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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 2

Section 59

#### PART 3A OF SCHEDULE 17 TO THE 2000 ACT

##### Commencement Information

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#### “PART 3A

#### THE CONSUMER CREDIT JURISDICTION

##### *Introduction*

16A This Part of this Schedule applies only in relation to the consumer credit jurisdiction.

##### *Procedure for complaints etc.*

16B (1) Consumer credit rules—

- (a) must provide that a complaint is not to be entertained unless the complainant has referred it under the ombudsman scheme before the applicable time limit (determined in accordance with the rules) has expired;
  - (b) may provide that an ombudsman may extend that time limit in specified circumstances;
  - (c) may provide that a complaint is not to be entertained (except in specified circumstances) if the complainant has not previously communicated its substance to the respondent and given him a reasonable opportunity to deal with it;
  - (d) may make provision about the procedure for the reference of complaints and for their investigation, consideration and determination by an ombudsman.
- (2) Sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph 14 apply in relation to consumer credit rules under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph as they apply in relation to scheme rules under that paragraph.
- (3) Consumer credit rules may require persons falling within sub-paragraph (6) to establish such procedures as the scheme operator considers appropriate for the resolution of complaints which may be referred to the scheme.
- (4) Consumer credit rules under sub-paragraph (3) may make different provision in relation to persons of different descriptions or to complaints of different descriptions.
- (5) Consumer credit rules under sub-paragraph (3) may authorise the scheme operator to dispense with or modify the application of such rules in particular cases where the scheme operator—

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- (a) considers it appropriate to do so; and
  - (b) is satisfied that the specified conditions (if any) are met.
- (6) A person falls within this sub-paragraph if he is licensed by a standard licence (within the meaning of the Consumer Credit Act 1974) to carry on to any extent a business of a type specified in an order under section 226A(2)(e) of this Act.

#### *Fees*

- 16C (1) Consumer credit rules may require a respondent to pay to the scheme operator such fees as may be specified in the rules.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 15 applies in relation to consumer credit rules under this paragraph as it applies in relation to scheme rules under that paragraph.

#### *Enforcement of money awards*

- 16D A money award, including interest, which has been registered in accordance with consumer credit rules may—
- (a) if a county court so orders in England and Wales, be recovered by execution issued from the county court (or otherwise) as if it were payable under an order of that court;
  - (b) be enforced in Northern Ireland as a money judgment under the Judgments Enforcement (Northern Ireland) Order 1981;
  - (c) be enforced in Scotland as if it were a decree of the sheriff and whether or not the sheriff could himself have granted such a decree.

#### *Procedure for consumer credit rules*

- 16E (1) If the scheme operator makes any consumer credit rules, it must give a copy of them to the Authority without delay.
- (2) If the scheme operator revokes any such rules, it must give written notice to the Authority without delay.
- (3) The power to make such rules is exercisable in writing.
- (4) Immediately after the making of such rules, the scheme operator must arrange for them to be printed and made available to the public.
- (5) The scheme operator may charge a reasonable fee for providing a person with a copy of any such rules.

#### *Verification of consumer credit rules*

- 16F (1) The production of a printed copy of consumer credit rules purporting to be made by the scheme operator—
- (a) on which there is endorsed a certificate signed by a member of the scheme operator's staff authorised by the scheme operator for that purpose, and
  - (b) which contains the required statements,
- is evidence (or in Scotland sufficient evidence) of the facts stated in the certificate.
- (2) The required statements are—
- (a) that the rules were made by the scheme operator;

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- (b) that the copy is a true copy of the rules; and
  - (c) that on a specified date the rules were made available to the public in accordance with paragraph 16E(4).
- (3) A certificate purporting to be signed as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) is to be taken to have been duly signed unless the contrary is shown.

#### *Consultation*

- 16G(1) If the scheme operator proposes to make consumer credit rules, it must publish a draft of the proposed rules in the way appearing to it to be best calculated to bring the draft to the attention of the public.
- (2) The draft must be accompanied by—
- (a) an explanation of the proposed rules; and
  - (b) a statement that representations about the proposals may be made to the scheme operator within a specified time.
- (3) Before making any consumer credit rules, the scheme operator must have regard to any representations made to it in accordance with sub-paragraph (2)(b).
- (4) If consumer credit rules made by the scheme operator differ from the draft published under sub-paragraph (1) in a way which the scheme operator considers significant, the scheme operator must publish a statement of the difference.”

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