



# Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 15

### PART 1

#### COMMONHOLD

##### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Pt. 1: transfer of functions (11.4.2018) by [The Secretaries of State for Health and Social Care and for Housing, Communities and Local Government and Transfer of Functions \(Commonhold Land\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/378\)](#), arts. 1(2), **11** (with arts. 12-14)

#### *Nature of commonhold*

### **1 Commonhold land**

- (1) Land is commonhold land if—
- the freehold estate in the land is registered as a freehold estate in commonhold land,
  - the land is specified in the [<sup>F1</sup>articles of association] of a commonhold association as the land in relation to which the association is to exercise functions, and
  - a commonhold community statement makes provision for rights and duties of the commonhold association and unit-holders (whether or not the statement has come into force).
- (2) In this Part a reference to a commonhold is a reference to land in relation to which a commonhold association exercises functions.
- (3) In this Part—  
“commonhold association” has the meaning given by section 34,

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“commonhold community statement” has the meaning given by section 31,  
 “commonhold unit” has the meaning given by section 11,  
 “common parts” has the meaning given by section 25, and  
 “unit-holder” has the meaning given by sections 12 and 13.

- (4) Sections 7 and 9 make provision for the vesting in the commonhold association of the fee simple in possession in the common parts of a commonhold.

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Words in s. 1(1)(b) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 194(2)** (with art. 10)

### Registration

## 2 Application

- (1) The Registrar shall register a freehold estate in land as a freehold estate in commonhold land if—
- (a) the registered freeholder of the land makes an application under this section, and
  - (b) no part of the land is already commonhold land.
- (2) An application under this section must be accompanied by the documents listed in Schedule 1.
- (3) A person is the registered freeholder of land for the purposes of this Part if—
- (a) he is registered as the proprietor of a freehold estate in the land with absolute title, or
  - (b) he has applied, and the Registrar is satisfied that he is entitled, to be registered as mentioned in paragraph (a).

## 3 Consent

- (1) An application under section 2 may not be made in respect of a freehold estate in land without the consent of anyone who—
- (a) is the registered proprietor of the freehold estate in the whole or part of the land,
  - (b) is the registered proprietor of a leasehold estate in the whole or part of the land granted for a term of more than 21 years,
  - (c) is the registered proprietor of a charge over the whole or part of the land, or
  - (d) falls within any other class of person which may be prescribed.
- (2) Regulations shall make provision about consent for the purposes of this section; in particular, the regulations may make provision—
- (a) prescribing the form of consent;
  - (b) about the effect and duration of consent (including provision for consent to bind successors);
  - (c) about withdrawal of consent (including provision preventing withdrawal in specified circumstances);

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- (d) for consent given for the purpose of one application under section 2 to have effect for the purpose of another application;
  - (e) for consent to be deemed to have been given in specified circumstances;
  - (f) enabling a court to dispense with a requirement for consent in specified circumstances.
- (3) An order under subsection (2)(f) dispensing with a requirement for consent—
- (a) may be absolute or conditional, and
  - (b) may make such other provision as the court thinks appropriate.

#### **4 Land which may not be commonhold**

Schedule 2 (which provides that an application under section 2 may not relate wholly or partly to land of certain kinds) shall have effect.

#### **5 Registered details**

- (1) The Registrar shall ensure that in respect of any commonhold land the following are kept in his custody and referred to in the register—
- (a) the prescribed details of the commonhold association;
  - (b) the prescribed details of the registered freeholder of each commonhold unit;
  - (c) a copy of the commonhold community statement;
  - (d) a copy of the [F<sup>2</sup>articles of association] of the commonhold association.
- (2) The Registrar may arrange for a document or information to be kept in his custody and referred to in the register in respect of commonhold land if the document or information—
- (a) is not mentioned in subsection (1), but
  - (b) is submitted to the Registrar in accordance with a provision made by or by virtue of this Part.
- (3) Subsection (1)(b) shall not apply during a transitional period within the meaning of section 8.

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F2** Words in s. 5(1)(d) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 194(3)** (with art. 10)

#### **6 Registration in error**

- (1) This section applies where a freehold estate in land is registered as a freehold estate in commonhold land and—
- (a) the application for registration was not made in accordance with section 2,
  - (b) the certificate under paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 was inaccurate, or
  - (c) the registration contravened a provision made by or by virtue of this Part.
- (2) The register may not be altered by the Registrar under Schedule 4 to the Land Registration Act 2002 (c. 9) (alteration of register).

