



Bank of England Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 11

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Miscellaneous

^{F1}**31**

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 31 repealed (1.12.2001) by [S.I. 2001/3649](#), [arts. 1](#), 162(f)

^{F2}**32**

Textual Amendments

F2 S. 32 repealed (1.12.2001) by [S.I. 2001/3649](#), [arts. 1](#), 162(g)

33 Closure of National Savings Stock Register to gilts.

(1) The Treasury may by order—

- (a) make provision excluding gilts from registration in the Register on and after a day specified in the order,
- (b) make provision for the transfer to the books of the Bank of the entries in the Register at the beginning of the day specified under paragraph (a) which relate to gilts, and

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- (c) make provision for the transfer to the Bank of rights and liabilities of the Director of Savings in relation to the registration of gilts in the Register or any transaction associated therewith.
- (2) The power conferred by paragraph (b) of subsection (1) includes power to make provision in relation to gilts which were not registered in the Register at the beginning of the day specified under paragraph (a) of that subsection, but which should have been.
- (3) An order under subsection (1) may contain such consequential, incidental, supplementary and transitional provisions as appear to the Treasury to be necessary or expedient.
- (4) Without prejudice to subsection (3), an order under subsection (1) may contain—
 - (a) provision requiring things done by, or in relation to, the Director of Savings, to be treated as done by, or in relation to, the Bank,
 - (b) provision requiring references in documents to the Register to be construed as references to the books of the Bank, and
 - (c) provision requiring certificates issued by the Director of Savings in relation to registration in the Register to be treated as issued by the Bank in relation to registration in the books of the Bank.
- (5) An order under subsection (1) may—
 - (a) make different provision for different cases, and
 - (b) contain provision amending, or repealing or revoking, an enactment contained in—
 - (i) an Act, whenever passed, or
 - (ii) an instrument, whenever made, under an Act, whenever passed.
- (6) In this section—
 - “gilts” means stock or bonds of any of the descriptions included in Part I of Schedule 11 to the ^{M1}Finance Act 1942 (whether on or after the passing of this Act); and
 - “the Register” means the National Savings Stock Register.

Extent Information

E1 For the extent of s. 33 see s. 44(2)

Marginal Citations

M1 1942 c. 21.

34 Provision of brokerage service in connection with gilt registration.

In section 47 of the Finance Act 1942 (transfer and registration of Government stock), after subsection (1) there is inserted—

- “(1ZA) Regulations under subsection (1) of this section may make provision with respect to the purchase and sale of such stock and bonds by any person, or any description of person, through the Bank of England and, in relation to purchase or sale under the regulations, may—
- (a) make provision with respect to the commission and fees payable, and

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- (b) make provision limiting the amount which any person, or any description of person, may purchase or sell on any day.”

F³35 Section 207 of the Companies Act 1989: bearer securities.

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Textual Amendments

- F3** S. 35 repealed (6.4.2008) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments etc\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/948\)](#), art. 2(2), [Sch. 2](#) (with arts. 6, 11, 12)

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Textual Amendments

- F4** S. 36 repealed (1.12.2001) by [S.I. 2001/3649](#), [arts. 1, 162\(h\)](#)

General

37 Restriction on disclosure of information.

Schedule 7 (which restricts the disclosure of information obtained for monetary policy or cash ratio deposit purposes) shall have effect.

38 Offences in relation to supplying information to the Bank.

- (1) A person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with any requirement imposed on him under section 17(1) or paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.
- (2) If after conviction of an offence under subsection (1) a person continues the failure for which he was convicted, he shall be guilty of a further offence under that subsection and liable on summary conviction to be punished accordingly.
- (3) A person who in purported compliance with a requirement imposed on him under section 17(1) or paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 provides information which he knows to be false or misleading in a material particular, or recklessly provides information which is false or misleading in a material particular, shall be guilty of an offence and liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, or to a fine, or to both, or
 - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months, or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both.

39 Offences by bodies corporate.

- (1) Where an offence under this Part committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect

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on the part of, any director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate, or any person who was purporting to act in any such capacity, he, as well as the body corporate, shall be guilty of that offence and be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

- (2) Where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, subsection (1) shall apply in relation to the acts and defaults of a member in connection with his functions of management as if he were a director of the body corporate.

40 Orders.

- (1) Any power of the Treasury to make an order under this Act shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.

- (2) An order under—^[F5]section 1A(1), []
section 17(4) or (5),
paragraph 1(2) or 5 of Schedule 2, or
paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 7,

shall not be made unless a draft of the order has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

- (3) A statutory instrument containing an order under—
section 23(2),
paragraph 2(2) or 8 of Schedule 2,
paragraph 1(5) of Schedule 4, or
paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 7,

shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

- (4) A statutory instrument containing an order under section 33 shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Commons.

^[F6](4A) Section 9N contains its own provisions about parliamentary procedure in relation to an order under section 9L.]

- (5) Section 19 contains its own provisions about parliamentary procedure in relation to an order under that section.

Textual Amendments

- F5** Words in s. 40(2) inserted (6.7.2016) by [Bank of England and Financial Services Act 2016 \(c. 14\)](#), s. 41(3), [Sch. 2 para. 18](#) (with [Sch. 3](#)); S.I. 2016/627, reg. 2(2)(f)
- F6** S. 40(4A) inserted (1.4.2013) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 122(3), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#) (with [Sch. 20](#)); S.I. 2013/423, art. 3, [Sch.](#)

41 General interpretation.

^[F7](1) In this Act—

“the Bank” means the Bank of England;

“the capital requirements regulation” means Regulation (EU) No. 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

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[^{F8}“central securities depository” has the meaning given by point (1) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 909/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on improving securities settlement in the European Union and on central securities depositories;]

[^{F9}(2) References in this Act to an EU regulation are to that regulation as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.]

Textual Amendments

- F7** S. 41 renumbered as s. 41(1) (31.12.2020) by [The Bank of England \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1297\)](#), regs. 1(2), **6(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F8** Words in s. 41 inserted (28.11.2017) by [The Central Securities Depositories Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1064\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. para. 9(5)** (with regs. 7(4), 9(1))
- F9** S. 41(2) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Bank of England \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1297\)](#), regs. 1(2), **6(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

42 Transitional provisions and savings.

Schedule 8 (transitional provisions and savings) shall have effect.

43 Repeals.

The enactments and instruments specified in Schedule 9 are hereby repealed or revoked to the extent specified in the final column of that Schedule.

Final provisions

44 Extent.

- (1) This Act extends to Northern Ireland.
- (2) Section 33 extends to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.
- (3) The extent of any amendment, repeal or revocation by this Act is the same as that of the enactment amended, repealed or revoked.

45 Commencement.

This Act shall come into force on such day as the Treasury may by order appoint.

Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** S. 45 power fully exercised (24.4.1998):1.6.1998 for whole Act by [S.I. 1998/1120](#)

46 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Bank of England Act 1998.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 3B inserted by [2023 c. 29 s. 48](#)
- s. 6A inserted by [2023 c. 29 s. 70\(3\)](#)
- s. 9Y(4)(a) word omitted by [2016 c. 14 Sch. 2 para. 13\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 9Y(4)(b) omitted by [2016 c. 14 Sch. 2 para. 13\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 30B(2A)-(2E) inserted by [2023 c. 29 s. 35\(5\)](#)
- s. 41(4) repealed by [2007 c. 29 Sch. 23](#)
- Sch. 2ZA inserted by [2023 c. 29 s. 70\(4\)](#)