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# SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 79

# APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT 1983

# PART 1

# INTERPRETATION AND EXTENT

# Interpretation of applied provisions: general

1.—(1) In any provision of the 1983 Act as applied by this Schedule—

"Chief Counting Officer" has the meaning given by section 11(1) of the 2015 Act;

"counting agent" is to be read in accordance with regulation 23(10);

"counting officer" has the meaning given by paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to the 2015 Act;

"declaration of identity" is to be read in accordance with regulation 17(1)(c);

"document" means a document in whatever form;

"Gibraltar conduct law" has the meaning given by section 11(1) of the 2015 Act;

"the Gibraltar registration officer" means the European electoral registration officer for

Gibraltar (see section 14 of the European Parliament (Representation) Act 2003(1));

"list of proxies" has the meaning given by regulation 5;

"official mark" has the meaning given by regulation 12(1);

"permitted participant" has the meaning given by section 11(1) of the 2015 Act;

"polling agent" is to be read in accordance with regulation 23(10);

"postal voting statement" is to be read in accordance with regulation 17(1)(b);

"presiding officer" is to be read in accordance with regulation 19(1) and (2);

"the referendum" has the meaning given by section 11(1) of the 2015 Act;

"referendum agent" means a person appointed under paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 to the 2015 Act;

"Regional Counting Officer" has the meaning given by section 11(1) of the 2015 Act;

"tendered ballot paper" has the meaning given by regulation 37(1);

"vote" and "voter" have the meaning given by paragraph 2;

"voting area" has the meaning given by section 11(2) of the 2015 Act.

(2) Except where the context otherwise requires, in any provision of the 1983 Act as applied by this Schedule expressions defined for the purposes of that provision by any other provision of the 1983 Act have the meaning given by that other provision (see, in particular, the following provisions of the 1983 Act—

section 118(2) (interpretation of Part 2),

section 185(3) (interpretation of Part 3), and

section 202(4) (general interpretation), as modified by paragraph 46 of this Schedule).

<sup>(</sup>**1**) 2003 c.7.

<sup>(2)</sup> There are amendments to section 118 that are not relevant to these Regulations.

<sup>(3)</sup> There are amendments to section 185 that are not relevant to these Regulations.

 <sup>(4)</sup> Section 202 was amended by section 4(5) of, and Schedule 2 to, the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50); paragraphs 1 and 22(b) of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c.2); section 73(1) and (2) of, and paragraphs 2,

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(3) Nothing in this Schedule which provides for a particular reference to a provision to be read as, or as including, a reference to that provision as applied by another provision is to be taken to limit the effect of section 20(2) of the Interpretation Act 1978(5).

#### **Commencement Information**

Sch. 1 para. 1 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1 **I1** 

# Meaning of "vote" in applied provisions

**2.**—(1) In any provision of the 1983 Act as applied by this Schedule "vote" as a verb means vote in the referendum and includes (where the context allows)-

- (a) voting as proxy, and
- (b) voting by proxy,

but does not include voting in Gibraltar; and "vote" as a noun and "voter" are to be construed accordingly.

(2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) a person votes "in Gibraltar" if—

- (a) that person votes (on his or her own behalf or as proxy) in person in Gibraltar or by post under the law of Gibraltar relating to postal voting, or
- (b) that person votes by proxy and the proxy votes in person in Gibraltar or by post under the law of Gibraltar relating to postal voting.

# **Commencement Information**

Sch. 1 para. 2 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1 12

# Extent of section 52 of the 1983 Act

3. For the purposes of the referendum, section 52(1), (1ZA), (1ZB) and (1A) of the 1983 Act(6) (which extends to the whole of the United Kingdom) extends also to Gibraltar.

#### **Commencement Information**

Sch. 1 para. 3 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

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<sup>13 (1)</sup> and (2), 69 and 76 of Schedule 1 and paragraphs 104 and 128(1) of Schedule 2 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22); paragraphs 116 and 120 of Schedule 12 to the Postal Services Act 2011 (c.5); and paragraph 57(1) and (4) of Schedule 1 to S.I. 2009/1149. There are other amendments to section 202 that are not relevant to these Regulations. 1978 c.30.

<sup>(5)</sup> 

Subsection (1) was amended by paragraph 12 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50). Subsection (1A) was inserted by paragraphs 6(1) and (5) of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). For the purposes of the referendum, subsections (1) and (1A) are modified, and subsections (1ZA) and (1ZB) are inserted, by paragraph 9 of this Schedule.

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# PART 2

# APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS

## Alteration of registers pending the referendum: England, Wales and Scotland

**4.**—(1) In relation to England, Wales and Scotland, section 13AB of the 1983 Act(7) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) in subsection (1)(b) for "the relevant election area" there were substituted "the area for which the registration officer acts",
- (b) in subsection (4) for "an election to which this section applies" there were substituted "the referendum",
- (c) in subsection (5) for "the last day on which nomination papers may be delivered to the returning officer for the purposes of the election" there were substituted "the nineteenth working day before the date of the poll for the referendum",
- (d) subsection (8) were omitted,
- (e) the reference in subsection (9) to subsection (5) of section 13B were to that subsection as applied by sub-paragraph (2) below, and
- (f) after subsection (9) there were inserted—
  - "(10) In this section "working day" means a day that is not—
    - (a) a Saturday or Sunday,
    - (b) Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or any other day that is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in any part of the United Kingdom,
    - (c) a bank holiday or public holiday in Gibraltar under the Gibraltar Acts titled the Banking and Financial Dealings Act and the Interpretation and General Clauses Act, or
    - (d) a day appointed in any part of the United Kingdom or Gibraltar as a day of public thanksgiving or mourning."

(2) In relation to England, Wales and Scotland, section 13B of the 1983 Act(8) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) in subsection (1), for each of "an election to which this section applies" and "the election" there were substituted "the referendum",
- (b) in each of subsections (2), (3A) and (3C)—
  - (i) for "an election to which this section applies" there were substituted "the referendum", and
  - (ii) for "the relevant election area" there were substituted "the area for which the registration officer acts",
- (c) subsection (4) were omitted, and
- (d) in subsection (5)—

<sup>(7)</sup> Section 13AB was inserted by section 16(1) and (3) of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c.6) and was amended by paragraphs 1 and 4 of Schedule 2 to the Recall of MPs Act 2015 (c.25).

<sup>(8)</sup> Section 13B was inserted by paragraphs 1 and 6 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c.2) was amended by section 11 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22), section 6(1) of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 (c.33), paragraph 3 of Schedule 10 to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c.13) and section 16 of, and paragraphs 1 and 13 of Schedule 4 to, the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c.6).

- (i) in the definition of "the appropriate publication date", for "an election to which this section applies" there were substituted "the referendum", and
- (ii) the definitions of "the final nomination day" and "the relevant election area" were omitted.

(3) A reference in any enactment to section 13AB or 13B of the 1983 Act includes (where the context allows) a reference to that section as applied by this paragraph.

(4) Sub-paragraph (3) has effect, in relation to any register, until the first publication after the referendum of a revised version of the register under section 13 of the 1983 Act.

# **Commencement Information**

I4 Sch. 1 para. 4 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Alteration of registers pending the referendum: Northern Ireland

5.—(1) In relation to Northern Ireland, section 13BA of the 1983 Act(9) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) in subsection (1)—
  - (i) for the words from "the final nomination day" to "this section applies" there were substituted "the eleventh day before the date of the poll for the referendum", and
  - (ii) for "that election" there were substituted "the referendum",
- (b) in subsection (2)—
  - (i) for "an election to which this section applies" there were substituted "the referendum", and
  - (ii) for "the final nomination day" there were substituted "the eleventh day before the date of the poll for the referendum",
- (c) in subsection (3A) for "the final nomination day" there were substituted "the eleventh day before the date of the poll for the referendum",
- (d) in subsection (5), for "an election to which this section applies" there were substituted "the referendum",
- (e) in each of subsections (7) and (8)—
  - (i) for "an election to which this section applies" there were substituted "the referendum", and
  - (ii) for "the relevant election area" there were substituted "the area for which the registration officer acts",
- (f) subsection (12) were omitted, and
- (g) the reference in subsection (13) to subsection (5) of section 13B were to that subsection as applied by paragraph 4(2) of this Schedule.

(2) A reference in any enactment to section 13BA of the 1983 Act includes (where the context allows) a reference to that section as applied by this paragraph.

(3) Sub-paragraph (2) has effect, in relation to any register, until the first publication after the referendum of a revised version of the register under section 13 of the 1983 Act.

<sup>(9)</sup> Section 13BA was inserted by section 6(2) of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 (c.33) and was amended by section 16(1) of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 (c.13) and paragraphs 1 and 6 of Schedule 2 to the Recall of MPs Act 2015 (c.25).

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## **Commencement Information**

I5 Sch. 1 para. 5 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Loan of equipment

- 6. Section 47 of the 1983 Act(10) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—
  - (a) in subsection (1) the reference to the returning officer at a local government election included a counting officer for the referendum for a voting area anywhere in the United Kingdom, and
  - (b) in subsection (2) the reference to the returning officer at an election mentioned there included a counting officer for the referendum for a voting area in England, Wales or Scotland.

## **Commencement Information**

I6 Sch. 1 para. 6 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## **Effect of registers**

7.—(1) Section 49 of the 1983 Act(11) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

- (2) Subsection (4) has effect for those purposes as if—
  - (a) for "any purpose of this Part relating to him as elector" there were substituted "any purpose of this Part, the European Union Referendum Act 2015 or the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
  - (b) for "as an elector except" to the end there were substituted "as a person entitled to vote by virtue of that entry unless the day fixed for the poll for the referendum is that or a later date".
- (3) Subsection (5) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if the following were omitted—
  - (a) the words "prevent the rejection of the vote on a scrutiny, or", and
  - (b) paragraph (b)(iv).
- (4) For the avoidance of doubt, in section 49 of the 1983 Act as applied by this paragraph—
  - (a) "voting age" has the same meaning as in section 49 as it has effect apart from this Schedule, but
  - (b) "vote" as a verb is to be read in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

I7 Sch. 1 para. 7 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

<sup>(10)</sup> Section 47 was amended by article 4 of S.I. 1991/1728 and paragraph 6(1) and (4) of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). There are other amendments to section 47 that are not relevant to these Regulations.

<sup>(11)</sup> Section 49 was amended by Schedule 5 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50); paragraphs 2 and 7 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22); paragraphs 1 and 12 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c.2); and paragraphs 1 and 16 of Schedule 4 to the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c.6).

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# Effect of misdescription

- 8. Section 50 of the 1983 Act applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—
  - (a) the words "nomination paper," were omitted, and
  - (b) for the words "and the parliamentary election rules" there were substituted "or by the European Union Referendum Act 2015 or the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I8** Sch. 1 para. 8 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Discharge of registration duties**

**9.**—(1) Section 52 of the 1983(12) Act applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) For those purposes, the following subsections are to be treated as substituted for subsection (1)

"(1) A registration officer shall comply with any general or special directions which may be given by the Secretary of State for the purposes of the referendum with respect to the arrangements to be made by that officer for carrying out—

- (a) any of that officer's functions under Schedule 3 to the European Union Referendum Act 2015,
- (b) any of that officer's functions under the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016, or
- (c) any of that officer's functions under this Act.

(1ZA) In subsection (1) the reference to a registration officer includes the Gibraltar registration officer, and in relation to that officer—

- (a) the reference in subsection (1)(b) to "the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016" is to be read as a reference to any regulations under section 4 of the European Union Referendum Act 2015 that extend to Gibraltar and Gibraltar conduct law, and
- (b) the reference in subsection (1)(c) to "this Act" is to be read as a reference to the Gibraltar Act titled the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2004.

(1ZB) The Secretary of State may give a direction under subsection (1) only if it is in accordance with a recommendation made by the Electoral Commission."

(3) Subsection (1A) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if after "registration officer" there were inserted "or the Gibraltar registration officer".

(4) Subsections (2) and (4) each have effect for the purposes of the referendum as if after "this Act" there were inserted ", the European Union Referendum Act 2015 and the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

<sup>(12)</sup> Section 52 was amended by paragraph 12 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50). Subsection (1A) was inserted by paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). Subsection (4) was amended by paragraph 68(12) of Schedule 16 to the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c.19). The functions of the Secretary of State under section 52 are exercisable concurrently with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (see article 3 of and Schedule 1 to S.I. 2015/1376).

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# **Commencement Information**

I9 Sch. 1 para. 9 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Payment of expenses of registration

**10.** Section 54 of the 1983 Act(**13**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if in subsection (1) after "2013" there were inserted "or the European Union Referendum Act 2015 or the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I10** Sch. 1 para. 10 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Registration appeals: England and Wales and Scotland**

**11.**—(1) In subsection (3) of section 56 of the 1983 Act(14), the references to "an election" and "the election" include the referendum.

(2) For the purposes of the referendum the following subsection is to be treated as substituted for subsection (4A) of section 56 of the 1983 Act—

"(4A) Where, as a result of the decision on an appeal, an alteration in the register made in pursuance of subsection (4) takes effect under section 13(5), 13A(2), 13AB(3), 13B(3) or (3B) or 13BC(3) or (6) on or before the date of the poll for the referendum, subsection (3) does not apply to that appeal as respects the referendum."

(3) References in this paragraph to section 56 of the 1983 Act include that section as applied by section 57 of that Act (registration appeals: Scotland).

#### **Commencement Information**

III Sch. 1 para. 11 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Registration appeals: Northern Ireland**

**12.**—(1) In subsection (3) of section 58 of the 1983 Act(**15**), the references to "an election" and "the election" include the referendum.

(2) For the purposes of the referendum, the following subsection is to be treated as substituted for subsection (5) of section 58 of the 1983 Act—

"(5) Where, as a result of the decision on an appeal, an alteration in the register made in pursuance of subsection (4) takes effect under section 13(5), 13A(2), 13BA(6) or (9) or 13BC(3) or (6) on or before the date of the poll for the referendum, subsection (3) does not apply to that appeal as respects the referendum."

<sup>(13)</sup> Section 54 was amended by paragraph 14 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50) and paragraphs 1 and 17 of Schedule 4 to the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c.6).

<sup>(14)</sup> Section 56 was amended by paragraph 1 of Schedule 2, paragraph 16 of Schedule 4 and Schedule 5 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50); paragraphs 1 and 14 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c.2); section 11(5) of and paragraph 2 and 8 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22); and section 16(1) and (5) of, and paragraphs 1 and 18 of Schedule 4 to the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c.6).

<sup>(15)</sup> Section 58 was substituted by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 (c.33) and was amended by paragraphs 1 and 9 of Schedule 2 to the Recall of MPs Act 2015 (c.25) and article 3(1) and (4) of S.I. 2014/1116.

# **Commencement Information**

II2 Sch. 1 para. 12 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Offence of personation**

13. Section 60 of the 1983 Act applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if in subsection (2)—

- (a) for "at a parliamentary or local government election" there were substituted "in the referendum", and
- (b) for "whether as an elector or as proxy" there were substituted "whether or not as proxy".

#### **Commencement Information**

I13 Sch. 1 para. 13 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

#### Other voting offences

14.—(1) Section 61 of the 1983 Act(16) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the modifications in sub-paragraphs (2) to (4) below.

(2) For the purposes of the referendum, the following subsections are to be treated as substituted for subsections (1) to (4)—

"(1) A person shall be guilty of an offence if—

- (a) he votes in person or by post, whether on his own behalf or as proxy, or applies to vote by proxy or by post on his own behalf, knowing that he is subject to a legal incapacity to vote; or
- (b) he applies for the appointment of a proxy to vote for him knowing that he is or the person to be appointed is subject to a legal incapacity to vote; or
- (c) he votes, whether in person or by post, as proxy for some other person knowing that that person is subject to a legal incapacity to vote.

For the purposes of this subsection references to a person being subject to a legal incapacity to vote do not, in relation to things done before polling day, include his being below voting age if he will be of voting age on that day.

(2) A person shall be guilty of an offence if-

- (a) he votes on his own behalf otherwise than by proxy more than once; or
- (b) he votes on his own behalf in person when he is entitled to vote by post; or
- (c) he votes on his own behalf in person knowing that a person appointed to vote as his proxy either has already voted in person or is entitled to vote by post; or
- (d) he applies under Part 3 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 for a person to be appointed as his proxy to vote for him without applying for the cancellation of a previous appointment of a third person then in force under that Part or without withdrawing a pending application for such an appointment.

<sup>(16)</sup> Section 61 was amended by paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50); paragraph 83 of Schedule 27 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c.33); and section 38(3) of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22). There are other amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

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- (3) A person shall be guilty of an offence if—
  - (a) he votes as proxy for the same person more than once; or
  - (b) he votes in person as proxy for another person and he is entitled to vote by post as proxy for that person; or
  - (c) he votes in person as proxy for another person and he knows that other person has already voted in person.

(4) A person shall also be guilty of an offence if he votes as proxy for more than two persons of whom he is not the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild."

(3) Subsection (6A) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for the words from "in pursuance of" to the end there were substituted "in reliance on Case 3, 4, 5 or 6 in regulation 37 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

- (4) For the purposes of the referendum the following are to be treated as omitted—
  - (a) subsection (6B);
  - (b) subsection (7)(b).
- (5) Paragraph 2(1) of this Schedule (meaning of "vote") does not apply for the purposes of—
  - (a) subsection (2)(a) and (c), or
  - (b) subsection (3)(a) and (c),

of section 61 of the 1983 Act as applied by this paragraph, and in those provisions "vote" is to be read in accordance with sub-paragraphs (6) and (7).

(6) In subsections (2)(a) and (3)(a) "vote" means vote in the referendum (and does not exclude voting in Gibraltar).

- (7) In subsections (2)(c) and (3)(c)—
  - (a) references to voting in person are to voting in the referendum in person either in the United Kingdom or Gibraltar, and
  - (b) references to voting by post are to voting in the referendum by post, either under the law of the United Kingdom relating to postal voting or under the law of Gibraltar relating to postal voting.
- (8) But—
  - (a) a person does not commit an offence under subsection (2)(a) or (3)(a) of section 61 of the 1983 Act as applied by this paragraph unless at least one of the votes mentioned in subsection (2)(a) or (3)(a) (as the case may be) is a vote in the United Kingdom;
  - (b) a person does not commit an offence under subsection (2)(c) of section 61 of the 1983 Act as so applied unless either or both of the following apply—
    - (i) the person's vote on his own behalf is a vote in person in the United Kingdom;
    - (ii) the proxy's vote (or entitlement to a postal vote) is a vote in (or an entitlement to a postal vote in) the United Kingdom;
  - (c) a person does not commit an offence under subsection (3)(c) of section 61 of the 1983 Act as so applied unless at least one of the votes mentioned in subsection (3)(c) is a vote in person in the United Kingdom.
- (9) In sub-paragraph (6) the reference to voting "in Gibraltar" is to voting—
  - (a) in person in Gibraltar, or
  - (b) by post under the law of Gibraltar relating to postal voting,

and in sub-paragraph (8) references to a vote "in the United Kingdom" are to be read accordingly.

#### **Commencement Information**

II4 Sch. 1 para. 14 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Offences relating to applications for absent voting

15. Section 62A(1) to (5) of the 1983 Act(17) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) in subsection (1)(a) the words "at a parliamentary or local government election" were omitted, and
- (b) in subsection (2)(c) for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

#### **Commencement Information**

I15 Sch. 1 para. 15 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

### Breach of official duty

16. Section 63 of the 1983 Act(18) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for subsections (3) and (4) there were substituted—

- "(3) The persons to whom this section applies are—
  - (a) the Chief Counting Officer,
  - (b) any Regional Counting Officer,
  - (c) any counting officer,
  - (d) any registration officer,
  - (e) the Gibraltar registration officer,
  - (f) any presiding officer, or any equivalent officer in Gibraltar,
  - (g) any official designated by a universal postal service provider (within the meaning given by section 202), and
  - (h) any deputy of a person mentioned in any of paragraphs (a) to (g) above or any person appointed to assist, or in the course of his employment assisting, a person so mentioned in connection with his official duties;

and "official duty" shall for the purposes of this section be construed accordingly, but shall not include duties imposed otherwise than by this Act, the European Union Referendum Act 2015 or regulations under section 4 of that Act, Gibraltar conduct law, the Gibraltar Act titled the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2004 or the law of the United Kingdom or of Gibraltar relating to referendums.

