
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 180

The Charities (Exception from Registration) Regulations 1996

Temporary exception of certain religious charities connected with certain bodies

4.—(1) A charity to which this regulation applies is hereby excepted until 1st March 2001 from the duty to be registered under section 3(2) of the Act.

(2) This regulation shall apply to a charity wholly or mainly concerned with the advancement of religion, being a charity connected with a body named in paragraph (3) below and either—

- (a) having as a trustee a trust corporation connected with that body; or
- (b) established wholly or mainly to make provision for public religious worship; or
- (c) in respect of which accounts are sent annually to the Methodist Conference, a Methodist Synod or any connexional or other committee or department appointed or established by the Methodist Conference.

(3) The bodies referred to in paragraph (2) above are—

- a church within the meaning of section 2 of the Baptist and Congregational Trusts Act 1951(1);
- a church which is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches;
- a church which is a member of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches;
- the Calvinistic Methodist or Presbyterian Church of Wales;
- the Church of England;
- the Church in Wales;
- the Methodist Church;
- the Religious Society of Friends;
- the United Reformed Church.