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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 624**

**The National Savings (No. 2) Regulations 2015**

**PART 6**

**Common provisions**

**CHAPTER 2**

**Identity, etc.**

**Evidence of identity**

**78.**—(1) The Director of Savings may require satisfactory evidence of the following—

- (a) the identity of a person;
- (b) the title of a person to money;
- (c) the title of a person to—
  - (i) a bond;
  - (ii) stock;
  - (iii) a certificate;
  - (iv) a children’s certificate; or
  - (v) any other document;
- (d) that anything purporting to have been done under these Regulations has been done; or
- (e) anything else on which the exercise of the Director of Savings’s powers or performance of duties under these Regulations depends,

and the Director of Savings may for the purpose of obtaining the evidence require a statutory declaration to be made.

(2) The Director of Savings may accept as conclusive proof of the death of the holder of a bond, stock, a certificate or children’s certificate any evidence which establishes to the Director of Savings’ satisfaction that the holder has not been heard of for a period of seven years or more (and, for the purposes of this paragraph, “holder of a bond, stock, a certificate or children’s certificate” includes any person beneficially interested at any time, whether absolutely or contingently, in the personal estate of the deceased).

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Reg. 78 in force at 6.4.2015, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

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## Persons unable to write

**79.** Where a document is required by the Director of Savings or by these Regulations to be signed by a person and that person is unable to write, it is sufficient for the document to be marked by that person in the presence of a witness in a manner required by the Director of Savings.

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### Commencement Information

**I2** Reg. 79 in force at 6.4.2015, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

## Persons under disability

- 80.** If a person who—
- (a) holds a bond or holds stock;
  - (b) holds, or has an interest in, a certificate; or
  - (c) holds a children's certificate,

is a person who lacks capacity or is under legal disability for any reason other than age, anything which under these Regulations is required or authorised to be done by or to that person is to be done by or to a deputy or other person having power in law to administer the estate.

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### Commencement Information

**I3** Reg. 80 in force at 6.4.2015, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

## Fees for birth, death, marriage and civil partnership certificates

**81.** Sections 10, 10A, 10B and 10C of the Savings Banks Act 1887<sup>(1)</sup> (which relate to the price of a certificate of birth, death, marriage, civil partnership or a certified copy of an entry in the Civil Partnership Register required for the purpose of the Acts relating to the National Savings Bank), as amended by any Order in force under section 5 of the Public Expenditure and Receipts Act 1968<sup>(2)</sup>, apply for the purposes of these Regulations as they apply for the purposes of those Acts, and for the purposes of these Regulations those sections have effect as if the holder of—

- (a) a bond;
- (b) stock;
- (c) a certificate; or
- (d) a children's certificate,

or a person having an interest in any of those, were a depositor in the National Savings Bank.

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### Commencement Information

**I4** Reg. 81 in force at 6.4.2015, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

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(1) 1887 c. 40.  
(2) 1968 c. 14.

## Obligation of secrecy

**82.**—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a person employed in connection with activity arising under these Regulations may not disclose to any person, other than the Director of Savings or a person employed in putting these Regulations into effect—

- (a) in relation to bonds and certificates—
  - (i) the name of the purchaser or holder of a bond, a certificate, or a children’s certificate; or
  - (ii) the number of those purchased or held by a person;
- (b) in relation to stock—
  - (i) the name of the holder of any stock; or
  - (ii) the amount or description of stock subscribed for or purchased by a person; or
- (c) the amount paid in relation to a bond, stock, a certificate or children’s certificate.

(2) The Director of Savings (or a person authorised by the Director of Savings for this purpose)—

- (a) may disclose information to a person in connection with an offence committed in relation to a bond, stock, a certificate, or children’s certificate, or for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not an offence has been committed;
- (b) is not prevented from complying with a notice served under Schedule 36 to the Finance Act 2008<sup>(3)</sup> (powers of officers of Revenue and Customs to obtain information and documents and inspect business premises) or section 18 of the Taxes Management Act 1970<sup>(4)</sup> (which relates to the obtaining of information as to interest paid without deduction of income tax); or
- (c) in relation to children’s certificates, may issue a children’s certificate in documentary form with the name of the purchaser on it, unless the purchaser at the time of purchase requests that their name not appear.

(3) Information within paragraph (1) may be disclosed to a person under arrangements made and conditions imposed by the Director of Savings to enable that person to provide, or assist in connection with the provision of, relevant information to—

- (a) a purchaser or holder of a bond, certificate or children’s certificate; or
- (b) the holder of any stock,

and that person, for those purposes, is subject to the prohibition in paragraph (1) as if a person employed in putting these Regulations into effect.

(4) In paragraph (3) “relevant information” means information about investment opportunities, services or facilities available from or through the Director of Savings, including information about—

- (a) the National Savings Bank;
- (b) the National Savings Stock Register; or
- (c) any means by which the Treasury raise money under the auspices of the Director of Savings.

### Commencement Information

**I5** Reg. 82 in force at 6.4.2015, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

(3) 2008 c. 9; Schedule 36 was amended by the Finance Act 2009 (c. 10) section 95, Schedule 47, paragraphs 1 to 4, the Finance Act 2011 (c. 11) section 86(2), Schedule 24, paragraphs 1 and 2, the Finance Act 2012 (c. 14) section 224(7) and S.I. 2009/56.

(4) 1970 c. 9; repealed by the Finance Act 2011 (c.11) section 86(1), Schedule 23, Part 6, paragraphs 51(1) and (2)(h).

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