- (4) Where—
  - (a) a Regional Counting Officer or counting officer is guilty of an act or omission in breach of his official duty, but
  - (b) he remedies that act or omission in full by taking steps under paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to the European Union Referendum Act 2015,

<sup>(17)</sup> Section 62A was inserted by section 40 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22).

<sup>(18)</sup> Section 63 was substituted by paragraph 19 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50) and was amended by sections 7, 41(8) and 46(6) of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22); section 25(a) of the Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 (c.12); and paragraph 57(1) and (2) of Schedule 1 to S.I. 2001/1149.

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he shall not be guilty of an offence under subsection (1) above."

#### **Commencement Information**

**I16** Sch. 1 para. 16 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Tampering with papers**

17.—(1) Section 65 of the 1983 Act(19) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

- (2) Subsection (1) has effect for those purposes as if—
  - (a) for "at a parliamentary or local government election" there were substituted "in the referendum",
  - (b) paragraph (a) were omitted, and
  - (c) in paragraph (f), for "election" there were substituted "referendum".

(3) But nothing in that subsection is to be taken to apply to anything done in connection with the referendum so far as held in Gibraltar.

(4) For the purposes of the referendum the following subsection is to be treated as substituted for subsection (2)—

"(2) In Scotland, a person shall be guilty of an offence if-

- (a) in the referendum, he forges or counterfeits any ballot paper or the official mark on any ballot paper; or
- (b) he fraudulently or without due authority, as the case may be, attempts to do any of those things."

(5) Subsection (3) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "a returning officer" there were substituted "the Chief Counting Officer, a Regional Counting Officer, a counting officer".

## **Commencement Information**

II7 Sch. 1 para. 17 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Requirement of secrecy**

**18.**—(1) Section 66(1) to (6) of the 1983 Act(**20**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) Subsection (1) has effect for those purposes as if—

- (a) for paragraphs (a) to (c) there were substituted—
  - "(a) the Chief Counting Officer, and every Regional Counting Officer and counting officer, attending at a polling station in the United Kingdom,
  - (b) every deputy of such an officer so attending,
  - (c) every presiding officer and clerk so attending,

<sup>(19)</sup> Section 65 was amended by paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50) and paragraphs 69 and 72 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22). There are other amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

<sup>(20)</sup> Section 66 was amended by paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50) and paragraphs 69, 82 and 86 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22). There are other amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

- (d) every referendum agent, polling agent and counting agent so attending, and
- (e) every person so attending by virtue of any of sections 6A to 6D of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000,",
- (b) in paragraph (i) for "elector or proxy for an elector" there were substituted "person", and
- (c) in paragraph (ii) for "elector" there were substituted "person".

(3) The references in subsections (1) and (4) to the closure of the poll are to be read, in relation to the referendum, as references to the closure of the poll in the United Kingdom or Gibraltar, whichever is the later.

(4) Subsections (2)(b), (3)(b) and (c), (4)(d) and (5) have effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "the candidate for whom" there were substituted "the referendum answer for which".

(5) Subsection (3)(d) has effect for those purposes as if for "the name of the candidate for whom" there were substituted "the referendum answer for which".

(6) Subsection (5) has effect for those purposes as if-

- (a) for "blind voter" there were substituted "voter with disabilities", and
- (b) at the end there were inserted—

""Voter with disabilities" has the meaning given by regulation 36(11) of the the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016."

#### **Commencement Information**

**I18** Sch. 1 para. 18 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Prohibition on publication of exit polls

**19.**—(1) Section 66A of the 1983 Act(**21**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) Subsection (1) has effect for those purposes as if "the referendum" were substituted for each of the following—

- (a) "an election to which this section applies", and
- (b) "the election" (in both places).
- (3) For the purposes of the referendum subsection (2) is to be treated as omitted.

(4) Subsection (4) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for the words after "whatever means" there were substituted—

"and the reference to a forecast as to the result of the referendum includes a forecast as to the number or proportion of votes expected to be cast for each answer to the referendum question in any region, voting area or other area."

(5) In section 66A of the 1983 Act as applied by this paragraph—

- (a) the reference in subsection (1) to the closure of the poll is to be read as a reference to the closure of the poll in the United Kingdom or Gibraltar, whichever is the later, and
- (b) the references in subsection (1)(a) to "voters" include any voters in the referendum, whether voting in the United Kingdom or Gibraltar, and "vote" is to be read accordingly,

and, accordingly, paragraph 2(1) of this Schedule (meaning of "vote") does not apply in relation to that section.

<sup>(21)</sup> Section 66A was inserted by paragraphs 3 and 6 of Schedule 6 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c.2).

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(6) In subsection (4) of that section as so applied, the references to the public are to the public in the United Kingdom.

# **Commencement Information**

**I19** Sch. 1 para. 19 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Failure to comply with conditions relating to supply etc of documents

**20.** Section 66B of the 1983 Act(**22**) applies for the purposes of the referendum, but as if in subsection (1)(a) for "imposed in pursuance of regulations under rule 57 of the parliamentary election rules" there were substituted "to which the right to inspect or be supplied with a document or part of document under regulation 58 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 is subject under paragraph (5)(a) of that regulation".

#### **Commencement Information**

I20 Sch. 1 para. 20 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

### Broadcasting from outside UK

**21.** Section 92 of the 1983 Act(**23**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if in subsection (1)—

- (a) for "at a parliamentary or local government election" there were substituted "in the referendum", and
- (b) for "the election" there were substituted "the referendum".

## **Commencement Information**

I21 Sch. 1 para. 21 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Imitation poll cards**

**22.**—(1) Section 94(1) of the 1983 Act(**24**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "the election of any candidate at a parliamentary election or a local government election to which this section applies" there were substituted "a particular result in the referendum".

(2) The references in section 94(1) to poll cards do not include poll cards for the purposes of the referendum so far as held in Gibraltar.

#### **Commencement Information**

I22 Sch. 1 para. 22 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

<sup>(22)</sup> Section 66B was inserted by section 41(9) of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22).

<sup>(23)</sup> Section 92 was amended by paragraph 35(3) and (5) of Schedule 20 to the Broadcasting Act 1990 (c.42) and paragraph 61 of Schedule 17 to the Communications Act 2003 (c.21).

<sup>(24)</sup> Section 94(1) was amended by paragraph 36 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50).

# **Disturbances at meetings**

**23.** Section 97 of the 1983 Act(**25**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for subsection (2) there were substituted—

- "(2) This section applies to a meeting in connection with the referendum which—
  - (a) is held by a permitted participant during the referendum period (within the meaning given by paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the European Union Referendum Act 2015), and
  - (b) is held in the United Kingdom."

#### **Commencement Information**

I23 Sch. 1 para. 23 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Premises used for referendum meetings in Scotland or Northern Ireland

24. Section 98 of the 1983 Act(26) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if the reference to public meetings in furtherance of any person's candidature at a parliamentary or local government election included public meetings to promote or procure a particular result in the referendum.

## **Commencement Information**

I24 Sch. 1 para. 24 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Officials not to act for candidates

**25.** Section 99 of the 1983 Act(**27**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for subsection (1) there were substituted—

- "(1) If—
  - (a) the Chief Counting Officer,
  - (b) any Regional Counting Officer,
  - (c) any counting officer for a voting area in the United Kingdom,
  - (d) any officer, deputy or clerk appointed by a person mentioned in paragraph (a),(b) or (c), or
  - (e) any officer whose services have been placed at the disposal of a counting officer or Regional Counting Officer under paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 3 to the European Union Referendum Act 2015,

acts as a referendum agent for a permitted participant, he shall be guilty of an offence."

#### **Commencement Information**

I25 Sch. 1 para. 25 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

<sup>(25)</sup> Section 97 was amended by paragraph 39 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50) and Part 1 of Schedule 7 to the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (c.60).

<sup>(26)</sup> Section 98 was repealed as regards England and Wales by Part 1 of Schedule 13 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (c.41).

<sup>(27)</sup> Section 99 was amended by paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50).

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## Illegal canvassing by police officers

**26.** Section 100 of the 1983 Act(**28**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if in subsection (1)—

- (a) for "as an elector" there were substituted "on that person's own behalf", and
- (b) the words after "proxy" were omitted.

# **Commencement Information**

I26 Sch. 1 para. 26 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Payments for exhibition of election notices

27. Section 109 of the 1983 Act applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) in subsection (1) for "the election of a candidate at an election" there were substituted "a particular result in the referendum",
- (b) in subsection (2) for "an election" there were substituted "the referendum", and
- (c) after subsection (2) there were inserted—
  - "(3) In this section "elector" means a person entitled to vote on his own behalf."

#### **Commencement Information**

I27 Sch. 1 para. 27 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Prohibition of paid canvassers**

28.—(1) Section 111 of the 1983 Act applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for "an election" there were substituted "the referendum", and
- (b) for "a candidate's election" there were substituted "a particular result in the referendum".

(2) But nothing in that section applies in relation to canvassing in Gibraltar in connection with the referendum.

#### **Commencement Information**

I28 Sch. 1 para. 28 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Providing money etc for illegal purposes

29. Section 112 of the 1983 Act applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) the reference in paragraph (a) to the provisions of the 1983 Act were to any provision of the 1983 Act as applied by this Schedule, and
- (b) the following were omitted—

(i) paragraph (b),

(ii) in paragraph (c) the words "or expenses", and

 <sup>(28)</sup> Section 100 was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50) and section 78(2)
 (c) of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (c.32).

(iii) the words "or the incurring of the expenses".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I29** Sch. 1 para. 29 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## **Bribery**

**30.**—(1) Section 113 of the 1983 Act(**29**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

- (2) Subsection (2) has effect for those purposes as if—
  - (a) for "the return of any person at an election" (in the first two places) there were substituted "a particular result in the referendum", and
  - (b) paragraph (iii) were omitted.

(3) Subsection (3) has effect for those purposes as if for "at any election" (in both places) there were substituted "in the referendum".

(4) Each of subsections (4), (5) and (6) has effect for those purposes as if for "an election" there were substituted "the referendum".

#### **Commencement Information**

I30 Sch. 1 para. 30 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Treating

**31.** Section 114 of the 1983 Act applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) in subsection (2) for "an election" there were substituted "the referendum", and
- (b) in subsection (3) for "Every elector or his proxy" there were substituted "Every person entitled to vote on his own behalf, and every proxy of such a person,".

## **Commencement Information**

I31 Sch. 1 para. 31 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Undue influence

**32.** Section 115 of the 1983 Act(**30**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if after subsection (2) there were inserted—

"(3) In this section "elector" means a person entitled to vote on his own behalf."

# **Commencement Information**

**I32** Sch. 1 para. 32 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

<sup>(29)</sup> There are amendments to section 113 that are not relevant to these Regulations.

<sup>(30)</sup> Section 115 was amended by section 39 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22) and section 14 of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 14).

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# Rights of creditors where applied provision prohibits payments

**33.** In section 116 of the 1983 Act the reference to the provisions of Part 2 of that Act prohibiting payments and contracts for payments includes any such provision as applied by this Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I33** Sch. 1 para. 33 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Saving for employees to be absent for voting

34. Section 117(2) of the 1983 Act applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for "parliamentary electors or their proxies" there were substituted "persons entitled to vote (on their own behalf or as proxies)",
- (b) the words "at a parliamentary election" were omitted, and
- (c) in paragraphs (b) and (c), for "any particular candidate at the election" there were substituted "a particular answer in the referendum".

## **Commencement Information**

I34 Sch. 1 para. 34 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Computation of time**

**35.**—(1) Section 119 of the 1983 Act(**31**), in its application for the purposes of any provision of the 1983 Act as applied by this Schedule, has effect as if for subsection (3) there were substituted—

"(3) In this section, in relation to a voting area—

- (a) "bank holiday" means any day that is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in the part of the United Kingdom in which the voting area is situated, and
- (b) "a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning" means a day appointed in the part of the United Kingdom in which the voting area is situated as a day of public thanksgiving or mourning."

(2) The reference in sub-paragraph (1) to section 119 of the 1983 Act includes that section as applied by any other provision of that Act.

# **Commencement Information**

**I35** Sch. 1 para. 35 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## **Application for relief**

**36.**—(1) Section 167(1) to (2)(32) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

<sup>(31)</sup> Section 119 was amended by section 19(4) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50); paragraphs 49 and 51 of Schedule 2 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22); section 30 of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 14); and paragraphs 6 and 9 of the Schedule to the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011 (c.14).

<sup>(32)</sup> Section 167(1) was amended by paragraph 52 of Schedule 9 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c.22). Section 167(1A) was inserted by paragraph 56 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50).

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(2) For the purposes of the referendum the following subsection is to be treated as substituted for subsection (1)—

"(1) An application for relief under this section may be made to the High Court."

(3) Subsection (2)(c) has effect for those purposes as if the words from "in the constituency" to "was held," were omitted.

#### **Commencement Information**

I36 Sch. 1 para. 36 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## Powers of court on conviction of corrupt practice

37. In section 168 of the 1983 Act(33)-

- (a) the reference in subsection (1) to a person who is guilty of a corrupt practice includes a person who is guilty of a corrupt practice under a provision of the 1983 Act as applied by this Schedule,
- (b) the reference in subsection (1)(a) to section 60 or 62A includes either of those sections as so applied, and
- (c) the reference in subsection (7) to the offence of bribery or treating includes an offence under section 113 or 114 of the 1983 Act as applied by this Schedule.

# **Commencement Information**

I37 Sch. 1 para. 37 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Prosecution and conviction of illegal practice and illegal payments

**38.** In sections 169(**34**), 170, 173(**35**), 173A(**36**) and 175(1) and (3)(**37**) of the 1983 Act—

- (a) references to an illegal practice include an illegal practice under a provision of the 1983 Act as applied by this Schedule,
- (b) references to a corrupt practice include a corrupt practice under such a provision, and
- (c) references to an offence of illegal payment or employment include an offence of illegal payment or employment under such a provision;

and in section 173(2) any reference to a corrupt practice or illegal practice under a section mentioned there includes a reference to a corrupt practice or illegal practice under that section as applied by this Schedule.

<sup>(33)</sup> Section 168 was amended by paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 and paragraph 57 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50); paragraphs 104 and 121 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22); and paragraphs 1 and 11 of Schedule 2 to the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 14).

<sup>(34)</sup> Section 169 was amended by paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50).

<sup>(35)</sup> Section 173 was substituted by section 136 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2006 (c.41) and amended by article 2(1) and (4) of S.I. 2007/931.

<sup>(36)</sup> Section 173A was inserted by section 136 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2006 (c.41) and was amended by paragraphs 104 and 123 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22); section 34(3) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 14); and article 2(1) and (5) of S.I. 2007/931.

<sup>(37)</sup> Section 175(1) and (3) was amended by paragraph 6(1) and (6) of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). Subsection (1) was also amended by paragraph 10 of Schedule 3 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50).

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#### **Commencement Information**

**I38** Sch. 1 para. 38 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## **Time limit for prosecutions**

**39.**—(1) In section 176 of the 1983 Act(**38**), the reference in subsection (1) to any offence under any provision contained in the 1983 Act includes any offence under any such provision as applied by this Schedule.

(2) Subsections (2) to (2G) of section 176 of the 1983 Act have effect in relation to such an offence ("a referendum offence") with the following modifications.

(3) Subsection (2C) has effect in relation to a referendum offence as if for "rule 57 of the parliamentary elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 58 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

(4) Subsection (2D) has effect in relation to a referendum offence as if for paragraph (a) there were substituted—

"(a) directing the registration officer not to cause the documents to be destroyed at the expiry of the period of one year mentioned in regulation 58 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016,".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I39** Sch. 1 para. 39 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

### Prosecution of offences committed outside the United Kingdom

40. In section 178 of the 1983 Act(39) the reference to an offence under that Act includes an offence under any provision of that Act as applied by this Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

I40 Sch. 1 para. 40 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## Offences by associations

41. In section 179 of the 1983 Act(40)—

- (a) the reference to any corrupt or illegal practice includes any corrupt or illegal practice under any provision of the 1983 Act as applied by this Schedule, and
- (b) the reference to any illegal payment, employment or hiring includes any illegal payment or employment under any such provision.

<sup>(38)</sup> Section 176 was amended by paragraph 61 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50) and section 70 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22).

<sup>(39)</sup> Section 178 was substituted by paragraph 62 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50).

<sup>(40)</sup> Section 179 was amended by paragraphs 1 and 12 of Schedule 2 to the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 14).

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# **Commencement Information**

I41 Sch. 1 para. 41 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Director of Public Prosecutions**

**42.** In section 181(1) of the 1983 Act(**41**) the reference to any offence under that Act includes any offence under any provision of that Act as applied by this Schedule.

# **Commencement Information**

I42 Sch. 1 para. 42 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Service of notices

43. Section 184 of the 1983 Act(42) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if in subsection (1)—

- (a) for "an election" there were substituted "the referendum",
- (b) for the words from "the High Court" to "any election court" there were substituted "the High Court or the county court", and
- (c) in paragraph (a), the words from "in the constituency" to "held" were omitted.

# **Commencement Information**

I43 Sch. 1 para. 43 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Computation of time for purposes of Part 3

44. In section 186 of the 1983 Act the reference to Part 3 of that Act includes any provision of that Part as applied by this Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

I44 Sch. 1 para. 44 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## Translations etc of certain documents

**45.**—(1) Section 199B(1) to (9) of the 1983 Act(**43**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) For those purposes, the following subsection is to be treated as substituted for subsection (1)—

"(1) Subsections (2) and (3) below apply to any document which under or by virtue of this Act, the European Union Referendum Act 2015 or the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 is required or authorised—

<sup>(41)</sup> Section 181(1) was amended by paragraph 63(a) of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50).

<sup>(42)</sup> Section 184 was amended by paragraphs 1 and 19(5) of Schedule 18 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41); paragraphs 116 and 118 of Schedule 12 to the Postal Services Act 2011 (c.5); and paragraphs 57(1) and (3) of Schedule 1 to S.I. 2001/1149.

<sup>(43)</sup> Section 199B was inserted by section 36 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22).

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- (a) to be given to voters, or
- (b) to be displayed in any place in the United Kingdom, for the purposes of the referendum."
- (3) Subsection (4) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if paragraph (a) were omitted.

(4) For the purposes of the referendum the following subsections are to be treated as substituted for subsections (5) to (7)—

"(5) The counting officer for a voting area in the United Kingdom may cause to be displayed at every polling station in that area an enlarged sample copy of the ballot paper.

(6) The sample copy mentioned in subsection (5) above—

- (a) must have printed on it the words "Put a cross (X) in one box only" both at the top and immediately below the referendum question, and
- (b) below the second occurrence of those words, may include a translation of those words into such other languages as the counting officer thinks appropriate.

(7) The counting officer for a voting area in the United Kingdom must provide at every polling station in that area an enlarged hand-held sample copy of the ballot paper for the assistance of voters who are partially sighted."

(5) Subsection (9) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

## **Commencement Information**

I45 Sch. 1 para. 45 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **General interpretation**

**46.** In its application for the purposes of any provision of the 1983 Act as applied by this Schedule, section 202 of the 1983 Act(**44**) has effect as if in subsection (1)—

(a) for the definition of "list of proxies" there were substituted—

""list of proxies" is to be read in accordance with paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 1 to the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016;", and

(b) for the definition of "voter" and "vote" there were substituted—

""vote" and "voter" are to be read in accordance with paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 to the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 (subject to any provision to the contrary in that Schedule)."

