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PART 11

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATIONS (CIOS)

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL

Nature and constitution

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- (1) A CIO's constitution must state—
 - (a) its name,
 - (b) its purposes,
 - (c) whether its principal office is in England or in Wales, and
 - (d) whether or not its members are liable to contribute to its assets if it is wound up, and (if they are) up to what amount.
- (2) A CIO's constitution must make provision—
 - (a) about who is eligible for membership, and how a person becomes a member,
 - (b) about the appointment of one or more persons who are to be charity trustees of the CIO, and about any conditions of eligibility for appointment, and
 - (c) containing directions about the application of property of the CIO on its dissolution.
- (3) A CIO's constitution must also provide for such other matters, and comply with such requirements, as are specified in CIO regulations.
- (4) A CIO's constitution—
 - (a) must be in English if its principal office is in England;

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- (b) may be in English or in Welsh if its principal office is in Wales.
- (5) A CIO's constitution must be in the form specified in regulations made by the Commission, or as near to that form as the circumstances admit.
- (6) Subject to anything in a CIO's constitution—
 - (a) a charity trustee of the CIO may, but need not, be a member of it,
 - (b) a member of the CIO may, but need not, be one of its charity trustees, and
 - (c) those who are members of the CIO and those who are its charity trustees may, but need not, be identical.