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- (3) The court may grant a declaration that the freehold estate should not have been registered as a freehold estate in commonhold land.
- (4) A declaration under subsection (3) may be granted only on the application of a person who claims to be adversely affected by the registration.
- (5) On granting a declaration under subsection (3) the court may make any order which appears to it to be appropriate.
- (6) An order under subsection (5) may, in particular—
  - (a) provide for the registration to be treated as valid for all purposes;
  - (b) provide for alteration of the register;
  - (c) provide for land to cease to be commonhold land;
  - (d) require a director or other specified officer of a commonhold association to take steps to alter or amend a document;
  - (e) require a director or other specified officer of a commonhold association to take specified steps;
  - (f) make an award of compensation (whether or not contingent upon the occurrence or non-occurrence of a specified event) to be paid by one specified person to another;
  - (g) apply, disapply or modify a provision of Schedule 8 to the Land Registration Act 2002 (c. 9) (indemnity).

### *Effect of registration*

## **7 Registration without unit-holders**

- (1) This section applies where—
  - (a) a freehold estate in land is registered as a freehold estate in commonhold land in pursuance of an application under section 2, and
  - (b) the application is not accompanied by a statement under section 9(1)(b).
- (2) On registration—
  - (a) the applicant shall continue to be registered as the proprietor of the freehold estate in the commonhold land, and
  - (b) the rights and duties conferred and imposed by the commonhold community statement shall not come into force (subject to section 8(2)(b)).
- (3) Where after registration a person other than the applicant becomes entitled to be registered as the proprietor of the freehold estate in one or more, but not all, of the commonhold units—
  - (a) the commonhold association shall be entitled to be registered as the proprietor of the freehold estate in the common parts,
  - (b) the Registrar shall register the commonhold association in accordance with paragraph (a) (without an application being made),
  - (c) the rights and duties conferred and imposed by the commonhold community statement shall come into force, and
  - (d) any lease of the whole or part of the commonhold land shall be extinguished by virtue of this section.
- (4) For the purpose of subsection (3)(d) “lease” means a lease which—

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- (a) is granted for any term, and
- (b) is granted before the commonhold association becomes entitled to be registered as the proprietor of the freehold estate in the common parts.

## 8 Transitional period

- (1) In this Part “transitional period” means the period between registration of the freehold estate in land as a freehold estate in commonhold land and the event mentioned in section 7(3).
- (2) Regulations may provide that during a transitional period a relevant provision—
  - (a) shall not have effect, or
  - (b) shall have effect with specified modifications.
- (3) In subsection (2) “relevant provision” means a provision made—
  - (a) by or by virtue of this Part,
  - (b) by a commonhold community statement, or
  - (c) by the [<sup>F3</sup>articles] of the commonhold association.
- (4) The Registrar shall arrange for the freehold estate in land to cease to be registered as a freehold estate in commonhold land if the registered proprietor makes an application to the Registrar under this subsection during the transitional period.
- (5) The provisions about consent made by or under sections 2 and 3 and Schedule 1 shall apply in relation to an application under subsection (4) as they apply in relation to an application under section 2.
- (6) A reference in this Part to a commonhold association exercising functions in relation to commonhold land includes a reference to a case where a commonhold association would exercise functions in relation to commonhold land but for the fact that the time in question falls in a transitional period.

### Textual Amendments

- F3** Words in s. 8(3)(c) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 194(4)** (with art. 10)

## 9 Registration with unit-holders

- (1) This section applies in relation to a freehold estate in commonhold land if—
  - (a) it is registered as a freehold estate in commonhold land in pursuance of an application under section 2, and
  - (b) the application is accompanied by a statement by the applicant requesting that this section should apply.
- (2) A statement under subsection (1)(b) must include a list of the commonhold units giving in relation to each one the prescribed details of the proposed initial unit-holder or joint unit-holders.
- (3) On registration—
  - (a) the commonhold association shall be entitled to be registered as the proprietor of the freehold estate in the common parts,

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- (b) a person specified by virtue of subsection (2) as the initial unit-holder of a commonhold unit shall be entitled to be registered as the proprietor of the freehold estate in the unit,
  - (c) a person specified by virtue of subsection (2) as an initial joint unit-holder of a commonhold unit shall be entitled to be registered as one of the proprietors of the freehold estate in the unit,
  - (d) the Registrar shall make entries in the register to reflect paragraphs (a) to (c) (without applications being made),
  - (e) the rights and duties conferred and imposed by the commonhold community statement shall come into force, and
  - (f) any lease of the whole or part of the commonhold land shall be extinguished by virtue of this section.
- (4) For the purpose of subsection (3)(f) “lease” means a lease which—
- (a) is granted for any term, and
  - (b) is granted before the commonhold association becomes entitled to be registered as the proprietor of the freehold estate in the common parts.