## **Commencement Information**

I46 Sch. 1 para. 46 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

<sup>(44)</sup> Section 202 was amended by section 4(5) of, and Schedule 2 and paragraphs 70 of Schedule 4 to, the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50); Part 14 of Schedule 1 to the Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1993 (c.50); the Schedule to the Law Officers Act 1997 (c.60); paragraphs 1 and 22 of Schedule 1 and paragraphs 3 and 9 of Schedule 6 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c.2); paragraphs 1 and 19(6) of Schedule 18 and paragraph 6(1) and (8) of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41); section 28(2) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 14); section 73(1) and (2) of, and paragraphs 2, 13, 69, 76, 104 and 128 of Schedule 1 to, the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22); paragraphs 116 and 120 of Schedule 12 to the Postal Services Act 2011 (c.5), regulation 4(2) of S.1. 1994/1948; and paragraphs 57(1) and (4) of Schedule 1 to S.1. 2001/1149. There are other amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

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## General application to Scotland

**47.** Section 204(3), (5) and (8) of the 1983 Act applies for the purposes of any provision of the 1983 Act as applied by this Schedule, so far as that provision applies to Scotland.

#### **Commencement Information**

I47 Sch. 1 para. 47 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **General application to Northern Ireland**

**48.** Section 205 of the 1983 Act(**45**) applies for the purposes of any provision of the 1983 Act as applied by this Schedule, so far as that provision applies to Northern Ireland.

# Commencement Information I48 Sch. 1 para. 48 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Premises used for poll: Scotland and Northern Ireland

**49.** Rule 22(3) in Schedule 1 to the 1983 Act(**46**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if the reference to use for the purpose of taking the poll in an election included use by a counting officer for the purpose of taking the poll in the referendum.

# **Commencement Information**

I49 Sch. 1 para. 49 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 80

## APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS OF OTHER ACTS

# PART 1

# POLITICAL PARTIES, ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS ACT 2000

# Attendance of representatives of Electoral Commission at referendum proceedings

**1.** Section 6A of the 2000 Act(47) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for subsection (4) there were substituted—

"(4) In this section, "the relevant counting officer" means, in relation to proceedings at the referendum under section 1 of the European Union Referendum Act 2015, the counting

<sup>(45)</sup> Section 205 was amended by paragraph 72 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50).

<sup>(46)</sup> Rule 22(3) was repealed as regards England and Wales by Part 1 of Schedule 13 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (c.41).

<sup>(47)</sup> Section 6A was inserted by section 29 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22). There are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

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officer for the voting area to which the proceedings relate (determined in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to that Act)."

## **Commencement Information**

**I50** Sch. 2 para. 1 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Observation of working practices by representatives of the Electoral Commission

- 2. Section 6B of the 2000 Act(48) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—
  - (a) for subsection (1)(c) there were substituted—
    - "(c) a counting officer for the referendum under section 1 of the European Union Referendum Act 2015", and
  - (b) subsection (2)(a) were omitted.

#### **Commencement Information**

I51 Sch. 2 para. 2 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## Accredited observers of referendum proceedings

3. Section 6C of the 2000 Act(49) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if the following subsection were inserted after subsection (1)—

"(1A) In subsection (1)(c) the reference to "proceedings at the counting of votes" includes proceedings of—

- (a) a Regional Counting Officer in connection with the officer's duty to certify the matters specified in paragraph 7(4) of Schedule 3 to the European Union Referendum Act 2015, and
- (b) the Chief Counting Officer in connection with the officer's duty to certify the matters specified in section 128(6)."

#### **Commencement Information**

I52 Sch. 2 para. 3 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

4. Section 6D of the 2000 Act(50) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if the following subsection were inserted after subsection (1)—

"(1A) In subsection (1)(c) the reference to "proceedings at the counting of votes" includes proceedings of—

(a) a Regional Counting Officer in connection with the officer's duty to certify the matters specified in paragraph 7(4) of Schedule 3 to the European Union Referendum Act 2015, and

<sup>(48)</sup> Section 6B was inserted by section 29 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22). There are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

<sup>(49)</sup> Section 6C was inserted by section 29 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22). There are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

<sup>(50)</sup> Section 6D was inserted by section 29 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22). There are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

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(b) the Chief Counting Officer in connection with the officer's duty to certify the matters specified in section 128(6)."

# **Commencement Information**

**I53** Sch. 2 para. 4 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## **Commencement Information**

I52 Sch. 2 para. 3 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1
I53 Sch. 2 para. 4 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Provision to the Electoral Commission of information about expenditure

5. Section 9C of the 2000 Act(51) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for subsection (2)(c) there were substituted—

"(c) in the case of a counting officer for the referendum under section 1 of the European Union Referendum Act 2015, expenditure in connection with that referendum."

## **Commencement Information**

I54 Sch. 2 para. 5 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Right to use rooms for holding public meetings

**6.** Paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the 2000 Act has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if after "public funds" there were inserted ", Gibraltar public funds".

# **Commencement Information**

**I55** Sch. 2 para. 6 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# PART 2

# APPLICATION OF OTHER ENACTMENTS

## Premises used for referendum purposes in England and Wales

**7.** Section 65(6) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988(**52**) (which makes provision for England and Wales corresponding to section 98 of and rule 22(3) in Schedule 1 to the 1983 Act) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

(a) the reference in paragraph (a) to public meetings in furtherance of a person's candidature at a parliamentary or local government election included public meetings to promote or procure a particular result in the referendum, and

<sup>(51)</sup> Section 9C was inserted by section 67 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22).

<sup>(52) 1988</sup> c.41.

(b) the reference in paragraph (b) to use by a returning officer for the purpose of taking the poll in a parliamentary or local government election included use by a counting officer for the purpose of taking the poll in the referendum.

# **Commencement Information**

**I56** Sch. 2 para. 7 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Restriction on powers of arrest at polling station by persons other than constables

**8.** Section 71 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006(**53**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if the reference to an offence under section 60 of the 1983 Act were a reference to an offence under that section as applied by Schedule 1.

# **Commencement Information**

I57 Sch. 2 para. 8 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 81

# APPLICATION OF EXISTING PROVISIONS OF REGULATIONS

# PART 1

# THE 2001 REGULATIONS (ENGLAND AND WALES) AND THE 2001 REGULATIONS (SCOTLAND)

# Preliminary

1.—(1) In this Part of this Schedule the "relevant regulations" means—

- (a) the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001 (referred to in this Part of this Schedule as "the England and Wales Regulations"), and
- (b) the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (referred to in this Part of this Schedule as "the Scotland Regulations").
- (2) In any provision of the relevant regulations as applied by this Part of this Schedule—
  - (a) expressions defined by section 11 of the 2015 Act have the meaning given by that section, and
  - (b) expressions defined by regulation 5 have the meaning given by that regulation.
- (3) Sub-paragraph (2) does not apply to the extent that the context otherwise requires.

# **Commencement Information**

**I58** Sch. 3 para. 1 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

2. The following provisions of the relevant regulations apply for the purposes of the referendum—

- (a) regulation 3(1) and (3) (interpretation)(54);
- (b) regulation 5 (applications, notices etc)(55);
- (c) regulation 6 (electronic signatures)(56);
- (d) regulation 11 (interference with notices etc);
- (e) regulation 32A (representations regarding clerical errors)(57);
- (f) regulation 36A (communication of notices issued on polling day)(58);
- (g) regulation 55A (additional requirements for applications for an emergency proxy vote)(59);
- (h) regulation 62 (marked register for polling stations)(60);
- (i) regulation 120 (calculating the fee for supply of marked registers or lists)(61).

#### **Commencement Information**

**I59** Sch. 3 para. 2 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

### **Commencement Information**

**I58** Sch. 3 para. 1 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

I59 Sch. 3 para. 2 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Forms

**3.**—(1) Regulation 4 of the relevant regulations (forms)(62) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) Paragraph (1) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

(a) after paragraph (b) there were inserted—

", and

(c) applications made under Chapter 1 of Part 3 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016."

<sup>(54)</sup> Relevant amendments to regulation 3 of the England and Wales Regulations were made by regulations 2 and 3 of S.I. 2001/1700; regulation 5 of S.I. 2002/1871; regulation 2 of S.I. 2006/2910; and regulation 3 of S.I. 2013/3198. Relevant amendments to regulation 3 of the Scotland Regulations were made by regulations 2 and 3 of S.I. 2001/1749; regulation 5 of S.I. 2002/1872; regulation 2 of 2007/925; and regulation 3 of S.I. 2013/3206.

<sup>(55)</sup> Regulation 5 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 5 of S.I. 2013/3198. Regulation 5 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 5 of S.I. 2013/3206.

<sup>(56)</sup> Regulation 5 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 6 of S.I. 2013/3198. Regulation 6 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 6 of S.I. 2013/3206.

<sup>(57)</sup> Regulation 32A of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 24(4) of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 32A of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 24(4) of S.I. 2007/925.

<sup>(58)</sup> Regulation 36A of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 26 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 36A of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 26 of S.I. 2007/925.

<sup>(59)</sup> Regulation 55A of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 24 of S.I. 2013/3198. Regulation 55A of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 24 of S.I. 2013/3206.

<sup>(60)</sup> Regulation 62 of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 16 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 62 of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 16 of S.I. 2007/925.

<sup>(61)</sup> Regulation 120 of each of the England and Wales and Scotland Regulations was substituted by regulations 3, 5, 6 and 8 of S.I. 2008/1901.

<sup>(62)</sup> Regulation 4 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 4 of S.I. 2013/3198. Regulation 4 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 4 of S.I. 2013/3206.

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(b) after "an election" there were inserted "or the referendum".

(3) Paragraph (2) has effect for the purposes of the referendum only in so far as it relates to Form K in Schedule 3 to the relevant regulations.

# **Commencement Information**

I60 Sch. 3 para. 3 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## **Computation of time**

**4.** Regulation 8 of the relevant regulations (time)(**63**) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if in paragraph (2) for "regulation 56(6)" there were substituted "regulations 56(6) and 78A(5)".

#### **Commencement Information**

I61 Sch. 3 para. 4 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## Restriction on supply etc of record of anonymous entries

**5.** Regulation 45B(2) of the Scotland Regulations (duties of registration officers etc in relation to record of anonymous entries)(64) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) after sub-paragraph (a) there were treated as inserted—
  - "(aa) a deputy of the registration officer acting in that other capacity;", and
- (b) the references in sub-paragraph (b) to "that officer" were treated as references to "a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) or (aa)".

#### **Commencement Information**

I62 Sch. 3 para. 5 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## General requirements for applications for an absent vote

**6.**—(1) Regulation 51 of the relevant regulations (general requirements for applications for an absent vote)(**65**) has effect for the purposes of the referendum with the following modifications.

(2) Paragraph (1) has effect for those purposes as if after "Schedule 4" there were inserted "or Chapter 1 of Part 3 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

(3) Paragraph (2) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (b), after "Schedule 4" there were inserted "or regulation 66(4) or (5) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (f), after "Schedule 4" there were inserted "or regulation 62 or 66 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016,".

<sup>(63)</sup> Regulation 8 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 60(1) of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 8 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 48(1) of S.I. 2007/925.

<sup>(64)</sup> Regulation 45B was inserted by regulation 18 of S.I. 2007/925.

<sup>(65)</sup> Regulation 51 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 3 of S.I. 2006/752 and regulation 32 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 51 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 3 of S.I. 2006/834 and regulation 3 of S.I. 2008/305.

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(4) For the purposes of the referendum the following paragraph is to be treated as inserted after paragraph (5)—

"(5A) An application that is made under Chapter 1 of Part 3 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 for the purposes of the referendum must state that it is so made."

# **Commencement Information**

I63 Sch. 3 para. 6 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Signature of application for absent vote

7. Regulation 51A(a) of the relevant regulations (requirements that applications for an absent vote must be signed)(66) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) after "Schedule 4" there were inserted "or Chapter 1 of Part 3 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
- (b) for "or the returning officer" there were substituted ", the returning officer or the counting officer".

#### **Commencement Information**

I64 Sch. 3 para. 7 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Address to which to send ballot paper: requirements if different to address in application

8. Regulation 51AA(1) of the relevant regulations (additional requirement for applications for ballot paper to be sent to different address from that in application)(67) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), after "Schedule 4" there were inserted "or regulation 62(1) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), after "Schedule 4" there were inserted "or regulation 66(4) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

## **Commencement Information**

I65 Sch. 3 para. 8 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Address to which to send ballot paper: requirements if different to address in records

**9.** Regulation 51B of the relevant regulations (additional requirement for applications for ballot paper to be sent to different address from that in records)(**68**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1) there were substituted

<sup>(66)</sup> Regulation 51A of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 4 of S.I. 2006/752 and substituted by regulation 33 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 51A of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 4 of S.I. 2006/834 and substituted by regulation 4 of S.I. 2008/305.

<sup>(67)</sup> Regulation 51AA of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 61 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 51AA of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 49 of S.I. 2007/925.

<sup>(68)</sup> Regulation 51B of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 4 of S.I. 2006/752 and amended by regulation 19 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 51B of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 4 of S.I. 2006/834 and amended by regulation 19 of S.I. 2007/925.

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"regulation 62(5)(a) or 66(5) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 by a person shown as voting by post in the record referred to in that provision."

# **Commencement Information**

I66 Sch. 3 para. 9 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Applications for appointment of a proxy

10. Regulation 52 of the relevant regulations (additional requirements for applications for appointment of proxy) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if after "Schedule 4" there were inserted "or regulation 64(4) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I67** Sch. 3 para. 10 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Additional requirements for applications for proxy to vote

**11.**—(1) Regulation 55 of the relevant regulations (additional requirement for applications for proxy to vote) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) For those purposes the following paragraph is to be treated as substituted for paragraph (1)—

"(1) An application under regulation 62(2) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 to vote by proxy in the referendum is to set out why the applicant's circumstances on the date of the poll will be or are likely to be such that the applicant cannot reasonably be expected to vote in person at the polling station allotted to the applicant under Part 2 of those Regulations."

- (3) Paragraph (2) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—
  - (a) for "paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 4" there were substituted "regulation 62(2) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
  - (b) for "at the election for which it is made" there were substituted "for the referendum".

(4) Paragraph (3A) of the England and Wales Regulations and paragraph (4) of the Scotland Regulations has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) for "paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 4" there were substituted "regulation 62(2) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
- (b) for "at the election for which it is made" there were substituted "for the referendum".

(5) Paragraph (4) of the England and Wales Regulations and paragraph (3A) of the Scotland Regulations has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) for "paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 4" there were substituted "regulation 62(2) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016",
- (b) for "paragraph 2(5A) of that Schedule" there were substituted "regulation 60(7) of those Regulations", and
- (c) for "at the election for which it is made" there were substituted "for the referendum".

#### **Commencement Information**

I68 Sch. 3 para. 11 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## **Closing date for applications**

**12.**—(1) Regulation 56 of the relevant regulations (closing date for applications)(**69**) has effect for the purposes of the referendum with the following modifications.

(2) For those purposes the following paragraph is to be treated as substituted for paragraph (1)—

"(1) An application under paragraph 3(1), (6) or (7) or 7(4) of Schedule 4 to the 2000 Act or an application under regulation 66(4) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 shall be disregarded for the purposes of the referendum, and an application under regulation 62(5) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 shall be refused, if it is received by the registration officer after 5 pm on the eleventh day before the date of the poll for the referendum."

- (3) Paragraph (2) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—
  - (a) for "a particular parliamentary or local government election" there were substituted "the referendum", and
  - (b) for "at that election" there were substituted "for the referendum".

(4) For the purposes of the referendum the following paragraphs are to be treated as substituted for paragraphs (3) and (3A)—

"(3) Subject to paragraph (3A), an application under regulation 62(2) or 64(4) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 shall be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5 pm on the sixth day before the date of the poll for the referendum.

(3A) Where an application made under regulation 62(2) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 is made—

- (a) on the grounds of the applicant's disability and the applicant became disabled after 5 pm on the sixth day before the date of the poll for the referendum; or
- (b) on grounds relating to the applicant's occupation, service or employment and the applicant became aware of those grounds after 5 pm on the sixth day before the date of the poll for the referendum; or
- (c) by a person to whom regulation 60(7) of those Regulations applies,

the application, or an application under regulation 64(4) of those Regulations made by virtue of that application, is to be refused if it is received after 5pm on the day of the poll for the referendum."

(5) For the purposes of the referendum the following paragraph is to be treated as substituted for paragraph (4)—

"(4) An application under regulation 62(1) or 66(5) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 is to be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5 pm on the eleventh day before the date of the poll for the referendum."

- (6) Paragraph (5) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—
  - (a) after "paragraph 6(10) of that Schedule by an elector" there were treated as inserted ", or a notice under regulation 64(6) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 by a person,",
  - (b) for "a particular parliamentary or local government election" there were substituted "the referendum", and

<sup>(69)</sup> Regulation 56 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulations 2 and 6 of S.I. 2001/1700; regulation 6 of S.I. 2006/752; regulations 44 and 60(2) of S.I. 2006/2910; and regulation 25 of S.I. 2013/3198. Regulation 56 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulations 2 and 5 of S.I. 2001/1749; regulation 6 of S.I. 2006/834; regulations 32 and 48(2) of S.I. 2007/925; and regulation 25 of S.I. 2013/3206.

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(c) for "at that election" there were substituted "for the referendum".

(7) Paragraph (5A) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "a particular parliamentary or local government election" there were substituted "the referendum".

(8) For the purposes of the referendum the following paragraph is to be treated as substituted for paragraphs (6) and (7)—

"(6) In computing a period of days for the purposes of this regulation the following days are to be disregarded—

- (a) a Saturday or Sunday, and
- (b) Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday and any other day that is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in any part of the United Kingdom."

#### **Commencement Information**

I69 Sch. 3 para. 12 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## Grant or refusal of applications

**13.**—(1) Regulation 57 of the relevant regulations (grant or refusal of applications)(**70**) has effect for the purposes of the referendum with the following modifications.

(2) For those purposes, paragraph (3) is treated as omitted.

(3) Paragraph (4) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if after "Schedule 4" there were inserted "or Chapter 1 of Part 3 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

(4) Paragraph (4A) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if after sub-paragraph (b) there were inserted—

", or

- (c) regulation 62(5)(a) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 by a person shown as voting by post in a record mentioned in that provision, or
- (d) regulation 66(5) of those Regulations by a person shown as voting by post in a record mentioned in that provision,".

(5) Paragraph (4B) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if after "Schedule 4" there were inserted "or regulation 62(5)(a) or 66(5) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

(6) Paragraph (5) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "any particular parliamentary or local government election," there were substituted "the referendum".

(7) For the purposes of the referendum the following paragraph is to be treated as inserted after paragraph (6)—

"(7) Where the registration officer is not the counting officer for any voting area or part of a voting area in the area for which he is the registration officer, he shall send to that officer details of any application to vote by post which he has granted as soon as practicable after doing so."

<sup>(70)</sup> Regulation 57 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 7 of S.I. 2006/752 and regulation 61 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 57 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 7 of S.I. 2006/834 and regulation 50 of S.I. 2007/925.

# **Commencement Information**

**I70** Sch. 3 para. 13 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Cancellation of proxy appointment**

14. Regulation 59 of the relevant regulations (cancellation of proxy appointment) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) after "paragraph 6(10) of Schedule 4" there were inserted "or regulation 64(6) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016",
- (b) for "that provision" there were substituted "either of those provisions",
- (c) for "of that Schedule" there were substituted "of Schedule 4", and
- (d) after "paragraph 3(4)(c) of Schedule 4" there were inserted "or the list of proxies kept under regulation 63(3) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

#### **Commencement Information**

I71 Sch. 3 para. 14 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Requirement to provide fresh signatures every 5 years

**15.**—(1) Regulation 60A of the relevant regulations (requirement to provide fresh signatures)(71) has effect for the purposes of the referendum with the following modifications.

