
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016

PART 2

**REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE
REFERENDUM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

Disposal of documents

Delivery or retention of documents

56.—(1) The counting officer must endorse on each of the sealed packets a description of its contents and the name of the voting area and must—

- (a) in the case of a counting officer for a voting area in England and Wales, forward the documents specified in paragraph (2) to the registration officer of the local authority in whose area that voting area is situated;
- (b) in the case of a counting officer for a voting area in Scotland or the counting officer for Northern Ireland, retain the documents.

(2) The documents referred to above are—

- (a) the packets of ballot papers;
- (b) the ballot paper accounts and the statements of—
 - (i) rejected ballot papers, and
 - (ii) the result of the verification of the ballot paper accounts;
- (c) the tendered votes lists, the lists of voters with disabilities assisted by companions, the lists of votes marked by the presiding officer and the related statements, the lists maintained under regulation 42 and the declarations made by the companions of voters with disabilities;
- (d) in the case of the counting officer for Northern Ireland, the tendered postal votes list;
- (e) the packets of the completed corresponding number lists;
- (f) the packets of certificates as to employment on duty on the day of the poll;
- (g) the packets containing marked copies of the registers (including any marked copy notices issued under section 13B(3B) or (3D) or 13BA(9) of the 1983 Act) and marked copies of the postal voters list, of lists of proxies and of the proxy postal voters list;
- (h) any other documents prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph by the relevant postal voting provisions.

(3) In paragraph (1) “local authority” has the same meaning as in paragraph 6 of Schedule 3 to the 2015 Act.

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- Sch. 1 para. 4(1)(ca) inserted by [S.I. 2016/636 reg. 3\(2\)\(a\)](#)