## 10 Extinguished lease: liability

- (1) This section applies where—
- (a) a lease is extinguished by virtue of section 7(3)(d) or 9(3)(f), and
  - (b) the consent of the holder of that lease was not among the consents required by section 3 in respect of the application under section 2 for the land to become commonhold land.
- (2) If the holder of a lease superior to the extinguished lease gave consent under section 3, he shall be liable for loss suffered by the holder of the extinguished lease.
- (3) If the holders of a number of leases would be liable under subsection (2), liability shall attach only to the person whose lease was most proximate to the extinguished lease.
- (4) If no person is liable under subsection (2), the person who gave consent under section 3 as the holder of the freehold estate out of which the extinguished lease was granted shall be liable for loss suffered by the holder of the extinguished lease.

### *Commonhold unit*

## 11 Definition

- (1) In this Part “commonhold unit” means a commonhold unit specified in a commonhold community statement in accordance with this section.
- (2) A commonhold community statement must—
- (a) specify at least two parcels of land as commonhold units, and
  - (b) define the extent of each commonhold unit.
- (3) In defining the extent of a commonhold unit a commonhold community statement—
- (a) must refer to a plan which is included in the statement and which complies with prescribed requirements,
  - (b) may refer to an area subject to the exclusion of specified structures, fittings, apparatus or appurtenances within the area,

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- (c) may exclude the structures which delineate an area referred to, and
  - (d) may refer to two or more areas (whether or not contiguous).
- (4) A commonhold unit need not contain all or any part of a building.

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C2 S. 11 modified (27.9.2004) by [The Commonhold Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1829\)](#), **regs. 1(1), 7**

## 12 Unit-holder

A person is the unit-holder of a commonhold unit if he is entitled to be registered as the proprietor of the freehold estate in the unit (whether or not he is registered).

## 13 Joint unit-holders

- (1) Two or more persons are joint unit-holders of a commonhold unit if they are entitled to be registered as proprietors of the freehold estate in the unit (whether or not they are registered).
- (2) In the application of the following provisions to a unit with joint unit-holders a reference to a unit-holder is a reference to the joint unit-holders together—
- (a) <sup>F4</sup> . . . . .
  - (b) section 15(1)<sup>F5</sup> . . . . .
  - (c) <sup>F4</sup> . . . . .
  - (d) section 20(1),
  - (e) section 23(1),
  - (f) section 35(1)(b), [<sup>F6</sup>and]
  - (g) <sup>F4</sup> . . . . .
  - (h) <sup>F4</sup> . . . . .
  - (i) section 47(2).
- (3) In the application of the following provisions to a unit with joint unit-holders a reference to a unit-holder includes a reference to each joint unit-holder and to the joint unit-holders together—
- (a) section 1(1)(c),
  - [<sup>F7</sup>(aa) section 14(3),
  - (ab) section 15(3),]
  - (b) section 16,
  - [<sup>F8</sup>(ba) section 19(2) and (3),]
  - (c) section 31(1)(b), (3)(b), (5)(j) and (7),
  - (d) section 32(4)(a) and (c),
  - (e) section 35(1)(a), (2) and (3),
  - (f) section 37(2),
  - [<sup>F9</sup>(fa) section 38(1),
  - [ section 38A(1),]
  - <sup>F10</sup>(faa)
  - (fb) section 39(2),]
  - (g) section 40(1), and

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- (h) section 58(3)(a).
- (4) Regulations under this Part which refer to a unit-holder shall make provision for the construction of the reference in the case of joint unit-holders.
- (5) Regulations may amend subsection (2) or (3).
- (6) Regulations may make provision for the construction in the case of joint unit-holders of a reference to a unit-holder in—
- (a) an enactment,
  - (b) a commonhold community statement,
  - (c) the [<sup>F11</sup>articles of association] of a commonhold association, or
  - (d) another document.