(2) Paragraph (7) has effect for those purposes as if for the words from "kept under" to the end there were substituted "kept under regulation 63(2), 63(3) or 66(6) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016."

(3) Paragraph (8) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), at the end there were inserted "or under Part 2 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 (as the case may be)", and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), after "Schedule 4" there were inserted "or Chapter 1 of Part 3 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

(4) Paragraph (9) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for the words from "kept under" to the end there were substituted—

"kept under regulation 63(2), 63(3) or 66(6) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016, information—

- (a) explaining the effect of such removal, and
- (b) reminding the absent voter that he may make a fresh application to vote by post or by proxy (as the case may be)."

# **Commencement Information**

I72 Sch. 3 para. 15 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

<sup>(71)</sup> Regulation 60A of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 34 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 60A of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 5 of S.I. 2008/305.

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## **Records and lists**

**16.**—(1) Regulation 61 of the relevant regulations (records and lists)(72) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) Paragraph (1) has effect for those purposes as if for the words from "any of the following" to the end there were substituted "the current or final version of the postal voters list, the list of proxies or the proxy postal voters lists which he is required to keep under regulation 63(2), 63(3) or 66(6) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016."

(3) Paragraph (3) of the Scotland Regulations has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if after sub-paragraph (b) there were inserted—

"or

(c) purposes connected with the referendum,".

(4) Paragraph (5) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "paragraph 5(2) of Schedule 4" there were substituted "regulation 63(2) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016."

- (5) Paragraph (6) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—
  - (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for "paragraphs 5 and 7(8) of Schedule 4" there were substituted "regulations 63 and 66(6) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
  - (b) for sub-paragraph (b) there were substituted—
    - "(b) if he is not the counting officer for any voting area or part of a voting area in the area for which he is the registration officer, send to that officer a copy of those lists and provide any subsequent revised lists or revisions to the lists;".
- (6) Paragraph (6A) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if-
  - (a) for "parliamentary election" there were substituted "the referendum",
  - (b) for "acting returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer",
  - (c) for "any constituency or part of a constituency" there were substituted "any voting area or part of a voting area", and
  - (d) for "paragraphs 5 and 7(8) of Schedule 4" there were substituted "regulations 63 and 66(6) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

(7) Paragraph (7) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "the proxy voters list kept under paragraph 5(3) of Schedule 4" there were substituted "the list of proxies kept under regulation 63(3) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

## **Commencement Information**

**I73** Sch. 3 para. 16 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

#### Conditions on use, supply and inspection of absent voter records or lists

17. Regulation 61A of the relevant regulations (conditions on the use, supply and inspection of absent voter records or lists)(73) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

<sup>(72)</sup> Regulation 61 of the England and Wales Regulations was substituted by regulation 55 of S.I. 2006/2910 and amended by regulation 27 of S.I. 2013/3198. Regulation 61 of the Scotland Regulations was substituted by regulation 43 of S.I. 2007/925 and amended by regulation 27 of S.I. 2013/3206.

<sup>(73)</sup> Regulation 61Å of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 56 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 61Å of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 44 of S.I. 2007/925.

- (a) for "regulations 61(1)(a) and (b)" there were substituted "regulation 61(1)",
- (b) the word "either" were omitted, and
- (c) after sub-paragraph (b) there were inserted—

", or

(c) purposes connected with the referendum."

# **Commencement Information**

I74 Sch. 3 para. 17 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Personal identifiers record

**18.**—(1) Regulation 61B of the relevant regulations (personal identifiers record)(74) has effect for the purposes of the referendum with the following modifications.

(2) For those purposes the following paragraph is to be treated as substituted for paragraph (1)—

"(1) In these Regulations "personal identifiers record" means a record kept by a registration officer in pursuance of—

- (a) paragraph 3(9) or 7(12) of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 in relation to persons entitled to vote in the referendum,
- (b) paragraph 3(9) or 7(13) of Schedule 2 to the European Parliamentary Elections Regulations 2004 in relation to peers entitled to vote in the referendum, or
- (c) regulation 62(8) or 66(10) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016."

(3) Paragraph (3) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if the following were substituted for sub-paragraph (a)—

"(a) any agent attending proceedings on receipt of postal ballot papers, in accordance with regulation 85A(4)."

## **Commencement Information**

I75 Sch. 3 para. 18 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Notification of rejected postal voting statement

**19.** Regulation 61C of the relevant regulations (notification of rejected postal voting statement)(**75**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if, in paragraphs (1)(a) and (2)(b), for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

#### **Commencement Information**

I76 Sch. 3 para. 19 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

<sup>(74)</sup> Regulation 61B of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 35 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 61B of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 6 of S.I. 2008/305.

<sup>(75)</sup> Regulation 61C of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 28 of S.I. 2013/3198. Regulation 61C of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 28 of S.I. 2013/3206.

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# **Interpretation of Part 5**

**20.** Regulation 64 of the relevant regulations (interpretation of Part 5)(76) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) the following were substituted for the definition of "agent"—
  - "agent", except in regulation 69, means a referendum agent or an agent appointed under regulation 69;", and
- (b) in the definition of "valid postal voting statement", for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

## **Commencement Information**

I77 Sch. 3 para. 20 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Persons entitled to be present at proceedings on issue of postal ballot papers

**21.** Regulation 67 of the relevant regulations (persons entitled to be present at proceedings on issue of postal ballot papers)(77) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

### **Commencement Information**

**I78** Sch. 3 para. 21 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

#### Persons entitled to be present at proceedings on receipt of postal ballot papers

**22.** Regulation 68 of the relevant regulations (persons entitled to be present at proceedings on receipt of postal ballot papers)(**78**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) there were substituted—

- "(a) the counting officer and his clerks,
- (b) a referendum agent,".

## **Commencement Information**

I79 Sch. 3 para. 22 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Agents of candidate who may attend proceedings on receipt of postal ballot papers

**23.** Regulation 69 of the relevant regulations (agents of candidates who may attend proceedings on receipt of postal ballot papers) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for "candidate" (in each place) there were substituted "referendum agent",
- (b) for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer", and

<sup>(76)</sup> Regulation 64 of the England and Wales Regulation was amended by regulations 31(2) and 48 of S.I. 2006/2910 and paragraph 46 of Schedule 1 to S.I. 2011/2085. Regulation 64 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 36 of S.I. 2007/925; regulation 2(2) of S.I. 2008/305; and paragraph 47 of Schedule 1 to S.I. 2011/2085.

<sup>(77)</sup> Regulation 67 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 63 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 67 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 51 of S.I. 2007/925.

<sup>(78)</sup> Regulation 68 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 63 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 67 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 51 of S.I. 2007/925.

(c) paragraphs (3) and (5) were omitted.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I80** Sch. 3 para. 23 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## Notification of requirement of secrecy

**24.** Regulation 70 of the relevant regulations (notification of requirement of secrecy) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I81** Sch. 3 para. 24 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

### Time when postal ballot papers are to be issued

**25.** Regulation 71 of the relevant regulations (time when postal ballot papers are to be issued)(**79**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for the words from "be issued" to the end there were substituted—

"not be issued by a counting officer so as to be received by persons entitled to vote in the referendum before the beginning of the relevant period within the meaning of section 125 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (restriction on campaigning by certain persons or bodies)."

### **Commencement Information**

**I82** Sch. 3 para. 25 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Procedure on issue of postal ballot papers

**26.** Regulation 72 of the relevant regulations (procedure on issue of postal ballot papers)(**80**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if in paragraph (8) for sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) there were substituted "as mentioned in column 3 of the table in regulation 63(2) or 66(6) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016."

## Commencement Information I83 Sch. 3 para. 26 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

<sup>(79)</sup> Regulation 71 of the England and Wales Regulations was substituted by regulation 29 of S.I. 2013/3198. Regulation 71 of the Scotland Regulations was substituted by regulation 29 of S.I. 2013/3206.

<sup>(80)</sup> Regulation 72 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 12 of S.I. 2002/1871 and regulations 30(1), 49 and 65(a) of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 72 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulations 29(1), 37 and 54(a) of S.I. 2007/925.

# Refusal to issue ballot paper

27. Regulation 73 of the relevant regulations (refusal to issue ballot paper)(81) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer", and
- (b) for "at any one election" there were substituted "for the referendum".

# **Commencement Information**

**I84** Sch. 3 para. 27 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Envelopes

**28.** Regulation 74 of the relevant regulations (envelopes)(**82**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if in paragraph (1) for "rule 24 of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 17 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I85** Sch. 3 para. 28 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

#### Sealing up of completed corresponding number lists

**29.** Regulation 75 of the relevant regulations (sealing up of completed corresponding number lists)(**83**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "returning officer" (in both places) there were substituted "counting officer".

Commencement Information I86 Sch. 3 para. 29 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Delivery of postal ballot papers

**30.**—(1) Regulation 76 of the relevant regulations (delivery of postal ballot papers) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) For those purposes paragraph (1) has effect as if-

- (a) for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer", and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (c), for "rule 26(1) of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 19 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016."

(3) For the purposes of the referendum paragraph (2) has effect as if for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

<sup>(81)</sup> Regulation 73 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 49 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 72 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 37 of S.I. 2007/925.

<sup>(82)</sup> Regulation 74 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulations 64 and 65(a) of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 72 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulations 52 and 54(a) of S.I. 2007/925.

<sup>(83)</sup> Regulation 75 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulations 30(2) and 50 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 75 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulations 29(2) and 38 of S.I. 2007/925.

# **Commencement Information**

**187** Sch. 3 para. 30 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Spoilt postal ballot papers

**31.** Regulation 77 of the relevant regulations (spoilt postal ballot papers)(**84**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I88** Sch. 3 para. 31 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Lost postal ballot papers

**32.** Regulation 78 of the relevant regulations (lost postal ballot papers)(**85**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer".

# **Commencement Information**

**I89** Sch. 3 para. 32 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Cancellation of postal ballot papers**

**33.**—(1) Regulation 78A of the relevant regulations (cancellation of postal ballot papers)(**86**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) Paragraph (1) has effect for those purposes as if—

- (a) for the words from "final" to "application under" there were substituted "nineteenth day before the day of the poll for the referendum, an application under",
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), for the reference to "or 4(3)(b) of that Schedule" there were substituted "of Schedule 4 or regulation 62(5)(b) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016",
- (c) in sub-paragraph (c), for the reference to "that Schedule" there were substituted "Schedule 4",
- (d) in sub-paragraph (d), for the reference to "paragraph 4(3)(a) of that Schedule" there were substituted "regulation 62(5)(a) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016",

<sup>(84)</sup> Regulation 77 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 9 of S.I. 2006/752 and regulations 22 65(a) of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 77 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 8 of S.I. 2006/834 and regulations 22 and 54(a) of S.I. 2007/925.

<sup>(85)</sup> Regulation 78 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 10 of S.I. 2006/752 and regulations 22 and 65(2) of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 78 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 9 of S.I. 2006/834; regulations 22 and 54(a) of S.I. 2007/925; and regulation 30 of S.I. 2013/3206.

<sup>(86)</sup> Regulation 78A of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 30 of S.I. 2013/3198. Regulation 78A of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 31 of S.I. 2013/3206 and was amended by regulations 2 and 9 of S.I. 2015/450.

- (e) in sub-paragraph (e), for the reference to "or (8) of that Schedule" there were substituted "of Schedule 4 or regulation 64(4) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016",
- (f) in sub-paragraph (f), for the reference to "paragraph 7(7) of that Schedule" there were substituted "regulation 66(5) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016",
- (g) in sub-paragraph (g), for the reference to "that Schedule" there were substituted "Schedule 4",
- (h) for the reference to "paragraph 6(10) of that Schedule" there were substituted "paragraph 6(10) of Schedule 4 or regulation 64(4) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
- (i) for the reference to "that election" there were substituted "the referendum".

(3) For the purposes of the referendum, paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) have effect as if for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer".

(4) For the purposes of the referendum the following paragraph is treated as substituted for paragraph (5)—

"(5) In computing a period of days for the purposes of this regulation the following days are to be disregarded—

- (a) a Saturday or Sunday,
- (b) Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday and any other day that is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in any part of the United Kingdom,
- (c) any day that is a bank or public holiday in Gibraltar under the Gibraltar Acts titled the Banking and Financial Dealings Act and the Interpretation and General Clauses Act, and
- (d) any day appointed in any part of the United Kingdom or Gibraltar as a day of public thanksgiving or mourning."

# **Commencement Information**

**I90** Sch. 3 para. 33 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Alternative means of returning postal ballot paper or postal voting statement: England and Wales

**34.** Regulation 79 of the England and Wales Regulations (alternative means of returning postal ballot paper or postal voting statement)(**87**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer",
- (b) in paragraph (1) for "rule 45(1B) of the rules in Schedule 1 to the 1983 Act" there were substituted "regulation 46(3) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
- (c) in paragraph (3) for "rule 43(1) of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 44(1) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

<sup>(87)</sup> Regulation 79 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 11 of S.I. 2006/752 and regulation 65 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 79 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 10 of S.I. 2006/834 and regulation 54 of S.I. 2007/925.

# **Commencement Information**

**I91** Sch. 3 para. 34 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

### Alternative means of returning postal ballot paper or postal voting statement: Scotland

**35.** Regulation 79 of the Scotland Regulations (alternative means of returning postal ballot paper or postal voting statement) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer",
- (b) in paragraph (1) for "rule 45(1B) of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 46(3) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
- (c) in paragraph (2) for "rule 43(1) of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 44(1) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

# **Commencement Information**

**I92** Sch. 3 para. 35 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Notice of opening of postal ballot paper envelopes

**36.**—(1) Regulation 80 of the relevant regulations (notice of opening of postal ballot paper envelopes) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

- (2) Paragraph (1) has effect for those purposes as if-
  - (a) for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer", and
  - (b) for "candidate" there were substituted "referendum agent".

(3) Paragraph (2) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "candidate" there were substituted "referendum agent".

## **Commencement Information**

**I93** Sch. 3 para. 36 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Postal ballot boxes and receptacles

**37.** Regulation 81 of the relevant regulations (postal ballot boxes and receptacles)(**88**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer",
- (b) in paragraph (2) for the words from "constituency" to the end there were substituted "voting area", and
- (c) in paragraph (4) after "box" there were inserted "(if it has a lock)".

<sup>(88)</sup> Regulation 81 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 36 of S.I. 2006/2910 and Schedule 2 to S.I. 2103/3198. Regulation 81 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 7 of S.I. 2008/305 and Schedule 2 to S.I. 2013/3206.

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#### **Commencement Information**

**I94** Sch. 3 para. 37 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Receipt of covering envelope**

**38.** Regulation 82 of the relevant regulations (receipt of covering envelope)(**89**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "returning officer" (in both places) there were substituted "counting officer".

#### **Commencement Information**

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I95 Sch. 3 para. 38 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1
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# **Opening of postal voters' ballot box**

**39.** Regulation 83 of the relevant regulations (opening of postal voters' ballot box) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for "returning officer" (in both places) there were substituted "counting officer", and
- (b) in paragraph (3) for "rule 45 of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 46 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

# **Commencement Information**

**I96** Sch. 3 para. 39 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Opening of covering envelopes**

**40.** Regulation 84 of the relevant regulations (opening of covering envelopes)(**90**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I97** Sch. 3 para. 40 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Confirming receipt of postal voting statements

**41.** Regulation 84A of the relevant regulations (confirming receipt of postal voting statements)(**91**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer".

<sup>(89)</sup> Regulation 82 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 65(a) of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 82 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 54(a) of S.I. 2007/925.

<sup>(90)</sup> Regulation 84 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulations 37, 51 and 65(a) of S.I. 2006/2910 and regulation 31 of S.I. 2013/3198. Regulation 84 of the Scotland Regulation was amended by regulations 39 and 54(1) of S.I. 2007/925; regulation 8 of S.I. 2008/305; and regulation 32 of 2013/3206 regulation 54(1) of S.I. 2007/925.

<sup>(91)</sup> Regulation 84A of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 52 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 84A of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 40 of S.I. 2007/925.

# **Commencement Information**

**I98** Sch. 3 para. 41 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Procedure in relation to postal voting statements: personal identifier verification

**42.** Regulation 85A of the relevant regulations (procedure in relation to postal voting statements: personal identifier verification)(**92**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I99** Sch. 3 para. 42 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Opening of ballot paper envelopes**

**43.** Regulation 86 of the relevant regulations (opening of ballot paper envelopes) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if, in paragraph (1), for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

# **Commencement Information**

**I100** Sch. 3 para. 43 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Retrieval of cancelled postal ballot papers

**44.**—(1) Regulation 86A of the relevant regulations (retrieval of cancelled postal ballot papers)(**93**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) Paragraphs (1) and (3) have effect for those purposes as if for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer".

(3) Paragraph (2)(f) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "rule 45 of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 46 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

Commencement Information I101 Sch. 3 para. 44 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

<sup>(92)</sup> Regulation 85A of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 39 of S.I. 2006/2910 and was amended by regulation 32 of S.I. 2013/3198. Regulation 85A of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 10 of S.I. 2008/305 and was amended by regulation 33 of S.I. 2013/3206.

<sup>(93)</sup> Regulation 86A of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 45 of S.I. 2006/2910 and amended by regulation 33 of S.I. 2013/3198. Regulation 86A of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 33 of S.I. 2007/925 and was amended by regulation 34 of S.I. 2013/3206.

# Lists of rejected postal ballot papers

**45.** Regulation 87 of the relevant regulations (lists of rejected postal ballot papers)(**94**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if in paragraph (1) for "In respect of any election, the returning officer" there were substituted "The counting officer".

# **Commencement Information**

I102 Sch. 3 para. 45 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Checking of lists of rejected postal ballot papers

**46.** Regulation 88 of the relevant regulations (checking of lists of rejected postal ballot papers)(**95**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer", and
- (b) in paragraph (3), for the words from "constituency" to the end there were substituted "voting area under regulation 44(4) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I103** Sch. 3 para. 46 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Sealing of receptacles

**47.** Regulation 89 of the relevant regulations (sealing of receptacles)(**96**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if, in paragraph (1), for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I104** Sch. 3 para. 47 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Forwarding or retention of documents: England and Wales

**48.**—(1) Regulation 91 of the England and Wales Regulations (forwarding of documents)(**97**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) For those purposes the following paragraph is to be treated as substituted for paragraph (1)—

"(1) When the counting officer forwards the documents mentioned in regulation 56 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016, he shall forward to the same registration officer—

<sup>(94)</sup> Regulation 87 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 65(a) of S.I. 2006/2910 and regulation 34 of S.I. 2013/3198. Regulation 87 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 54(a) of S.I. 2007/925 and regulation 35 of S.I. 2013/3206.

<sup>(95)</sup> Regulation 88 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 65 of S.I. 2006/2910. Regulation 88 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 54 of S.I. 2007/925.

<sup>(96)</sup> Regulation 89 of the England and Wales Regulations was amended by regulation 40 of S.I. 2006/2910 and regulation 35 of S.I. 2013/3198. Regulation 89 of the Scotland Regulations was amended by regulation 11 of S.I. 2008/305 and regulation 36 of S.I. 2013/3206.

<sup>(97)</sup> Regulation 91 was amended by regulation 12 of S.I. 2006/752; regulation 53 of S.I. 2006/2910; and regulation 36 of S.I. 2013/3198.

- (a) any packets referred to in regulations 75, 77(6), 78(2C), 78A(2), 84(9) and 89, endorsing on each packet a description of its contents, the date of the referendum and the name of the voting area, and
- (b) a completed statement in Form K of the number of postal ballot papers issued."

(3) Paragraph (3) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "returning officer" (in both places) there were substituted "counting officer".

(4) Paragraph (3A) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) for "returning officer" (in both places) there were substituted "counting officer",
- (b) the following were substituted for sub-paragraph (a)-
  - "(a) forward to the registration officer mentioned in that paragraph the list required to be compiled under regulation 87(4),", and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (b) for "constituency" there were substituted "voting area".

