STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1981 No. 395

INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES

The Industrial and Provident Societies (Increase in Shareholding Limit) Order 1981

Made - - - 11th March 1981
Laid before Parliament 23rd March 1981
Coming into Operation 13th April 1981

The Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, with the consent of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 2 of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1975(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Industrial and Provident Societies (Increase in Shareholding Limit) Order 1981, and shall come into operation on 13th April 1981.

Interpretation

2. In this Order "the Act" means the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965(b).

Increase in shareholding limit

3. In section 6(1) of the Act(c), for the words "five thousand pounds" (denoting the limit on the interest any one member may hold in the shares of a society registered under that Act) there shall be substituted the words "ten thousand pounds".

Powers of society's committee

- 4.—(1) Where immediately before the coming into operation of this Order the registered rules of a society registered under the Act permitted members other than members exempt from the limit under the said section 6(1) to hold the maximum of five thousand pounds then laid down thereby, the committee may, by a resolution recorded in writing, resolve that members may be permitted to hold such greater amount not exceeding ten thousand pounds as may be specified in the resolution, and the registered rules shall have effect accordingly.
- (2) The power conferred on the committees of registered societies by paragraph (1) above shall not be exercisable after the expiration of the period of eighteen months beginning with the date on which this Order comes into operation; and if any amendment of the rules of a society is made after the coming into operation of this Order and before the expiration of the time allowed by this paragraph for exercising that power the power shall cease to be exercisable

⁽a) 1975 c. 41. (b) 1965 c. 12.

⁽c) Section 6(1) was amended by section 1 of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1975 (c. 41).

by the committee of that society on the date on which the amendment is registered under section 10 of the Act.

- (3) The committee of a registered society shall not have power to vary or revoke a resolution under paragraph (1) above.
- (4) Where the committee of a registered society have exercised the power to pass a resolution under paragraph (1) above and an amendment of the society's rules is subsequently registered under section 10 of the Act the registered rules of the society shall thereupon have effect as if the resolution had not been passed, so, however, that this paragraph shall not affect any interest in the shares of the society held by a member immediately before the date on which the amendment is registered.

2nd March 1981.

(Sgd.) K. Brading, Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies.

We consent to this Order.

11th March 1981.

John Wakeham,
J. A. Douglas-Hamilton,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order increases from £5,000 to £10,000 the limit on the interest which any one member may hold in the shares of a society registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965. It further empowers the committee of a society, subject to certain conditions, to give effect to the increase by resolution recorded in writing.

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