uk) and is annexed to the Explanatory Document which is available alongside the instrument on the OPSI website.

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