(5) Paragraph (4) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "Rules 56 and 57 of the elections rules" there were substituted "Regulations 57 and 58 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

(6) Paragraph (5) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

#### **Commencement Information**

I105 Sch. 3 para. 48 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Retention of documents: Scotland**

**49.**—(1) Regulation 91 of the Scotland Regulations (retention of documents)(**98**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) For those purposes the following paragraph is to be treated as substituted for paragraph (1)—

"(1) The counting officer shall retain together with the documents mentioned in regulation 56 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016—

- (a) any packets referred to in regulations 75, 77(6), 78(2C), 78A(2), 84(8) and 89, endorsing on each packet a description of its contents, the date of the referendum and the name of the voting area,
- (b) a completed statement in Form K of the number of postal ballot papers issued, and
- (c) any list compiled under regulation 87(4)."

(3) Paragraph (2) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "returning officer" (in both places) there were substituted "counting officer".

(4) Paragraph (4) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) for "Rules 56, 57 and 58 of the elections rules" there were substituted "Regulations 57 and 58 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
- (b) for "rules 56 and 57" there were substituted "those regulations".

(5) Paragraph (5) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

<sup>(98)</sup> Regulation 91 was amended by regulation 11 of S.I. 2006/834; regulation 41 of S.I. 2007/925; regulations 2 and 3 of S.I. 2010/980; and regulation 37 of S.I. 2013/3206.

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# **Commencement Information**

I106 Sch. 3 para. 49 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Forwarding of documents: Scotland

**50.**—(1) Regulation 91A of the Scotland Regulations (forwarding of documents)(**99**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) For those purposes the following paragraph is to be treated as substituted for paragraph (1)—

"(1) Before the counting officer seals up the counted and rejected ballot papers as provided by regulation 55 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016, the counting officer must send a copy of any list compiled under regulation 87(4) to the registration officer for the local government area for which the counting officer is appointed."

(3) Paragraph (2) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if the words from "and requiring" to the end were omitted.

(4) Paragraph (3) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) for "Rule 56 of the elections rules, as modified by rule 58 of those rules," there were substituted "Regulation 57 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016",
- (b) the words ", or extracts of the list," were omitted,
- (c) for "returning officer" (in both places) there were substituted "counting officer",
- (d) in sub-paragraph (a)—
  - (i) for "rule 56" there were substituted "regulation 57", and
  - (ii) the words ", or extracts of the list," were omitted, and
- (e) in sub-paragraph (b)—
  - (i) the words "(as modified by rule 58 of the elections rules)" were omitted, and
  - (ii) the words ", or extracts of a list," were omitted.

(5) Paragraph (4) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if the words ", or extracts of the list," were omitted.

(6) Paragraph (5) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) the words ", or extracts of the list," (in both places) were omitted, and
- (b) the words ", and issued any notices under regulation 60B," were omitted.

# **Commencement Information**

**I107** Sch. 3 para. 50 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Interpretation and application of Part 6: England and Wales

**51.** Regulation 92 of the England and Wales Regulations (interpretation and application of Part 6)(**100**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

<sup>(99)</sup> Regulation 91A was inserted by regulation 38 of S.I. 2013/3206.

<sup>(100)</sup> Regulation 92 was inserted by regulation 15 of S.I. 2002/1871 and was amended by regulation 13 of S.I. 2006/752; regulations 27 and 57 of S.I. 2006/2910; and regulations 37 and 42 of S.I. 2013/3198.

- (a) in paragraph (7), for the words from "under regulations" to the first "may" there were substituted "under regulation 98 may", and
- (b) in paragraph (10), for the words from "in regulations" to "below" there were substituted "in regulations 94(3) and 98(9) below".

# **Commencement Information**

**I108** Sch. 3 para. 51 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Restriction on supply etc of full register: England and Wales

**52.** Regulation 94 of the England and Wales Regulations (restrictions on supply etc of full register)(**101**) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if, in paragraph (1), after sub-paragraph (b) there were inserted—

- "(ba) the Chief Counting Officer and any Regional Counting Officer; and
- (bb) any deputy of the Chief Counting Officer or of any Regional Counting Officer; and".

# **Commencement Information**

**I109** Sch. 3 para. 52 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Restriction on supply etc of full register: Scotland

**53.**—(1) Regulation 94 of the Scotland Regulations (restrictions on supply etc of full register)(**102**) has effect for the purposes of the referendum with the following modifications.

(2) Paragraph (1) has effect for those purposes as if after sub-paragraph (a) there were inserted—

- "(aa) the Chief Counting Officer and any Regional Counting Officer, and
- (ab) any deputy of the Chief Counting Officer or of any Regional Counting Officer, and".
- (3) Paragraph (2) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—
  - (a) after sub-paragraph (a) there were inserted—

"(aa) any deputy of the registration officer acting in that other capacity, and", and

(b) the references in sub-paragraph (b) to "that officer" were treated as references to "a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) or (aa)".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I110** Sch. 3 para. 53 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Supply of free copy of full register for electoral purposes and restrictions on use: Scotland

**54.** For the purposes of the referendum the following is treated as substituted for regulation 97 of the Scotland Regulations(**103**)—

<sup>(101)</sup>Regulation 94 was inserted by regulation 15 of S.I. 2002/1871.

<sup>(102)</sup> Regulation 94 was inserted by regulation 14 of S.I. 2002/1872 and was amended by regulation 53 of S.I. 2007/925.

<sup>(103)</sup>Regulation 97 was inserted by regulation 14 of S.I. 2002/1872. There are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

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# "Supply of free copy of full register for electoral purposes and restrictions on use

**97.**—(1) By no later than the publication of the notice of the referendum, the registration officer shall supply each relevant counting officer with as many printed copies of the following as he may reasonably require for the purposes of the referendum—

- (a) the latest version of the relevant registers,
- (b) any notice, published under section 13A(2), 13AB(2) or 13B(3), (3B) or (3D) of the 1983 Act, setting out an alteration to the latest version of a relevant register, and
- (c) the latest version of the list of overseas electors.
- (2) In this regulation—

"relevant counting officer" in relation to a registration officer-

- (a) means a counting officer for a voting area that is the same as, or falls wholly or partly within, the registration officer's registration area, but
- (b) does not include a counting officer who is the same individual as the registration officer;

"relevant register" means-

- (a) the register of parliamentary electors, published under section 13(1) or (3) of the 1983 Act,
- (b) the register of local government electors, published under section 13(1) or (3) of that Act, or
- (c) the register of peers, maintained under section 3 of the 1985 Act, and published under section 13(1) or (3) of the 1983 Act (as applied by regulation 13(4) of, and Schedule 4 to, these regulations).
- (3) If at any time after a registration officer has complied with paragraph (1)—
  - (a) a revised version of a relevant register is published,
  - (b) a notice is published, under section 13A(2), 13AB(2) or 13B(3), (3B) or (3D) of the 1983 Act, setting out an alteration to the latest version of a relevant register, or
  - (c) a revised version of the list of overseas electors is published,

the registration officer shall supply the counting officer with as many printed copies of the register, notice or list as he may reasonably require for the purposes of the referendum.

(4) Where a registration officer is under a duty to supply a counting officer with printed copies of a register, notice or list under this regulation, he must also supply a copy of the register, notice or list in data form.

(5) A register notice or list supplied under this regulation shall be supplied free of charge.

(6) No person to whom a copy of any register has been supplied under this regulation may—

- (a) supply a copy of the full register,
- (b) disclose any information contained in it (that is not contained in the edited register), or
- (c) make use of any such information,

except for the purposes of the referendum."

# Commencement Information I111 Sch. 3 para. 54 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Supply of free copy of full register for electoral purposes and restrictions on use: England and Wales

**55.** For the purposes of the referendum the following is treated as substituted for regulation 98 of the England and Wales Regulations(**104**)—

# "Supply of free copy of full register for electoral purposes and restrictions on use

**98.**—(1) By no later than the publication of the notice of the referendum, the registration officer shall supply each relevant counting officer with as many printed copies of the following as he may reasonably require for the purposes of the referendum—

- (a) the latest version of the relevant registers,
- (b) any notice, published under section 13A(2), 13AB(2) or 13B(3), (3B) or (3D) of the 1983 Act, setting out an alteration to the latest version of a relevant register, and
- (c) the latest version of the list of overseas electors.
- (2) In this regulation—

"relevant counting officer" in relation to a registration officer-

- (a) means a counting officer for a voting area that is the same as, or falls wholly or partly within, the registration officer's registration area, but
- (b) does not include a counting officer who is the same individual as the registration officer;

"relevant register" means-

- (a) the register of parliamentary electors, published under section 13(1) or (3) of the 1983 Act,
- (b) the register of local government electors, published under section 13(1) or (3) of that Act, or
- (c) the register of peers, maintained under section 3 of the 1985 Act, and published under section 13(1) or (3) of the 1983 Act (as applied by regulation 13(4) of, and Schedule 4 to, these regulations).
- (3) If at any time after a registration officer has complied with paragraph (1)—
  - (a) a revised version of a relevant register is published,
  - (b) a notice is published, under section 13A(2), 13AB(2) or 13B(3), (3B) or (3D) of the 1983 Act, setting out an alteration to the latest version of a relevant register, or
  - (c) a revised version of the list of overseas electors is published,

the registration officer shall supply the counting officer with as many printed copies of the register, notice or list as he may reasonably require for the purposes of the referendum.

(4) Where a registration officer is under a duty to supply a counting officer with printed copies of a register, notice or list under this regulation, he must also supply a copy of the register, notice or list in data form.

<sup>(104)</sup>Regulation 98 was inserted by regulation 15 of S.I. 2002/1871. There are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

(5) A register notice or list supplied under this regulation shall be supplied free of charge.

(6) No person to whom a copy of any register has been supplied under this regulation may—

- (a) supply a copy of the full register,
- (b) disclose any information contained in it (that is not contained in the edited register), or
- (c) make use of any such information,

except for the purposes of the referendum."

#### **Commencement Information**

I112 Sch. 3 para. 55 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

#### **Offences: England and Wales**

56. Regulation 115 of the England and Wales Regulations (offences)(105) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if in paragraph (2) for "98(9)" there were substituted "98(6)".

#### **Commencement Information**

I113 Sch. 3 para. 56 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## **Offences: Scotland**

**57.** Regulation 115 of the Scotland Regulations (offences)(**106**) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if in paragraph (2) for "97(7)" there were substituted "97(6)".

# **Commencement Information**

I114 Sch. 3 para. 57 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Interpretation of Part 7: England and Wales**

**58.** Regulation 116 of the England and Wales Regulations (interpretation of Part 7)(107) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) in paragraph (1) for "rule 55(1)(e) of the elections rules" there were substituted "by virtue of regulation 56(2)(g) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
- (b) after paragraph (1) there were inserted—

"(1A) In this Part references to "the relevant registration officer" means the registration officer to whom packets are forwarded under regulation 56(1) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016."

<sup>(105)</sup> Regulation 115 was inserted by regulation 15 of S.I. 2002/1871, substituted by regulation 58 of S.I. 2006/2910 and amended by paragraphs 2(1) and (7) of Schedule 1 to the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 (c.28).

<sup>(106)</sup>Regulation 115 was inserted by regulation 14 of S.I. 2002/1872, substituted by regulation 46 of S.I. 2007/925 and amended by paragraphs 3(1) and (7) of Schedule 1 to the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 (c.28).

<sup>(107)</sup> Regulation 116 was inserted by regulation 59 of S.I. 2006/2910 and was amended by regulation 2(1) and (5) of S.I. 2007/1025 and regulations 3 and 4(1) of S.I. 2008/1901.

# **Commencement Information**

I115 Sch. 3 para. 58 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Interpretation of Part 7: Scotland**

**59.**—(1) Regulation 116 of the Scotland Regulations (interpretation of Part 7)(**108**) has effect for the purposes of the referendum with the following modifications.

(2) Paragraph (1) has effect for those purposes as if—

- (a) for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer", and
- (b) for "rule 58 of the elections rules" there were substituted "by virtue of regulation 56(2)(g) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

(3) Paragraph (4) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

#### **Commencement Information**

I116 Sch. 3 para. 59 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Supply of marked registers and lists after an election: England and Wales

**60.**—(1) Regulation 117 of the England and Wales Regulations (supply of marked registers and lists)(**109**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

- (2) Paragraph (1) has effect for those purposes as if—
  - (a) for the words from "regulation 100" to "local government election" there were substituted "regulation 100, 106, 109 or 113 with copies of the full register", and
  - (b) at the end there were treated as inserted—

"The reference to a person entitled to be supplied in accordance with regulation 106 with copies of the full register does not include a person mentioned in regulation 106(1)(b)."

- (3) Paragraph (2) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—
  - (a) for "regulation 103, 105, 106 or 108 before a particular election" there were substituted "regulation 106(1)(a) or (c) before the referendum", and
  - (b) for "that election for which the marked register or list was prepared" there were substituted "the referendum".

(4) Paragraph (6)(b) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "regulations 100, 103, 105, 106, 108, 109 or 113" there were substituted "regulations 100, 106, 109 and 113".

(5) Paragraph (7) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "regulations 100(3), 105(4), 106(3), 108(5) and 109(3)" there were substituted "regulations 100(3), 106(3) and 109(3)".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I117** Sch. 3 para. 60 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

<sup>(108)</sup> Regulation 116 was inserted by regulation 47 of S.I. 2007/925 and was amended by regulations 3 and 7 of S.I. 2008/1901 and regulations 2, 4 and 5 of S.I. 2010/980.

<sup>(109)</sup>Regulation 117 was inserted by regulation 59 of S.I. 2006/2910 and amended by regulation 2(1) and (5) of S.I. 2007/1025 and regulations 3 and 4(1) of S.I. 2008/1901.

# Supply of marked registers and lists after an election: Scotland

**61.**—(1) Regulation 117 of the Scotland Regulations (supply of marked registers and lists)(**110**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) The regulation has effect for those purposes as if for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer".

(3) Paragraph (1) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) for the words from "regulation 99" to "parliamentary election" there were substituted "regulation 99, 105, 108 or 112 with copies of the full register", and
- (b) at the end there were treated as inserted—

"The reference to a person entitled to be supplied in accordance with regulation 105 with copies of the full register does not include a person mentioned in regulation 105(1)(b)."

- (4) Paragraph (2) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—
  - (a) for "regulation 102, 104, 105 or 107 before a particular election" there were substituted "regulation 105(1)(a) or (c) before the referendum", and
  - (b) for "that election for which the marked register or list was prepared" there were substituted "the referendum".

(5) Paragraph (6)(b) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "regulations 99, 102, 104, 105, 107, 108 or 112" there were substituted "regulations 99, 105, 108 and 112".

(6) Paragraph (7) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "regulations 99(3), 102(3), 104(4), 105(3), 107(5) or 108(3)" there were substituted "regulations 99(3), 105(3) or 108(3)".

# **Commencement Information**

I118 Sch. 3 para. 61 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Inspection of documents open to public inspection

**62.** Regulation 118 of the relevant regulations (inspection of documents)(**111**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if in paragraph (1)—

- (a) for "an election" there were substituted "the referendum", and
- (b) for "the election" there were substituted "the referendum".

#### **Commencement Information**

I119 Sch. 3 para. 62 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

**63.** For the purposes of the referendum, in regulation 118 of the Scotland Regulations, for "returning officer" (in each place) there is to be treated as substituted "counting officer".

<sup>(110)</sup> Regulation 117 inserted by regulation 47 of S.I. 2007/925 and amended by regulation 14(4) of S.I. 2008/305 and regulations 2 and 5 of S.I. 2010/980.

<sup>(111)</sup> Regulation 118 of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 59 of S.I. 2006/2910 and amended by paragraphs 2(1) and (8) of Schedule 1 to the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 (c.28) and regulation 44 of S.I. 2013/3198. Regulation 118 of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 47 of S.I. 2007/925 and amended by paragraphs 3(1) and (8) of Schedule 1 to the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 (c.28); regulations 2, 5 and 6 of S.I. 2010/980; and regulation 46 of 2013/3206.

# **Commencement Information**

**I120** Sch. 3 para. 63 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

#### **Commencement Information**

I119 Sch. 3 para. 62 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1I120 Sch. 3 para. 63 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Conditions on use, supply and disclosure of documents open to public inspection

**64.** Regulation 119 of the relevant regulations (conditions on the use, supply and disclosure of documents)(**112**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if, in paragraph (2)(b)—

- (a) the word "either" were omitted, and
- (b) the following were treated as inserted after paragraph (ii)-

"; or

(iii) any purpose in connection with the referendum."

# **Commencement Information**

I121 Sch. 3 para. 64 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

#### Form K: statement as to postal ballot papers

**65.** Form K in Schedule 3 to the relevant regulations (statement as to postal ballot papers)(**113**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for the heading "REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION" there were substituted "REFERENDUM ON THE UNITED KINGDOM'S MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN UNION",
- (b) for "constituency" there were substituted "voting area", and
- (c) for "Returning Officer" (in each place) there were substituted "Counting Officer".

# **Commencement Information**

I122 Sch. 3 para. 65 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

<sup>(112)</sup> Regulation 119 of the England and Wales Regulations was inserted by regulation 59 of S.I. 2006/2910 and amended by paragraphs 2(1) and (9) of Schedule 1 to the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 (c.28). Regulation 118 of the Scotland Regulations was inserted by regulation 47 of S.I. 2007/925 and amended by paragraphs 3(1) and (9) of Schedule 1 to the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 (c.28).

<sup>(113)</sup> Form K in Schedule 3 to the England and Wales Regulations was substituted by Schedule 2 to S.I. 2006/2910 and amended by regulation 49 of S.I. 2013/3198. Form K in Schedule 3 to the Scotland Regulations was substituted by the Schedule to S.I. 2008/305 and amended by regulation 51 of S.I. 2013/3206.

# PART 2

# THE 2008 REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND)

# Preliminary

**66.**—(1) In this Part of this Schedule the "2008 Regulations" means the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008.

- (2) In any provision of the 2008 Regulations as applied by this Part of this Schedule—
  - (a) expressions defined by section 11 of the 2015 Act have the meaning given by that section, and
  - (b) expressions defined by regulation 5 have the meaning given by that regulation.

(3) Sub-paragraph (2) does not apply to the extent that the context otherwise requires.

# **Commencement Information**

I123 Sch. 3 para. 66 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

67. The following provisions of the 2008 Regulations apply for the purposes of the referendum—

- (a) regulation 3 (interpretation)(114);
- (b) regulation 5 (applications, notices etc);
- (c) regulation 6 (electronic signatures);
- (d) regulation 8 (time);
- (e) regulation 11 (interference with notices etc);
- (f) regulation 25 (alteration of registers under section 13BA(3) of the 1983 Act)(115);
- (g) regulation 40 (representations regarding clerical errors);
- (h) regulation 119 (fees relating to the supply of marked registers and lists).

# **Commencement Information**

I124 Sch. 3 para. 67 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Commencement Information**

- I123 Sch. 3 para. 66 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1
- I124 Sch. 3 para. 67 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Forms

**68.**—(1) Regulation 4 of the 2008 Regulations (forms) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) Paragraph (1) has effect for those purposes as if for "an election" there were substituted "the referendum".

<sup>(114)</sup> Regulation 3 was amended by regulation 2 of S.I. 2014/1808.

<sup>(115)</sup> Regulation 25 was amended by regulation 2 of S.I. 2010/278.

(3) Paragraph (2) has effect for the purposes of the referendum only in so far as it relates to Form N in Schedule 3 to the 2008 Regulations.

# **Commencement Information**

I125 Sch. 3 para. 68 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Communication of notices made on polling day

**69.** Regulation 45 of the 2008 Regulations (communication of notices made on polling day) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if in paragraph (3) for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

#### **Commencement Information**

I126 Sch. 3 para. 69 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

#### **Interpretation of Part 4**

**70.** Regulation 54 of the 2008 Regulations (interpretation of Part 4) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if after "his allotted polling station" there were inserted "(apart from in regulation 59)".

