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PART 5

ISSUE AND RECEIPT OF POSTAL BALLOT PAPERS

Issue of Postal Ballot Papers

Envelopes

78.—(1) Paragraphs (2) and (3) prescribe the envelopes which are to be issued to a postal voter in addition to the ballot paper and declaration of identity (which are issued under rule 24 of the elections rules(**1**)).

(2) There shall be issued an envelope for the return of the postal ballot paper and the declaration of identity (referred to as a "covering envelope") which shall be marked with the letter "B".

(3) There shall also be issued a smaller envelope (referred to as a "ballot paper envelope") which shall be marked with—

(a) the letter "A";

(b) the words "ballot paper envelope"; and

(c) the number of the ballot paper, unless the envelope has a window through which the number on the ballot paper (or ballot papers) can be displayed.

(4) Where the polls are taken together—

(a) the envelope referred to in paragraph (2) must also be marked "Covering envelope for the [*insert the colour of the ballot paper*] coloured ballot paper"; and

(b) on the envelope referred to in paragraph (3) after the words "Ballot paper envelope" there must be added "for the [*insert colour of the ballot paper*]coloured ballot paper".

[[F1](5) In regulations 87 and 88, a reference to the number on a ballot paper envelope includes, in the case of an envelope of the kind referred to in paragraph (3)(c), a reference to the number that is displayed through the window in that envelope.**]**

Textual Amendments

F1 Reg. 78(5) inserted (4.2.2010) by The Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/278), regs. 1(2), **9(1)**

(**1**) Rule 24 was substituted by paragraph 10(3) of Schedule 6 to the 2000 Act and then by section 37 of the 2006 Act (c22).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Reg. 78(4) modified (16.2.2011) by Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 (c. 1), s. 19(2), **Sch. 8 para. 45**

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- Regulations amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2009/256, Sch. 2 by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 23
- Regulations applied (with modifications) by 2015 c. 36 Sch. 3 para. 15
- reg. 78 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2016/219 Sch. 3 para. 89

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:
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- Pt. 6A inserted by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 9
- reg. 5(1) reg. 5 renumbered as reg. 5(1) by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 4(a)
- reg. 5(1) word inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 4(b)
- reg. 5(2) inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 4(c)
- reg. 13A13B inserted by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 3
- reg. 17(3)(c) inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 12(2)(c)
- reg. 20(5A) inserted by 2014 c. 13 s. 15(2)(b)
- reg. 20(6A)(6B) inserted by 2014 c. 13 s. 15(2)(d)
- reg. 22(3)(d) and word inserted by 2014 c. 13 s. 15(3)(b)
- reg. 22(6) inserted by 2014 c. 13 s. 15(3)(f)
- reg. 23A-23C inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 8
- reg. 23A(4) modified by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 27(3)
- reg. 25(1A) inserted by S.I. 2016/295 art. 152(3)(a)(ii)
- reg. 25A-25C inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 11
- reg. 25B(2)(a)(iv) words substituted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 14(2)
- reg. 25B(4) omitted by S.I. 2024/665 reg. 3(3)
- reg. 26A inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 4
- reg. 26A(2) words inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 11(3)
- reg. 27(1)(c)-(cb) substituted for reg. 27(1)(c) by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15(3)(b)
- reg. 27(1)(g) and word inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 5(2)(c)
- reg. 27(1)(caa) inserted by S.I. 2023/1176 reg. 18(2)
- reg. 27(1)(caa) words substituted by S.I. 2024/665 reg. 3(4)(a)
- reg. 27(1A) inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15(4)
- reg. 27(1B)(1C) inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 13(a)
- reg. 27(1AA) inserted by S.I. 2024/665 reg. 3(4)(b)
- reg. 27(3)-(3B) substituted for reg. 27(3) by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15(5)
- reg. 27(3ZA) inserted by S.I. 2023/1176 reg. 18(3)
- reg. 27(3ZZA)(3ZZB) inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 13(c)
- reg. 27(4A) inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15(7)
- reg. 27(6A) inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15(9)
- reg. 27(10) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 5(3)
- reg. 27(10) words substituted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15(10)
- reg. 27A inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 16
- reg. 27A heading substituted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 15(a)
- reg. 27A heading words substituted by S.I. 2020/581 reg. 12(2)(a)
- reg. 27A(A1) inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 15(b)
- reg. 27A(1)(b) substituted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 15(c)
- reg. 27A(3)-(5) inserted by S.I. 2020/581 reg. 12(2)(b)
- reg. 27ZA-27ZI inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 14