#### Textual Amendments

- F4** S. 13(2)(a)(c)(g)(h) omitted (27.9.2004) by virtue of [The Commonhold Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1829\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 2\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- F5** Words in s. 13(2)(b) omitted (27.9.2004) by virtue of [The Commonhold Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1829\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 2\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- F6** Word in s. 13(2)(c) inserted (27.9.2004) by [The Commonhold Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1829\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 2\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- F7** S. 13(3)(aa)(ab) inserted (27.9.2004) by [The Commonhold Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1829\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 2\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- F8** S. 13(3)(ba) inserted (27.9.2004) by [The Commonhold Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1829\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 2\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- F9** S. 13(3)(fa)(fb) inserted (27.9.2004) by [The Commonhold Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1829\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 2\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- F10** S. 13(3)(faa) inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 6.4.2023 in so far as not already in force) by [Building Safety Act 2022 \(c. 30\)](#), [ss. 114\(2\), 170\(2\)](#) (with s. 164); [S.I. 2023/362](#), [reg. 3\(1\)\(z11\)](#)
- F11** Words in s. 13(6)(c) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 194\(5\)](#) (with art. 10)

#### 14 Use [<sup>F12</sup>, maintenance and building safety]

- (1) A commonhold community statement must make provision regulating the use of commonhold units.
- (2) A commonhold community statement must make provision imposing duties in respect of the insurance, repair and maintenance of each commonhold unit.
- (3) A duty under subsection (2) may be imposed on the commonhold association or the unit-holder.
- [<sup>F13</sup>(4) A commonhold community statement for a higher-risk commonhold must make provision requiring the commonhold association to comply with its duties under Part 4 of the Building Safety Act 2022, or regulations made under that Part of the Act, in relation to each commonhold unit.]



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- F12** Words in s. 14 heading substituted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 6.4.2023 in so far as not already in force) by Building Safety Act 2022 (c. 30), ss. 114(3)(a), 170(2) (with s. 164); S.I. 2023/362, reg. 3(1)(z11)
- F13** S. 14(4) inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 6.4.2023 in so far as not already in force) by Building Safety Act 2022 (c. 30), ss. 114(3)(b), 170(2) (with s. 164); S.I. 2023/362, reg. 3(1)(z11)

## 15 Transfer

- (1) In this Part a reference to the transfer of a commonhold unit is a reference to the transfer of a unit-holder's freehold estate in a unit to another person—
  - (a) whether or not for consideration,
  - (b) whether or not subject to any reservation or other terms, and
  - (c) whether or not by operation of law.
- (2) A commonhold community statement may not prevent or restrict the transfer of a commonhold unit.
- (3) On the transfer of a commonhold unit the new unit-holder shall notify the commonhold association of the transfer.
- (4) Regulations may—
  - (a) prescribe the form and manner of notice under subsection (3);
  - (b) prescribe the time within which notice is to be given;
  - (c) make provision (including provision requiring the payment of money) about the effect of failure to give notice.

## 16 Transfer: effect

- (1) A right or duty conferred or imposed—
  - (a) by a commonhold community statement, or
  - (b) in accordance with section 20,shall affect a new unit-holder in the same way as it affected the former unit-holder.
- (2) A former unit-holder shall not incur a liability or acquire a right—
  - (a) under or by virtue of the commonhold community statement, or
  - (b) by virtue of anything done in accordance with section 20.
- (3) Subsection (2)—
  - (a) shall not be capable of being disapplied or varied by agreement, and
  - (b) is without prejudice to any liability or right incurred or acquired before a transfer takes effect.
- (4) In this section—

“former unit-holder” means a person from whom a commonhold unit has been transferred (whether or not he has ceased to be the registered proprietor), and

“new unit-holder” means a person to whom a commonhold unit is transferred (whether or not he has yet become the registered proprietor).

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## 17 Leasing: residential

- (1) It shall not be possible to create a term of years absolute in a residential commonhold unit unless the term satisfies prescribed conditions.
- (2) The conditions may relate to—
  - (a) length;
  - (b) the circumstances in which the term is granted;
  - (c) any other matter.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), an instrument or agreement shall be of no effect to the extent that it purports to create a term of years in contravention of subsection (1).
- (4) Where an instrument or agreement purports to create a term of years in contravention of subsection (1) a party to the instrument or agreement may apply to the court for an order—
  - (a) providing for the instrument or agreement to have effect as if it provided for the creation of a term of years of a specified kind;
  - (b) providing for the return or payment of money;
  - (c) making such other provision as the court thinks appropriate.
- (5) A commonhold unit is residential if provision made in the commonhold community statement by virtue of section 14(1) requires it to be used only—
  - (a) for residential purposes, or
  - (b) for residential and other incidental purposes.

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- C3** S. 17 applied (27.9.2004) by [Law of Property Act 1922 \(c. 16\), Sch. 15 para. 5\(3\)](#) (as added by [Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002 \(c. 15\), s. 68, Sch. 5 para. 1](#)); [S.I. 2004/1832, art. 2](#)  
 S. 17 applied (27.9.2004) by [Law of Property Act 1925 \(c. 20\), s. 149\(8\)](#) (as added by [Commonhold and Leasehold Act 2002 \(c. 15\), s. 68, Sch. 5 para 3](#)); [S.I. 2004/1832, art. 2](#)

## 18 Leasing: non-residential

An instrument or agreement which creates a term of years absolute in a commonhold unit which is not residential (within the meaning of section 17) shall have effect subject to any provision of the commonhold community statement.