# **Commencement Information**

I127 Sch. 3 para. 70 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# General requirements for applications for an absent vote

71.—(1) Regulation 55 of the 2008 Regulations (general requirements for applications for an absent vote)(116) has effect for the purposes of the referendum with the following modifications.

(2) Paragraph (1) has effect for those purposes as if after "the 1985 Act" there were inserted "or Chapter 2 of Part 3 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

(3) Paragraph (2) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) after "section 6(1) or 7(1)" there were inserted "of the 1985 Act or regulation 73(1) or 77(5) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016",
- (b) after "section 7(1)(ba) to (bc) of the 1985 Act" there were inserted "regulation 73(1)(c) to (e) or 77(5)(d) of those Regulations",
- (c) in sub-paragraph (b), after "the 1985 Act" there were inserted "or regulation 77(5) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016",
- (d) in sub-paragraph (c) for "such an application" there were substituted "an application under section 9 of the 1985 Act", and
- (e) in sub-paragraph (d), after "the 1985 Act" there were inserted "or regulation 73(1) or 77(5) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

<sup>(116)</sup> Regulation 55 was amended by regulation 16 of S.I. 2014/1808.

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# **Commencement Information**

I128 Sch. 3 para. 71 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Address to which to send ballot paper: requirements if different to address in application

72. Regulation 55A of the 2008 Regulations (additional requirement for applications for ballot paper to be sent to different address to that in register)(117) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) after paragraph (1)(c) there were inserted—
  - "(d) in the case of an application to vote by post under regulation 73(1) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016, the address provided in accordance with regulation 73(7) of those Regulations and regulation 55(2)(b) above are different.", and
- (b) in paragraph (2) "of the 1985 Act" were omitted.

# **Commencement Information**

I129 Sch. 3 para. 72 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

#### Address to which to send ballot paper: requirements if different to address in records

**73.** Regulation 55B of the 2008 Regulations (additional requirement for applications for ballot paper to be sent to different address from that in records)(**118**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1) there were inserted "regulation 73(5)(a) or 77(7) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 by a person ("A") shown as voting by post in the record referred to in that provision".

# **Commencement Information**

**I130** Sch. 3 para. 73 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## Additional requirements for applications for appointment of a proxy

74. Regulation 56 of the 2008 Regulations (additional requirement for applications for the appointment of a proxy)(119) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) in paragraph (1), after "the 1985 Act" there were inserted "or regulation 75(4) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
- (b) after paragraph (2)(b) there were inserted—

"; or

(c) regulation 77(5) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016."

<sup>(117)</sup> Regulation 55A was inserted by regulation 5 of S.I. 2010/278 and amended by regulation 17 of S.I. 2014/1808.

<sup>(118)</sup> Regulation 55B was inserted by regulation 5 of S.I. 2010/278 and amended by regulation 18 of S.I. 2014/1808.

<sup>(119)</sup> Regulation 56 was amended by regulation 19 of S.I. 2014/1808.

# **Commencement Information**

**I131** Sch. 3 para. 74 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Additional requirements for applications in respect of a particular election

**75.**—(1) Regulation 59 of the 2008 Regulations (additional requirements for applications in respect of a particular election)(**120**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) For those purposes the following paragraph is to be treated as substituted for paragraph (1)—

"(1) An application under regulation 73(1) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 shall set out why the applicant's circumstances on the date of the poll will be or are likely to be such that he cannot reasonably be expected to vote in person at the polling station allotted to him under Part 2 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016."

(3) Paragraphs (2)(d) and (3)(e) have effect for the purposes of the referendum as if the words from "in respect" to the end of the paragraph were omitted.

(4) Paragraphs (4), (6) and (8) have effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "section 7(1) of the 1985 Act" there were substituted "regulation 73(1) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

(5) Paragraph (6)(a) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "at the election in question" there were substituted "for the referendum".

(6) For the purposes of the referendum the following paragraph is to be treated as substituted for paragraph (8)(b)—

"(b) in which the circumstances set out in accordance with paragraph (1) relate to the applicant's employment either as a constable or by a counting officer on the date of the poll for the referendum for a purpose connected with the referendum;".

# **Commencement Information**

**I132** Sch. 3 para. 75 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Additional requirements for applications by proxies to vote by post at a particular election

76. Regulation 60 of the 2008 Regulations (additional requirements for applications by proxies to vote by post at a particular election)(121) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "section 9(7)(a) of the 1985 Act" there were substituted "regulation 77(5) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

Commencement Information 1133 Sch. 3 para. 76 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

<sup>(120)</sup>Regulation 59 was amended by regulation 7 of S.I. 2010/278.

<sup>(121)</sup> Regulation 60 was amended by regulation 20 of S.I. 2014/1808.

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#### **Closing date for applications**

77.—(1) Regulation 61 of the 2008 Regulations (closing date for applications) has effect for the purposes of the referendum with the following modifications.

(2) For those purposes the following paragraphs are to be treated as substituted for paragraphs (1) to (3)—

"(1) An application under section 6(1) or (5), 8(6) or 9(4) of the 1985 Act shall be disregarded for the purposes of the referendum if it is received by the registration officer after 5 pm on the fourteenth day before the date of the poll for the referendum.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), an application under regulation 73(1) or (5), 75(4) or 77(5) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 shall be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5 pm on the fourteenth day before the date of the poll for the referendum.

(3) Paragraph (2) shall not apply to an application which satisfies the requirements of either paragraphs (6) and (7) or paragraph (8) of regulation 59; and such an application shall be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5 pm on the sixth day before the date of the poll for the referendum."

(3) Paragraph (4) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) after "section 8(9) of that Act by an elector" there were inserted ", or a notice under regulation 75(6) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 by a person,",
- (b) for "a particular election" there were substituted "the referendum", and
- (c) for "at that election" there were substituted "for the referendum".

(4) For the purposes of the referendum the following paragraph is to be treated as substituted for paragraphs (5) and (6)—

"(5) In computing a period of days for the purposes of this regulation the following days are to be disregarded—

- (a) a Saturday or Sunday, and
- (b) Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday and any other day that is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in any part of the United Kingdom."

# **Commencement Information**

I134 Sch. 3 para. 77 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Grant or refusal of applications

**78.**—(1) Regulation 62 of the 2008 Regulations (grant or refusal of applications) has effect for the purposes of the referendum with the following modifications.

(2) Paragraph (1) has effect for those purposes as if after "section 6, 7, 8 or 9 of the 1985 Act" there were inserted "or Chapter 2 of Part 3 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

(3) For the purposes of the referendum, paragraph (3) is to be treated as omitted.

(4) For the purposes of the referendum paragraph (4) has effect as if after "the 1985 Act" there were inserted "or Chapter 2 of Part 3 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016"

(5) Paragraph (5) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if after "a particular election" there were inserted "or the referendum".

# **Commencement Information**

I135 Sch. 3 para. 78 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Cancellation of proxy appointment**

**79.** Regulation 64 of the 2008 Regulations (cancellation of proxy appointment) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) after "the 1985 Act" there were inserted "or regulation 75(6) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016,
- (b) for "that provision" there were substituted "either of those provisions",
- (c) for "that Act" there were substituted "the 1985 Act", and
- (d) before "remove his name" there were inserted "in the case where an application was made under section 8 of the 1985 Act,".

## **Commencement Information**

**I136** Sch. 3 para. 79 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Records and lists**

**80.**—(1) Regulation 66 of the 2008 Regulations (records and lists)(**122**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

- (2) Paragraph (1) has effect for those purposes as if-
  - (a) for "sections 7(4) and 9(9) of the 1985 Act" there were substituted "regulations 74(2) or (3) or 77(8) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
  - (b) for "candidate at a parliamentary election or his election agent" there were substituted "referendum agent".
- (3) For the purposes of the referendum paragraphs (2) and (2A) are to be treated as omitted.

(4) Paragraph (3) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "sections 7(4) and 9(9) of the 1985 Act" there were substituted "regulations 74(2) or (3) or 77(8) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

#### **Commencement Information**

I137 Sch. 3 para. 80 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Interpretation of Part 5**

**81.**—(1) Regulation 70 of the 2008 Regulations (interpretation of Part 5)(**123**) has effect for the purposes of the referendum with the following modifications.

<sup>(122)</sup> Regulation 66 was amended by regulation 21 of S.I. 2014/1808.

<sup>(123)</sup> Regulation 70 was amended by paragraph 76 of Schedule 1 to S.I. 2011/2085.

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(2) For those purposes the definition of "absent voters list" has effect as if for "section 7(4) of the 1985 Act" there were substituted "regulations 74(2) or (3) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

(3) For the purposes of the referendum the definition of "agent" has effect as if the following were substituted for it—

"agent", except in regulation 73, means a referendum agent or an agent appointed under regulation 73;".

(4) For the purposes of the referendum the definition of "list of postal proxies" has effect as if for "section 9(9) of the 1985 Act" there were substituted "regulation 77(8) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

# **Commencement Information**

I138 Sch. 3 para. 81 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Time when postal ballot papers are to be issued

**82.** For the purposes of the referendum, the following regulation is to be treated as inserted after regulation 70 of the 2008 Regulations—

# "Time when postal ballot papers are to be issued

**70A.** Postal ballot papers (and declarations of identity) must not be issued by the counting officer so as to be received by persons entitled to vote in the referendum before the beginning of the relevant period within the meaning of section 125 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (restriction on campaigning by certain persons and bodies)."

#### **Commencement Information**

I139 Sch. 3 para. 82 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Persons entitled to be present at proceedings on issue and receipt of postal ballot papers

**83.**—(1) Regulation 72 of the 2008 Regulations (persons entitled to be present at proceedings on issue of postal ballot papers)(**124**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

- (2) Paragraph (1) has effect for those purposes as if—
  - (a) For "a parliamentary election" there were substituted "the referendum", and
  - (b) for sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) there were substituted—
    - "(a) the counting officer and his clerks;
      - (b) a referendum agent;".
- (3) Paragraph (2) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—
  - (a) for "sub-paragraphs (b), (c) and (d)" there were substituted "sub-paragraphs (b) and (d)", and

<sup>(124)</sup> Regulation 72 was amended by regulation 8 of S.I. 2010/278 and regulation 22 of S.I. 2014/1808.

(b) for "rule 40ZA of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 39 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

# **Commencement Information**

**I140** Sch. 3 para. 83 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## Agents of candidate who may attend proceedings on issue or receipt of postal ballot papers

**84.** Regulation 73 of the 2008 Regulations (agents of candidates who may attend proceedings on issue or receipt of postal ballot papers)(**125**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for "candidate" (in each place) there were substituted "referendum agent",
- (b) for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer",
- (c) paragraph (6) were treated as omitted, and
- (d) in paragraph (10), for "rule 40ZA of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 39 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

# **Commencement Information**

I141 Sch. 3 para. 84 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Notification of requirement of secrecy

**85.** Regulation 74 of the 2008 Regulations (notification of requirement of secrecy) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

# **Commencement Information**

I142 Sch. 3 para. 85 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Notice of issue of postal ballot papers

**86.** Regulation 75 of the 2008 Regulations (notice of issue of postal ballot papers)(**126**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for "returning officer" (in both places) there were substituted "counting officer",
- (b) for "candidate" (in each place) there were substituted "referendum agent", and
- (c) in paragraph (3), for "rule 40ZA of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 39 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

# **Commencement Information**

I143 Sch. 3 para. 86 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

<sup>(125)</sup>Regulation 73 was amended by regulation 23 of S.I. 2014/1808.

<sup>(126)</sup> Regulation 75 was amended by regulation 24 of S.I. 2014/1808.

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# Procedure on issue of postal ballot paper

**87.**—(1) Regulation 76 of the 2008 Regulations (procedure on issue of postal ballot paper)(**127**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) For those purposes paragraph (5) has effect as if—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) for "section 7(4A) of the 1985 Act" there were substituted "regulation 74(4) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b)—
  - (i) for "section 9(9) of the 1985 Act" there were substituted "regulation 77(8) of those Regulations", and
  - (ii) for "section 9(9A) or (9B) of that Act" there were substituted "regulation 77(9) of those Regulations".

#### **Commencement Information**

I144 Sch. 3 para. 87 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## Refusal to issue ballot paper

**88.** Regulation 77 of the 2008 Regulations (refusal to issue ballot paper) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

#### **Commencement Information**

I145 Sch. 3 para. 88 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Envelopes

**89.** Regulation 78 of the 2008 Regulations (envelopes)(**128**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if in paragraph (1) for "rule 24 of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 17 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

### **Commencement Information**

I146 Sch. 3 para. 89 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Sealing up of completed corresponding number lists

**90.** Regulation 79 of the 2008 Regulations (sealing up of completed corresponding number lists) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer".

# **Commencement Information**

I147 Sch. 3 para. 90 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

<sup>(127)</sup> Regulation 76 was amended by regulation 25 of S.I. 2014/1808.

<sup>(128)</sup> Regulation 78 was amended by regulation 9 of S.I. 2010/278.

# **Delivery of postal ballot papers**

**91.**—(1) Regulation 80 of the 2008 Regulations (delivery of postal ballot papers) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) For those purposes paragraph (1) has effect as if—

- (a) for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer", and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (c), for "rule 26(1) of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 19 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016."

(3) For the purposes of the referendum paragraph (2) has effect as if for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

# **Commencement Information**

I148 Sch. 3 para. 91 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Spoilt postal ballot papers

**92.** Regulation 81 of the 2008 Regulations (spoilt postal ballot papers)(**129**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer".

#### **Commencement Information**

I149 Sch. 3 para. 92 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Tendered postal ballot papers**

**93.**—(1) Regulation 81A of the 2008 Regulations (tendered postal ballot papers)(**130**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) Paragraph (1) has effect for those purposes as if for "rule 40ZA of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 39 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

(3) Paragraph (2) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) for "a parliamentary election" there were substituted "the referendum", and
- (b) for "section 15 of the 1985 Act" there were substituted "regulations under section 4(2) of the European Union Referendum Act 2015".

(4) Paragraph (4) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for "section 7(4A) of the 1985 Act" there were substituted "regulation 74(4) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), for the words from "section 9(9)" to the end there were substituted "regulation 77(8) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 but for regulations 74(4) or 77(9) of those Regulations."

(5) Paragraphs (5) to (11) have effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "Chief Electoral Officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer".

(6) Paragraph (9) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

<sup>(129)</sup> Regulation 81 was amended by regulation 26 of S.I. 2014/1808.

<sup>(130)</sup>Regulation 81A was inserted by regulation 27 of S.I. 2014/1808.

- (a) for "rule 40ZA(9) of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 39(9) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016", and
- (b) for "rule 40ZA(7) of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 39(7) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I150** Sch. 3 para. 93 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Notice of opening of postal ballot paper envelopes

**94.**—(1) Regulation 82 of the 2008 Regulations (notice of opening of postal ballot paper envelopes) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

- (2) Paragraph (1) has effect for those purposes as if—
  - (a) for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer", and
  - (b) for "candidate" there were substituted "referendum agent".

(3) Paragraph (2) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "candidate" there were substituted "referendum agent".

#### **Commencement Information**

I151 Sch. 3 para. 94 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Postal ballot boxes and receptacles

**95.** Regulation 83 of the 2008 Regulations (postal ballot boxes and receptacles) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer",
- (b) in paragraph (2), for the words from "constituency" to the end there were substituted "voting area", and
- (c) in paragraph (4), after "box" there were inserted "(if it has a lock)".

# **Commencement Information**

I152 Sch. 3 para. 95 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Receipt of covering envelope**

**96.** Regulation 84 of the 2008 Regulations (receipt of covering envelope)(**131**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

# **Commencement Information**

I153 Sch. 3 para. 96 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

(131) Regulation 84 was amended by regulation 28 of S.I. 2014/1808.

# **Opening of postal voters' ballot box**

**97.** Regulation 85 of the 2008 Regulations (opening of postal voters' ballot box) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for "returning officer" (in both places) there were substituted "counting officer", and
- (b) in paragraph (3), for "rule 45 of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 46 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

#### **Commencement Information**

I154 Sch. 3 para. 97 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Opening of covering envelopes**

**98.** Regulation 86 of the 2008 Regulations (opening of covering envelopes) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer", and
- (b) after paragraph (4) there were inserted—

"(5) Where an envelope opened in accordance with paragraph (1) contains a declaration of identity (whether separate or not), the counting officer must place a mark in the marked copy of the postal voters list or the proxy postal voters list in a place corresponding to the number of the elector to denote that a postal vote has been returned.

(6) A mark made under paragraph (5) must be distinguishable from and must not obscure the mark made under regulation 76.

(7) As soon as practicable after the last covering envelope has been opened, the counting officer must make up into a packet the copy of the postal voters list and the proxy postal voters list that has been marked in accordance with paragraph (5) and must seal the packet."

# **Commencement Information**

I155 Sch. 3 para. 98 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Procedure in relation to declarations of identity

**99.** Regulation 87 of the 2008 Regulations (procedure in relation to declarations of identity)(**132**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer", and
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for "rule 45(2)(b) and (2A) of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 46(5)(b) and (6) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I156** Sch. 3 para. 99 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

<sup>(132)</sup>Regulation 87 was amended by regulation 9(2) of S.I. 2010/278.

# **Opening of ballot paper envelopes**

**100.** Regulation 88 of the 2008 Regulations (opening of ballot paper envelopes) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if, in paragraph (1), for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

# **Commencement Information**

I157 Sch. 3 para. 100 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## **Sealing of receptacles**

**101.** Regulation 89 of the 2008 Regulations (sealing of receptacles) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "returning officer" there were substituted "counting officer".

#### **Commencement Information**

I158 Sch. 3 para. 101 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Forwarding of documents

**102.** Regulation 91 of the 2008 Regulations (forwarding of documents)(**133**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for "returning officer" (in each place) there were substituted "counting officer",
- (b) the following were treated as substituted for paragraph (1)—

"(1) The Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland shall retain together with the documents mentioned in regulation 56 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016—

- (a) any packets referred to in regulation 79, 81(5), 81A(11) and 89, endorsing on each packet a description of its contents, the date of the referendum and the name of the voting area,
- (b) the list of spoilt ballot papers and the list of tendered ballot papers, and
- (c) a completed statement in Form N.",
- (c) in paragraph (2), for the words from "and endorse" to the end there were substituted ", endorse the packet as mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) and retain the packet",
- (d) the following were treated as substituted for paragraph (3)—

"(3) Regulations 57 and 58 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 shall apply to any packet or document retained under this regulation.", and

(e) in paragraph (4) for "(1)(b)" there were substituted "(1)(c)".

#### **Commencement Information**

I159 Sch. 3 para. 102 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

<sup>(133)</sup>Regulation 91 was amended by regulation 29 of S.I. 2014/1808.

# Restriction on supply etc of full register

**103.** Regulation 94(1) of the 2008 Regulations (restrictions on supply etc of full register) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

- (a) after sub-paragraph (b) there were inserted—
  - "(ba) the Chief Counting Officer;
  - (bb) any deputy of the Chief Counting Officer;", and
- (b) the references in sub-paragraph (c) to "any such officer" were treated as references to "a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (a), (b), (ba) or (bb)".

#### **Commencement Information**

I160 Sch. 3 para. 103 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Interpretation of Part 7**

**104.** Regulation 115 of the 2008 Regulations (interpretation of Part 7) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if, in paragraph (1), for "rule 57(1A) of the elections rules" there were substituted "regulation 56(1)(b) of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016".