- reg. 29(1) reg. 29 renumbered as reg. 29(1) by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 6
- reg. 29(1) words inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 17(a)(ii)
- reg. 29(1) words substituted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 17(a)(i)
- reg. 29(2) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 6
- reg. 29(2) omitted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 17(b)
- reg. 30(3A) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 7(2)
- reg. 30(7A) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 7(4)
- reg. 36(2A) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 8
- reg. 37(4) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 9
- reg. 38A applied (with modifications) by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(a)
- reg. 38A-38E inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 10
- reg. 38A(1)(b)(ba) substituted for reg. 38A(1)(b) by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 17
- reg. 38B applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(a)
- reg. 38C applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(a)
- reg. 38C(3)(c) words inserted by 2020 c. 17 Sch. 24 para. 368
- reg. 38C(3)(p) word omitted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(2)(a)
- reg. 38C(3)(r)(s) inserted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(2)(b)
- reg. 38C(3)(r) word omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 41(a)
- reg. 38C(3)(s) word inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 41(b)
- reg. 38C(3)(t) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 41(c)
- reg. 38D applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(a)
- reg. 38D(4)(a) word substituted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(3)(a)
- reg. 38D(4)(b) word substituted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(3)(a)
- reg. 38D(4)(c) word substituted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(3)(a)
- reg. 38D(4)(l)-(n) inserted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(3)(b)
- reg. 38D(5) inserted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(4)
- reg. 38E applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(a)
- reg. 38E(5)(b) words inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 11(8)
- reg. 38E(7)(b) words inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 11(8)
- reg. 39(1)(c)(d) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 11
- reg. 41(4)(d) and word inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 18(a)(ii)
- reg. 41(4A) inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 18(b)
- reg. 41(8) inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 18(c)
- reg. 42A inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 20
- reg. 42A words substituted by S.I. 2020/581 reg. 12(3)(a)
- reg. 42A(5) substituted by S.I. 2020/581 reg. 12(3)(b)
- reg. 42A(7) substituted by S.I. 2020/581 reg. 12(3)(c)
- reg. 44(4) inserted by S.I. 2016/295 art. 152(3)(b)(ii)
- reg. 46(3) inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 21(b)
- reg. 50A inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 12
- reg. 51(3A) inserted by S.I. 2023/1176 reg. 19(c)
- reg. 53(1A) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 14(2)
- reg. 53(1ZA) inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 20(b)
- reg. 53A applied (with modifications) by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(b)
- reg. 53A-53D inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 15
- reg. 53B applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(b)
- reg. 53C applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(b)
- reg. 53C(1)(e) omitted by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 5(1)
- reg. 53D applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(b)

- reg. 55(2)(e) and word inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 16(b)
- reg. 55A(3) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 17
- reg. 55B(1) reg. 55B renumbered as reg. 55B(1) by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 18
- reg. 55B(2) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 18
- reg. 56(1) reg. 56 renumbered as reg. 56(1) by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 19
- reg. 56(1) words inserted by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 6(a)
- reg. 56(1) words omitted by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 6(b)
- reg. 56(2) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 19
- reg. 57(4)(b)(v) inserted by S.I. 2021/1188 art. 8(2)(c)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(iv) and preceding word inserted by S.R. 2016/228 reg. 35(b)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(iv) word inserted by S.I. 2021/1188 art. 8(2)(b)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(iv) word omitted by S.I. 2022/332 art. 12(2)(a)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(vi) and word inserted by S.I. 2022/332 art. 12(2)(b)
- reg. 62(6)-(10) inserted by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 8
- reg. 66(2A) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 21
- reg. 70(1) reg. 70 renumbered as reg. 70(1) by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 3(a)
- reg. 70(1) words inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 3(b)
- reg. 70(2) inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 3(c)
- reg. 70A inserted by S.I. 2016/219 Sch. 3 para. 82
- reg. 72(2) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 22
- reg. 73(10) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 23
- reg. 75(3) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 24
- reg. 81A applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2016/219 Sch. 3 para. 93
- reg. 81A inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 27
- reg. 81B inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 4
- reg. 84(1) reg. 84 renumbered as reg. 84(1) by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 28
- reg. 84(1) words substituted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 5(b)
- reg. 84(2) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 28
- reg. 84A-84I applied by S.I. 2001/2599, Sch. 2 (as amended) by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 13(3)
- reg. 84A-84I inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 6
- reg. 86(5)-(8) inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 7
- reg. 87(1A) inserted by S.I. 2015/221 reg. 2(2)(b)
- reg. 91(1)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 29(c)
- reg. 91(2A) inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 8(b)
- reg. 91(3A) inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 8(d)
- reg. 93(2A) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 30
- reg. 117(1A) inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 9(b)
- reg. 118(4) inserted by 2018 c. 12 Sch. 19 para. 331(b)
- reg. 118(4) substituted by S.I. 2019/419 Sch. 3 para. 70(3)