



Harris Tweed Act 1993

1993 CHAPTER xi

PART II

THE HARRIS TWEED AUTHORITY

5 General and specific powers

In addition to any powers conferred elsewhere in this Act and without prejudice to any limitations imposed on those powers, the Authority may do anything, whether in the United Kingdom or in any other part of the world, which is calculated to facilitate or is incidental or conducive to the performance of the duties set out in section 3 of this Act and (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing words) shall in particular have power—

- (a) to publicise or join in publicising, through advertisements or otherwise, the nature, origin and qualities of material falling within the definition of Harris Tweed;
- (b) to instigate or join in instigating, and to meet or contribute to the cost of, research into, and the provision and development of technology for use in or in connection with, the production of such material;
- (c) to register and maintain in any part of the world intellectual property rights including patents, trade marks and other marks and designs, and to authorise the user of such intellectual property on such lawful terms and conditions as the Authority may think fit;
- (d) to take or join in taking such steps, including legal proceedings, as may lawfully be taken in any jurisdiction in the world in order—
 - (i) to defend against infringement or likely infringement any intellectual property rights so registered and any other intellectual property; and
 - (ii) to prevent, or put a stop to, any person selling, exposing or offering for sale or having in his possession for the purposes of sale—
 - (aa) any material which is represented as Harris Tweed but is not Harris Tweed; or

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- (bb) any garment or other article which is represented as made (wholly or partly) from material which is Harris Tweed when it has not been so made;
- (e) to promote or establish, or to join in promoting or establishing, bodies corporate or unincorporate in any part of the world;
- (f) to receive grants and to accept gifts of money or other property to be used in meeting its expenses or in furthering its objects or some one or more of them;
- (g) to hold, acquire, take on lease, feu, sell, hire out, lease or otherwise dispose of immoveable or moveable property or any interest therein;
- (h) to build, alter, improve and equip premises for its own occupation or use or for any other purpose connected with its functions under this Act;
- (i) to act directly or through an attorney or other agent, or itself to act as agent for another person and, without prejudice thereto, to arrange for the discharge of any of its functions, and prescribe duties to be performed, by a committee or an employee upon such terms as it thinks fit and with respect to any function so delegated or duty so prescribed to delegate to the committee or employee such of its powers as are requisite for discharging the function or performing the duty;
- (j) to borrow money and grant security over or pledge, mortgage or charge any of its property for the purpose of meeting the expenses incurred or to be incurred in discharging its functions under this Act;
- (k) to establish and maintain a reserve fund for meeting such expenses;
- (l) to invest any money comprised in the reserve fund, and any other money not required for immediate use, in or upon such investments, securities or property as it thinks fit; and
- (m) to promote or otherwise seek, or to oppose, legislation in the United Kingdom or any other part of the world.