# **Commencement Information**

I161 Sch. 3 para. 104 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Supply of marked registers and lists after an election

**105.**—(1) Regulation 116 of the 2008 Regulations (supply of marked registers and lists) applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

- (2) Paragraph (1) has effect for those purposes as if—
  - (a) for the words from "regulation 99" to "local government election" there were substituted "regulations 99, 105, 107 or 111, with copies of the full register", and
  - (b) at the end there were treated as inserted—

"The reference to a person entitled to be supplied in accordance with regulation 105 with copies of the full register does not include a person mentioned in regulation 105(1)(b)."

- (3) Paragraph (2) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—
  - (a) for the words from "regulation 102" to "particular election" there were substituted "regulation 105(1)(a) or (c) applies before the referendum", and
  - (b) for "that election" there were substituted "the referendum".

(4) Paragraph (6)(b) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for "regulations 99, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107 or 111" there were substituted "regulations 99, 105, 107 or 111".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I162** Sch. 3 para. 105 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Inspection of documents open to public inspection

**106.** Regulation 117 of the 2008 Regulations (inspection of documents) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if in paragraph (1)(b) for "an election" there were substituted "the referendum".

# **Commencement Information**

I163 Sch. 3 para. 106 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Conditions on use, supply and disclosure of documents open to public inspection

**107.** Regulation 118 of the 2008 Regulations (conditions on the use, supply and disclosure of documents) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if, in paragraph (2)—

- (a) the word "either" were omitted, and
- (b) at the end, there was inserted "or any purpose in connection with the referendum".

#### **Commencement Information**

I164 Sch. 3 para. 107 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Form N: statement as to postal ballot papers

**108.** Form N in Schedule 3 of the 2008 Regulations (statement as to postal ballot papers)(**134**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) for the heading "REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION" there were substituted "REFERENDUM ON THE UNITED KINGDOM'S MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN UNION",
- (b) for "constituency" there were substituted "voting area", and
- (c) for "Returning Officer" (in each place) there were substituted "Counting Officer".

# **Commencement Information**

I165 Sch. 3 para. 108 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# PART 3

# OTHER REGULATIONS

# **Control of advertisements**

**109.** The Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 1992(**135**) apply in relation to the display on any site in Wales of an advertisement relating specifically to the referendum as they apply in relation to the display of an advertisement relating specifically to a pending parliamentary election.

<sup>(134)</sup>Form N was amended by regulation 32(1) and (8) of S.I. 2014/1808.

<sup>(135)</sup> S.I. 1992/666, amended by S.I. 1999/1910 and S.I. 2012/791 (W. 106), extended by article 11 of S.I. 2006/1282 and revoked in relation to England by S.I. 2007/783; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

# **Commencement Information**

I166 Sch. 3 para. 109 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

**110.** The Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (Scotland) Regulations 1984(**136**) apply in relation to the display on any site in Scotland of an advertisement relating specifically to the referendum as they apply in relation to the display of an advertisement relating specifically to a pending parliamentary election.

**Commencement Information** 

I167 Sch. 3 para. 110 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

**111.** The Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015(**137**) apply in relation to the display on any site in Northern Ireland of an advertisement relating specifically to the referendum as they apply in relation to the display of an advertisement relating specifically to a pending parliamentary election.

# **Commencement Information**

**I168** Sch. 3 para. 111 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

## **Commencement Information**

I166 Sch. 3 para. 109 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1
I167 Sch. 3 para. 110 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1
I168 Sch. 3 para. 111 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# **Right of audience and right to conduct litigation**

112. Article 6 of the European Parliamentary Elections (Combined Region and Campaign Expenditure) (United Kingdom and Gibraltar) Order 2004(138) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if for "European Parliamentary elections in the combined region" (in each place) there were substituted "the referendum under section 1 of the European Union Referendum Act 2015 in the South West and Gibraltar Region within the meaning of that Act (see paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to that Act)".

#### **Commencement Information**

**I169** Sch. 3 para. 112 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Provision of information regarding proxies

**113.** Regulation 2 of the Representation of the People (Provision of Information Regarding Proxies) Regulations 2013(**139**) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if—

<sup>(136)</sup> S.I. 1984/467, amended by S.S.I. 2003/503 and S.S.I. 2004/334 and extended by article 6 of S.S.I. 2006/270.

<sup>(137)</sup>S.R. 2015/66.

<sup>(138)</sup> S.I. 2004/366.

<sup>(139)</sup> S.I. 2103/3199.

(a) the following paragraph were treated as substituted for paragraph (1)—

"(1) A registration officer in Great Britain may require a registration officer in Great Britain or Northern Ireland to provide information as soon as reasonably practicable about—

- (a) whether the person, whom an elector wishes to be appointed as their proxy under paragraph 6(7) or (8) of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 2000, has or will have an entry in a relevant register maintained by that officer under section 9(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983; or
- (b) whether the person, whom the principal wishes to be appointed as their proxy under regulation 64 of the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016, has or will have an entry in a relevant register maintained by that officer.", and
- (b) the following paragraphs were treated as substituted for paragraph (2)—

"(2) In paragraph (1)(a) "relevant register" means a register which relates to elections of the same kind as those to which the proxy appointment relates.

- (3) In paragraph (1)(b) "relevant register" means—
  - (a) a register of parliamentary electors, or
  - (b) in relation to a peer
    - (i) a register of local government electors in Great Britain, or
    - (ii) a register of local electors in Northern Ireland, or
    - (iii) a register of peers maintained under section 3 of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (peers resident outside the United Kingdom)."

# **Commencement Information**

I170 Sch. 3 para. 113 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# Persons convicted of corrupt or illegal practices: Gibraltar

**114.** Regulation 107 of the European Parliamentary Elections Regulations 2004(**140**) applies for the purposes of the referendum but as if—

- (a) references to an illegal practice included an illegal practice under any provision of Gibraltar conduct law,
- (b) references to a corrupt practice included a corrupt practice under any such provision,
- (c) in paragraph (1) for "paragraph (2)" there were substituted "paragraphs (1A) and (2)",
- (d) after that paragraph there were inserted—

"(1A) Paragraph (1) does not apply in relation to an act or omission that is an illegal practice by reason of being a contravention of Gibraltar conduct law (within the meaning of section 11(1) of the European Union Referendum Act 2015) in respect of which the Gibraltar court has made an order under any provision of Gibraltar conduct law making provision corresponding to regulation 108.",

(e) the reference in paragraph (2) to regulation 23 included any provision of Gibraltar conduct law making provision corresponding to that regulation, and

<sup>(140)</sup>S.I. 2004/293.

(f) the reference in that paragraph to regulation 24 included any provision of Gibraltar conduct law making provision corresponding to that regulation.

# **Commencement Information**

I171 Sch. 3 para. 114 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

**115.** Regulation 112 of the European Parliamentary Elections Regulations 2004 applies for the purposes of the referendum.

**Commencement Information** 

I172 Sch. 3 para. 115 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

**Commencement Information** 

I171 Sch. 3 para. 114 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1I172 Sch. 3 para. 115 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

# SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 83

FORMS

Commencement Information I173 Sch. 4 in force at 26.2.2016, see reg. 1

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Form 1 – Form of ballot paper Front of ballot paper

| Referendum on the United Kingdom's<br>membership of the European Union                          |
|---|
| Vote only once by putting a cross 🗶 in the box next to your choice                              |
| Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the<br>European Union or leave the European Union? |
| Remain a member of the European Union   |
| Leave the European Union  |

# Back of ballot paper

Number

[Other unique identifying mark]

Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union

[insert voting area]

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#### Directions as to printing the ballot paper

- Nothing is to be printed on the ballot paper except in accordance with these directions.
- So far as is practicable, the arrangements set out in paragraphs 3 to 9 must be observed in the printing of the ballot paper.
- 3. No words may be printed on the front of the ballot paper except:
  - the heading "Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union";
  - (b) the direction "Vote only once by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice";
  - (c) those constituting the referendum question; and
  - (d) those indicating the alternative forms of answer to the question.
- 4. A box must be printed around the heading, direction, referendum question and alternative forms of answer referred to in paragraph 3; and the heading, direction, referendum question and alternative forms of answer referred to in paragraph 3 must be separated from each other by horizontal rules extending across the box.
- No rule may be printed on the face except:
  - (a) as part of the box referred to in paragraph 4;
  - (b) the horizontal rules referred to in paragraph 4; and
  - (c) as part of the boxes on the right-hand side of the ballot paper where the vote is to be marked.
- The horizontal rules separating the alternative forms of answer from the referendum question and from each other must be equally spaced and the space between each of them must be a minimum of 2.5 centimetres.
- The boxes referred to in paragraph 5(c) must not touch any horizontal rule and each one must be equidistant between the horizontal rule above it and the horizontal rule below it.
- 8. All the words on the front of the ballot paper must appear in very large type and:
  - (a) the heading referred to in paragraph 3(a) must appear in bold;
  - (b) in the direction referred to in paragraph 3(b), the words "Vote only once" must appear in bold; and
  - (c) the alternative forms of answer must appear in bold.
- 9. Nothing must be printed on the back of the ballot paper except:

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- (a) the number and other unique identifying mark;
- (b) the name of the referendum; and
- (c) the name of the voting area.

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Form 2 - Form of Corresponding Number List

| Voting area:  |      |   |
|---------------|------|---|
| Date of poll: | <br> |   |
| Sheet No.:    | <br> | - |

| Ballot Paper Number | Unique Identifying Mark | Elector Number (to be<br>completed only in respect of<br>ballot papers issued to posta<br>voters) |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---|
|                     |                         |   |
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Form 3 - Form of Postal Voting Statement

| Postal voting statement  | [Space for barcode]                |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Referendum on the United Kingdom's men<br>European Union   | bership of the                     |
| Voting area: [insert voting area]  |                                    |
| Date of referendum [day] [date] [month] [yea   | nr]                                |
| Important – you must fill in and return this statement with your completed ballot pape counted.  |                                    |
| Please read the instructions carefully and   | use a black pen.                   |
| * Name Ballot paper  | number                             |
| * Counting Officer to insert name but omit where ser<br>elector  | nt to an anonymous                 |
| (!) Check that the number on the back of your ballot p<br>number shown above. If they do not match, call us<br>(insert helpline number).                                       |                                    |
| I am the person the ballot paper number<br>sent to.<br>My Date of Birth is:  | ed above was                       |
| * My Signature is:<br>(You must sign<br>inside the box)<br>* Counting Officer to omit<br>box where the elector has<br>been granted a waiver                                    | Year                               |
| We will check this information against our reco  | rds for security.                  |
| It is an offence to vote using a ballot paper that we use or interfere with another voter's ballot paper to vote more than once at the same referendum (appointed as a proxy). | It is an offence<br>unless you are |

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Back of statement

## Instructions for voting by post

# Please read through carefully. If you need help, please call us on [insert helpline number]

- For your vote to be counted, you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your ballot paper.
- Make sure you have filled in the date of birth \*[and signature] box[es] on this postal voting statement.
  - \*Counting Officer to delete where elector has been granted a waiver.
- 3. Vote only once by putting a cross 🗵 in the box next to your choice.
- Do not mark the ballot paper in any other way or your vote may not count.
- 5. We must get your postal vote by 10pm on [day] [date of poll]. If you miss the post, you can hand it in at our office or at any polling station in the voting area listed on the front of this form before 10pm on [day][date of poll].
- After receiving this postal vote, you cannot vote in person at a polling station in this referendum.

## Getting help

- If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get independent help by calling the helpline on [insert helpline number]. The person helping you must not tell anyone how you voted.
- Please call the helpline if you require copies of this form or guidance in Braille or languages other than English.
- If you make a mistake, or lose your postal ballot paper or this statement, you can
  get a replacement. Call us immediately as we can only issue a replacement
  before 5pm on [day] [date] [month]. If you apply after 5pm on [day
  before poll] we can only issue a replacement if you return this ballot pack by
  hand.

Electoral fraud is a crime. It is an offence to vote more than once at the same referendum (unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person).

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| Form 4 - Declaration of Identity (Nor | thern Ireland) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
|---------------------------------------|----------------|

| Declaration of Identity  | [Space for barcode]            |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Referendum on the United Kingdom's men<br>European Union   | nbership of the                |
| Voting area: Northern Ireland  |                                |
| Date of referendum [day] [date] [month] [yea   | ar]                            |
| Important – you must fill in and return this<br>with your completed ballot paper for it to   |                                |
| Please read the instructions carefully and * NameBallot paper  |                                |
| * Counting Officer to insert name but omit where ser<br>elector  | nt to an anonymous             |
| (!) Check that the number on the back of your ballot<br>number shown above. If they do not match, call u<br>(insert helpline number).  |                                |
| I am the person the ballot paper number sent to.   | red above was                  |
| My Date of Birth is:   | Year                           |
| My Signature is:<br>(You must sign<br>inside the box)  | Teal                           |
| We will check this information against our reco  | rds for security.              |
| The voter has signed this declaration in my pres<br>Witness signature<br>The witness must be aged 18 or over and satisfic<br>their knowledge and belief as to the identity of th<br><i>Counting Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropria</i> | ed to the best of<br>ne voter. |

Back of Declaration

## Instructions for voting by post

# Please read through carefully. If you need help, please call us on [insert helpline number]

- For your vote to be counted, you must fill in, in the presence of a witness, and return this declaration of identity with your ballot paper.
- Make sure you have filled in all the information on this declaration of identity and your witness has signed it.
- 3. Vote only once by putting a cross 🗵 in the box next to your choice.
- Do not mark the ballot paper in any other way or your vote may not count.
- Put the ballot paper in the smaller envelope marked "A" and seal it. Then put the envelope marked "A" together with this declaration of identity, in the larger envelope marked "B".
- We must get your postal vote in the envelope provided by 10pm on [day] [date of poll].
- After receiving this postal vote, you cannot vote in person at a polling station in this referendum.

## Getting help

- If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get independent help by calling the helpline on *[insert helpline number]*. The person helping you must not tell anyone how you voted.
- Please call the helpline if you require copies of this form or guidance in Braille or languages other than English.
- If you make a mistake you can get a replacement if you return all your postal vote documents. Call us immediately as we can only issue a replacement before 5pm on [day] [date] [month].

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Form 5 - Official Poll Card (to be sent to an elector not voting by post)

## Poll Card

Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union

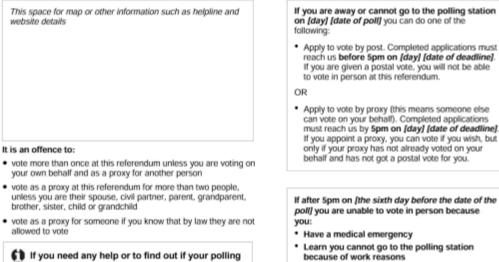
Voting area: [Insert name of area]

Date of referendum [day] [date] [ month] [year]

| Voting information           |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Polling day                  |  |
| Voting hours                 |  |
| Your polling station will be |  |

#### Please turn over

#### Back of card



(i) If you need any help or to find out if your polling station is accessible, please contact us. [Counting Officer to add contact details including

website if appropriate]

## If undelivered return to:

[Insert return address]

#### The Counting Officer issued this card.

helpline immediately.

You can apply to vote by proxy. Completed applications must reach us before 5pm on [day]

[date of deadline]. To find out how to apply, call the

#### Your details:

 [Elector's name and qualifying address details here]

\*Counting Officer to omit where poli card sent to an anonymous elector. Poll card to an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope

#### Number on register:

\*\* [You do not need to take this card with you in order to vote.]

- \*\* [You must have this card with you. You cannot vote without it.]
- \*\* If anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of brackets.

[Insert helpline and other details including website].

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Form 6 - Official Postal Poll Card (to be sent to an elector voting by post)

## Postal poll card

## Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union

Voting area: [Insert name of area]

Date of referendum [day] [date] [month] [year]

#### Voting information

We will send your postal vote around [day] [date] [month] [year] \*[addressed to:]

"[Elector's name and address]

#### Your details:

- [Elector's name and qualifying address details here]
- \* Counting Officer to omit in both places where poli card sent to an anonymous elector. Poli card to an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope

Number on register:

#### Your postal vote

- You will receive a postal vote for this referendum because you asked to vote by post.
- · You will not be able to vote in a polling station.
- If you have not received your postal vote by [day] [date] [month] call [insert helpline number].

## Please turn over

#### Back of card

#### How to vote

- When you receive your postal vote, read the instructions carefully.
- Your postal vote includes your ballot paper and a postal voting statement.
- Complete both of these and return them immediately.
- We need to receive your postal vote by 10pm on [day/date of poll].
- If you need information in another format, please call our helpline below.
- If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get independent help by calling our helpline:

[insert helpline and other details including website]

#### If you lose your postal vote or make a mistake

Please phone the helpline immediately.

#### We can only issue a replacement postal vote before 5pm on [day/date of deadline].

If you would rather vote in person, or ask someone else to vote on your behalf, you must cancel your postal vote before **5pm on** [day/date of deadline]. For more information, please call the helpline.

#### It is an offence to:

- vote using a ballot paper that was not sent for your use or interfere with another voter's ballot paper
- vote more than once at this referendum unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person
- vote as a proxy at this referendum for more than two people, unless you are their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild
- vote as a proxy for someone if you know that by law they are not allowed to vote

The Counting Officer issued this card. If undelivered return to [Insert return address]

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Form 7 - Official Proxy Poll Card (to be sent to an appointed proxy voting in person)

## Proxy poll card

Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union

#### Voting area: [Insert name of area]

Date of referendum [day] [date] [month] [year]

| Voting information              |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Polling day                     |  |
| Voting hours                    |  |
| Your polling<br>station will be |  |

#### Please turn over

#### Back of card

#### For this referendum you are proxy for:

- \* [(Elector's name)
- (Elector's address) (Elector's number on register)]
- [the person with this elector number: (Insert elector's number on register)]
- If anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of square brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of square brackets

The person you are proxy for can vote themselves if they wish – but only if you have not already voted on their behalf.

This space for map or other information such as helpline and website details

#### If you need any help or to find out if your polling station is accessible, please contact us.

Counting Officer to add contact details including website if appropriate]

## How to vote as a proxy

- "(At the polling station, tell the staff that you are a proxy for the person named above. They will give you that person's ballot paper.] "(At the polling station, ask to speak to the presiding officer and show them this card. They will give you the ballot paper of the person you are proxy for.)
  - If anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of square brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of square brackets
- 2. Go to one of the voting booths.
- 3. Follow the instructions on how to mark the ballot paper.
- 4. Fold the ballot paper and put in the ballot box
- If you need any help, just ask the staff.

#### Your details:

- [Proxy's name and qualifying address details here]
- \* Counting Officer to omit where poll card sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector. Poll card to proxy of an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope

#### You will receive a proxy vote

- " [The person named on the back of the card] [Another person] has appointed you as a proxy to vote on their behalf at this referendum.
- \*\* [You do not need to take this card with you to vote.] [You must have this card with you when you vote. You cannot vote as a proxy without it.]
- \*\* If sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector omit the words in each of the first sets of brackets, if not omit the words in each of the second sets of brackets.

[Insert helpline and other details including website].

#### If you are away or cannot go to the polling station on [day] [date of poll]

- You can apply to vote by post. The deadline for completed applications is 5pm on [day] [date of deadline].
- If you are given a postal vote, you or the person you are proxy for will not be able to vote in person at this referendum.
- To find out how to apply, please call us on [insert helpline number or other contact details].

#### It is an offence to:

- vote more than once at this referendum unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person
- vote as a proxy at this referendum for more than two people, unless you are their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild
- vote as a proxy for someone if you know that by law they are not allowed to vote

The Counting Officer issued this card. If undelivered return to [Insert return address]

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Form 8 - Official Proxy Postal Poll Card (to be sent to an appointed proxy voting by post)

## Proxy postal poll card

Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union

Voting area: [Insert name of area]

Date of referendum [day] [date] [month] [year]

#### Voting information

We will send your postal vote around [day] [date] [month] [year] \*[addressed to:]

- \* [Proxy's name and qualifying address details here]
- \* Counting Officer to omit where poll card sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector. Poll card to proxy of an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope.

#### Voting as a proxy

- \*\*[The person named on the back of the card] [Another person] has appointed you as a proxy to vote on their behalf at this referendum
- \*\* If sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of brackets.

#### Your postal vote

- You will receive a postal vote for this referendum because you asked to vote by post.
- . You will not be able to vote as proxy in a polling station.
- If you have not received your postal vote by [day] [date] [month] call [insert helpline number].

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#### Back of card

#### For this referendum you are proxy for:

- [(Elector's name)
- (Elector's address) (Elector's number on register)]

[the person with this elector number: (Insert elector's number on register)]

\* If anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of square brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of square brackets

#### How to vote

- When you receive your postal vote, read the instructions carefully.
- Your postal vote includes your ballot paper and a postal voting statement.
- Complete both of these and return them straight away.
- We need to get your postal vote by 10pm on [day/date of poll].

## If you need information in another format, please call our helpline below.

If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get independent help by calling our helpline:

[insert helpline and other details including website]

#### If you lose your postal vote or make a mistake

- · Please phone the helpline immediately.
- We can only issue a replacement postal vote before 5pm on [day/date of deadline].

If you would rather vote in person, you must cancel your postal vote before **5pm on** [day/date of deadline]. For more information, please call the helpline.

#### It is an offence to:

- vote using a ballot paper that was not sent for your use or interfere with another voter's ballot paper
- vote more than once at this referendum unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person
- vote as a proxy at this referendum for more than two people, unless you are their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild
- vote as a proxy for someone if you know that by law they are not allowed to vote
- The Counting Officer issued this card.

If undelivered return to [Insert return address]

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Form 9 - Official Poll Card (to be sent to an elector in Northern Ireland not voting by post)

## Poll Card

Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union

Voting area: Northern Ireland

| Voting information              |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Polling day                     |                   |
| Polling hours                   | 7.00am to 10.00pm |
| Ballot box<br>number            |                   |
| Your polling<br>station will be |                   |

You do not have to take this card with you in order to vote but it will save time if you do

Back of card

If you are away or cannot go to the polling station on [day] [date of poll] you can do one of the following

 Apply to vote by post. Completed applications must be returned by 5pm on [day] [date of deadline]. If you are given a postal vote you will not be able to vote in person at this referendum.

OR

 Apply to vote by proxy (this means someone else can vote on your behalf.) Completed applications must reach us before 5pm on [day] [date of deadline].

An application form is available on the website or can be requested via the helpline.

If you need any help, require information in another format or language or wish to find out if your polling station is accessible, please contact us.

[insert helpline and other contact details including website]

#### Electoral fraud is a crime.

Your details:

.

Number on register:

[Elector's name and qualifying address details here]

Remember that you will not be able to vote unless you show one of the following forms of photographic identification:
 A UK, Irish or EEA driving licence

Please turn over

A UK or Irish passport An Electoral Identity Card

A Translink Senior SmartPass A Translink 60+SmartPass A Translink War Disabled SmartPass A Translink Blind Person's SmartPass

Issued by the Counting Officer

If undelivered please return to: [Insert return address]

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Form 10 - Official Postal Poll Card (to be sent to an elector in Northern Ireland voting by post)

## Postal poll card

Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union

Voting area: Northern Ireland

### Voting information

We will send your postal vote approximately 10 working days before polling day.

#### Your details:

 [Elector's name and qualifying address details here]

#### Number on register:

<sup>e</sup> Counting Officer to omit in both places where poll card sent to an anonymous elector. Poll card to an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope

#### Your postal vote

- You will receive a postal vote for this referendum because you successfully applied to vote by post.
- You will not be able to vote in a polling station.
- If you have not received your postal vote by [day] [date] [month] please contact us.

Please turn over

Back of card

#### How to vote

- When you receive your postal vote, read the instructions carefully.
- Your postal vote includes your ballot paper and a declaration of identity.
- 3. Complete the declaration of identity.
- 4. Complete the ballot paper.
- Return your postal voting papers in the envelope provided.
- We need to receive your postal vote by 10pm on [day/date of poll]. Postal voting papers cannot be accepted at polling stations

## If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get advice by calling our helpline. If you need information in another format

or language, please call our helpline.

#### If you make a mistake

Please phone the helpline immediately.

We can only issue a replacement postal vote if you return all your postal vote documents before 5pm on [day/date of deadline].

If you would rather vote in person, or ask someone else to vote on your behalf, you must cancel your postal vote before 5pm on [day/date of deadline].

[\* Note that if you have an anonymous entry on the register you will not be able to vote in person but you can ask someone else to vote by post on your behalf.] Counting Officer to include only on postal poll card sent to an anonymous elector.

#### Electoral fraud is a crime

[insert helpline and other contact details including website]

The Counting Officer issued this card.

If undelivered return to: [Insert return address]

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Form 11 - Official Proxy Poll Card (to be sent to an appointed proxy voting in person in Northern Ireland)

## Proxy poll card

## Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union Voting area: Northern Ireland

| Voting information |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Polling day        |                   |
| Polling hours      | 7.00am to 10.00pm |
| Ballot box         |                   |
| number             |                   |
| Polling station    |                   |

For this referendum you are proxy for: [Elector's name Elector's address Elector's number on register]

You do not need to take this card with you in order to vote but it will save time if you do. Your details

[Proxy's name and address details here]

Remember that you will not be able to vote unless you show one of the following forms of photographic identification for yourself:

- A UK, Irish or EEA driving licence
- A UK or Irish passport
- An Electoral Identity Card
- A Translink Senior SmartPass
- A Translink 60+ SmartPass
- A Translink War Disabled SmartPass
- A Translink Blind Person's SmartPass

Please turn over

Back of card

#### How to vote as a proxy

At the polling station, tell the staff that you are a proxy for the person named on the front of this card. Show an accepted form of photographic identification for yourself. They will give you that person's ballot paper.

If you need any help, just ask the staff.

## If you are away or cannot go to the polling station on [day] [date of poll]:

- You can apply to vote by post. The deadline for completed applications is 5pm on [day] date of deadline].
- If you are given a postal vote, you or the person you are proxy for will not be able to vote in person at this referendum
- To find out how to apply, please contact us.

The person you are proxy for can vote for themselves if they wish – but only if you have not already voted on their behalf.

If you need any help, require information in another format or language, or wish to find out if your polling station is accessible, please contact us.

[Insert helpline and other contact details including website]

Electoral fraud is a crime

Issued by the Counting Officer.

If undelivered return to [Insert return address]

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Form 12 - Official Proxy Postal Poll Card (to be sent to an appointed proxy voting by post in Northern Ireland)

## Proxy postal poll card

### Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union

Voting area: Northern Ireland

#### Voting information

We will send your postal vote approximately 10 working days before polling day

#### For this referendum you are proxy for:

(Elector's name)

(Elector's address) (Elector's number on register)]

[the person with this elector number: (Insert elector's number on register)]

\* If anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of square brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of square brackets

#### Your details:

- \* [Proxy's name and address details here]
- \* Counting Officer to omit where proxy postal poll card sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector. Proxy postal poll card to proxy of an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope.

#### Your postal vote

- You will receive a postal vote for this referendum because you successfully applied to vote by post.
- You will not be able to vote as proxy in a polling station.
- If you have not received your postal vote by [day] [date] [month] please call the helpline.

Please turn over

Back of card

#### How to vote

- 1. When you receive your postal vote, read the instructions
- carefully.
   Your postal vote includes your ballot paper and a declaration of identity.
- 3. Complete the declaration of identity.
- 4. Complete the ballot paper.
- 5. Return your postal voting papers in the envelope provided.
- 6 We need to get your postal vote by 10pm on [day/date of poll]. Postal voting papers cannot be accepted at polling stations.

#### If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get advice by calling our helpline.

If you need information in another format or language, please call our helpline.

#### If you make a mistake

#### n you make a mistake

- Please phone the helpline immediately.
  We can only issue a replacement postal vote if
- you return all your postal vote documents before 5pm on [day/date of deadline].
- If you would rather vote in person, you must cancel your postal vote before **5pm on** *[day/date of deadline]*. For more information, please call the helpline.
- [Note that if you are a proxy for a person with an anonymous entry on the register you will not be able to vote in person.]
- Counting Officer to include only on proxy postal poll card sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector.

Electoral fraud is a crime

#### [insert helpline and other contact details including website]

The Counting Officer issued this card.

If undelivered return to [Insert return address]

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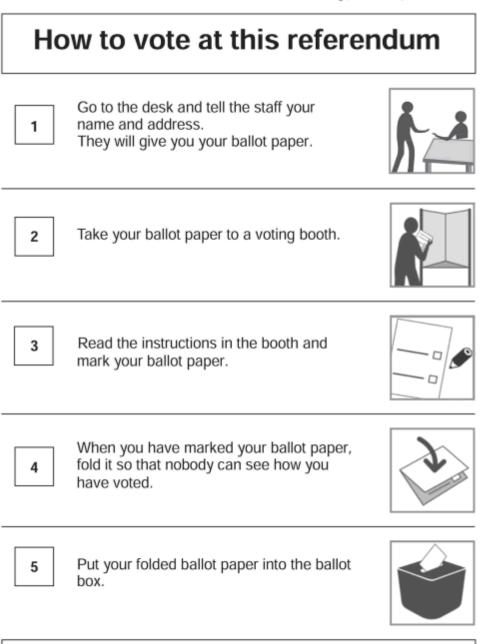
Form 13 – Form of Corresponding Number List (for use in Polling Stations)

| Voting area:     | _ |
|------------------|---|
| Date of poll:    | _ |
| Polling station: | _ |
| Sheet No.:       | _ |

| Ballot Paper Number | Elector Number |
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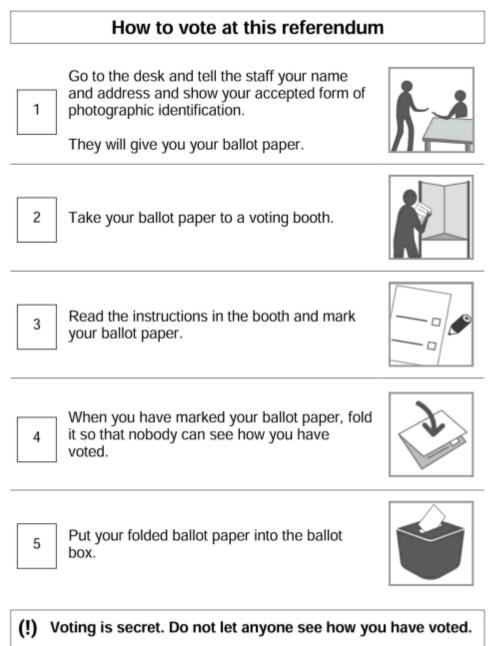
Form 14 - Form of Directions for the Guidance of the Voters in Voting (Great Britain)



(!) Voting is secret. Do not let anyone see how you have voted.() If you make a mistake or need some help, just ask the staff.

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Form 15 – Form of Directions for the Guidance of Voters in Voting (Northern Ireland)



If you make a mistake or need some help, just ask the staff.

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Form 16 - Form of Certificate of Employment (Great Britain)

| Certificate of Employment  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union  |  |  |
| Date of referendum [day] [date] [month] [year,   | 1  |  |
| Voting area [insert name of area]  |  |  |
| The person named below is entitled to vote<br>and surrender of this certificate to the Presid  | at any polling station in the above voting area on production<br>ding Officer.   |  |
| I certify that   | (name of elector)  |  |
| named above, cannot reasonably be expect   | in the register of electors for the voting area<br>ted to go in person to the polling station allotted to them at<br>yment on the above date for a purpose connected with this |  |
| <ul> <li>as a constable**</li> <li>as a Police Community Support Officer**</li> <li>by me (Only applies to Counting Officer's</li> </ul> | staff)**   |  |
| Signature  | Counting Officer/Police Officer (Inspector or above)**   |  |
| Date   |  |  |
| * The elector's number can be found on the<br>was announced, or can be checked by co<br>**Person completing the form to delete whice     |  |  |

Form 17 – Form of Certificate of Employment (Northern Ireland)

| Certificate of Employment  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union  |   |  |
| Date of referendum [day] [date] [month] [year]   |   |  |
| Voting area: Northern Ireland  |   |  |
| Ballot box number:   |   |  |
| The person named below is entitled to vote at any p<br>and surrender of this certificate to the Presiding Off  |   |  |
| I certify that   | (name of elector)                                   |  |
| who is numbered in the register of electors for the voting area<br>named above, cannot reasonably be expected to go in person to the polling station allotted to them at<br>this referendum by reason of his/her employment on the above date for a purpose connected with this<br>referendum: |   |  |
| <ul> <li>as a constable*</li> <li>by me (only applies to Counting Officer's staff)*</li> </ul>   |   |  |
| Signature<br>above)*   | Counting Officer/Police Officer (Chief Inspector or |  |
| Date<br>* Person completing the form to delete whichever does in   | not apply.  |  |

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Form 18 - Form of Declaration made by the companion of a voter or proxy with disabilities (Great Britain)

| Declaration for the companion of  | a voter with disabilities            |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the<br>European Union  |                                      |  |
| Voting area: [insert voting area]   |                                      |  |
| Date of referendum [day] [date] [month] [year]  |                                      |  |
| A voter with disabilities is a voter who has made a declaration that he or she is<br>so incapacitated by his or her blindness or other disability, or by his or her<br>inability to read, as to be unable to vote at this referendum without assistance.<br>In this form, "voter" means the person casting the vote at the referendum and<br>includes a person voting as a proxy. |                                      |  |
| Part 1 To be completed by the ve  | oter's companion                     |  |
| Companion's name  |                                      |  |
| Companion's address   |                                      |  |
| Voter's name  |                                      |  |
| [Only for use if the disabled voter is<br>acting as a proxy]<br>Voter is acting as proxy for:   |                                      |  |
| Elector's number<br>[If the disabled voter is acting as a<br>proxy, this is the number of the person<br>for whom the voter is acting]   |                                      |  |
| I have been requested to assist the vo at this referendum. I declare that:  | ter named above to record their vote |  |
| (1)   | his referendum                       |  |
| <ul> <li>I am entitled to vote as a voter at this referendum</li> <li>I am the "spouse/"civil partner/"parent/"brother/"sister/"child of<br/>the voter with disabilities and am 18 years of age or over</li> </ul>  |                                      |  |
| *Please delete whichever does not apply   |                                      |  |
| <ul> <li>AND         <ul> <li>I have not previously assisted more than one voter with disabilities at this referendum.</li> <li>If I have assisted one other voter their name and address is:</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |                                      |  |
| [Complete if appropriate] Name and<br>address of other person assisted  |                                      |  |

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| NOTE – It is a criminal offence to knowingly make a false statement in this form. |  |                                   |  |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Companion's<br>signature  |  | Date                              |  |
| Part 2 To be completed by the Presiding Officer                                   |  |                                   |  |
| I, the undersigned, being the Presiding Officer for:                              |  |                                   |  |
| Polling station   |  | Voting area of                    |  |
| Hereby certify that the a<br>declaration was signed i<br>presence.                |  | Presiding<br>Officer<br>signature |  |
| Date  |  | Time (exact)                      |  |

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Form 19 - Form of Declaration made by the companion of a voter or proxy with disabilities (Northern Ireland)

| Referendum on the United Kingo   | lom's membership of the   |
|--|---|
| European Union   | ion a memberanip of the   |
| Voting area: Northern Ireland  |   |
| Date of referendum [day] [date] [i   | month] [year]   |
| Ballot box number:   |   |
| A voter with disabilities is a voter who has<br>so incapacitated by his or her blindness of<br>inability to read, as to be unable to vote a<br>In this form, "voter" means the person ca<br>includes a person voting as a proxy. | or other disability, or by his or her<br>at this referendum without assistance. |
| Part 1 To be completed by the ve   | oter's companion  |
| Companion's name   |   |
| Companion's address  |   |
|  |   |
| Voter's name   |   |
| Only for use if the disabled voter is  |   |
| acting as a proxy]<br>Voter is acting as proxy for:  |   |
| Elector's number   |   |
| [If the disabled voter is acting as a proxy, this is the number of the person  |   |
| for whom the voter is acting]  |   |
| I have been requested to assist the vo<br>at this referendum. I declare that:  | ter named above to record their vote  |
| (1)  |   |
| <ul> <li>I am entitled to vote as a voter at t<br/>or</li> </ul>   | his referendum  |
| <ul> <li>I am the "spouse/"civil partner/"pa<br/>the voter with disabilities and am 1</li> </ul>   |   |
| *Please delete whichever does no   | t apply   |
| AND  |   |
| <ul> <li>I have not previously assisted mor<br/>referendum.</li> </ul>   | e than one voter with disabilities at this                                      |

If I have assisted one other voter their name and address is:

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| [Complete if appropriate<br>address of other person   |  |                                   |  |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| NOTE – It is a criminal offence to communicate at any time to any person any information as to the way in which the voter intends to vote or has voted. |  |                                   |  |
| Companion's signature   |  | Date                              |  |
| Part 2 To be completed by the Presiding Officer   |  |                                   |  |
| I, the undersigned, being the Presiding Officer for:  |  |                                   |  |
| Polling station   |  |                                   |  |
| Certify that the above declaration<br>was signed in my presence.  |  | Presiding<br>Officer<br>signature |  |
| Date  |  | Time (exact)                      |  |

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Form 20 - Form of Proxy Paper (Great Britain)

| Proxy Paper  |                                  |  |
|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the<br>European Union |                                  |  |
| Voting area: [insert name of voting area]                              |                                  |  |
| Name of Proxy  |                                  |  |
| Address of Proxy   |                                  |  |
| You have been appointed as proxy for                                   |                                  |  |
|  | (name of elector)                |  |
| [*who is qualified to be registered at                                 |                                  |  |
| (Qualifying address)   | 1                                |  |
| [*who has made an overseas elector's declaration]                      |                                  |  |
| to vote for them in the referendum.                                    |                                  |  |
| Signature  | (Electoral Registration officer) |  |
| Date   |                                  |  |
| * Delete whichever is inappropriate                                    |                                  |  |

- 1. This proxy paper gives you the right to vote as proxy for the elector named above.
- You may not vote as proxy in the referendum for more than two electors, unless you are their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild.
- 3. You may vote as proxy at the polling station allotted to the elector on whose behalf you are appointed. Shortly before polling day you will be sent a proxy poll card telling you where the polling station is. You do not need to take either the poll card or this paper with you to vote but it will save time if you do take the poll card with you.
- 4. If you cannot vote in person at the polling station, contact the helpline or visit our website.

[Insert helpline and other contact details including website]

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Form 21 - Form of Proxy Paper (Northern Ireland)

| Proxy Paper<br>Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the<br>European Union |                                  |  |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
|   |                                  |  |
| Name of Proxy   |                                  |  |
| Address of Proxy  |                                  |  |
| You have been appointed as proxy f  | or<br>(name of elector)          |  |
| [*who is qualified to be registered at  |                                  |  |
| (Qualifying address)]   |                                  |  |
| [*who has made an overseas elector's declaration]                                     |                                  |  |
| to vote for them in the referendum.   |                                  |  |
| Signature   | (Electoral Registration officer) |  |
| Date  |                                  |  |
| * Delete whichever is inappropriate   |                                  |  |

- 1. This proxy paper gives you the right to vote as proxy for the elector named above.
- You may not vote as proxy in the referendum for more than two electors, unless you are their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild.
- 3. You may vote as proxy at the polling station allotted to the elector on whose behalf you are appointed. Shortly before polling day you will be sent a proxy poll card telling you where the polling station is. You do not need to take either the poll card or this paper with you to vote but it will save time if you do take the poll card with you.
- 4. If you cannot vote in person at the polling station, contact the helpline or visit our website.
- If you have been appointed as a proxy in behalf of an elector who has an anonymous entry in the register, you can only vote by post. If you have not already been granted a postal vote, you should contact the electoral registration officer.

[Insert helpline and other contact details including website]

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