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- C4** S. 18 applied (27.9.2004) by [Law of Property Act 1922 \(c. 16\), Sch. 15 para. 5\(3\)](#) (as added by [Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002 \(c. 15\), s. 68, Sch. 5 para. 1](#)); [S.I. 2004/1832, art. 2](#)  
 S. 18 applied (27.9.2004) by [Law of Property Act 1925 \(c. 20\), s. 149\(8\)](#) (as added by [Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002 \(c. 15\), s. 68, Sch. 5 para. 3](#)); [S.I. 2004/1832, art. 2](#)

## 19 Leasing: supplementary

- (1) Regulations may—
  - (a) impose obligations on a tenant of a commonhold unit;

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- (b) enable a commonhold community statement to impose obligations on a tenant of a commonhold unit.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular, require a tenant of a commonhold unit to make payments to the commonhold association or a unit-holder in discharge of payments which—
  - (a) are due in accordance with the commonhold community statement to be made by the unit-holder, or
  - (b) are due in accordance with the commonhold community statement to be made by another tenant of the unit.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular, provide—
  - (a) for the amount of payments under subsection (2) to be set against sums owed by the tenant (whether to the person by whom the payments were due to be made or to some other person);
  - (b) for the amount of payments under subsection (2) to be recovered from the unit-holder or another tenant of the unit.
- (4) Regulations may modify a rule of law about leasehold estates (whether deriving from the common law or from an enactment) in its application to a term of years in a commonhold unit.
- (5) Regulations under this section—
  - (a) may make provision generally or in relation to specified circumstances, and
  - (b) may make different provision for different descriptions of commonhold land or commonhold unit.

## 20 Other transactions

- (1) A commonhold community statement may not prevent or restrict the creation, grant or transfer by a unit-holder of—
  - (a) an interest in the whole or part of his unit, or
  - (b) a charge over his unit.
- (2) Subsection (1) is subject to sections 17 to 19 (which impose restrictions about leases).
- (3) It shall not be possible to create an interest of a prescribed kind in a commonhold unit unless the commonhold association—
  - (a) is a party to the creation of the interest, or
  - (b) consents in writing to the creation of the interest.
- (4) A commonhold association may act as described in subsection (3)(a) or (b) only if—
  - (a) the association passes a resolution to take the action, and
  - (b) at least 75 per cent. of those who vote on the resolution vote in favour.
- (5) An instrument or agreement shall be of no effect to the extent that it purports to create an interest in contravention of subsection (3).
- (6) In this section “interest” does not include—
  - (a) a charge, or
  - (b) an interest which arises by virtue of a charge.

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## 21 Part-unit: interests

- (1) It shall not be possible to create an interest in part only of a commonhold unit.
- (2) But subsection (1) shall not prevent—
  - (a) the creation of a term of years absolute in part only of a residential commonhold unit where the term satisfies prescribed conditions,
  - (b) the creation of a term of years absolute in part only of a non-residential commonhold unit, or
  - (c) the transfer of the freehold estate in part only of a commonhold unit where the commonhold association consents in writing to the transfer.
- (3) An instrument or agreement shall be of no effect to the extent that it purports to create an interest in contravention of subsection (1).
- (4) Subsection (5) applies where—
  - (a) land becomes commonhold land or is added to a commonhold unit, and
  - (b) immediately before that event there is an interest in the land which could not be created after that event by reason of subsection (1).
- (5) The interest shall be extinguished by virtue of this subsection to the extent that it could not be created by reason of subsection (1).
- (6) Section 17(2) and (4) shall apply (with any necessary modifications) in relation to subsection (2)(a) and (b) above.
- (7) Where part only of a unit is held under a lease, regulations may modify the application of a provision which—
  - (a) is made by or by virtue of this Part, and
  - (b) applies to a unit-holder or a tenant or both.
- (8) Section 20(4) shall apply in relation to subsection (2)(c) above.
- (9) Where the freehold interest in part only of a commonhold unit is transferred, the part transferred—
  - (a) becomes a new commonhold unit by virtue of this subsection, or
  - (b) in a case where the request for consent under subsection (2)(c) states that this paragraph is to apply, becomes part of a commonhold unit specified in the request.
- (10) Regulations may make provision, or may require a commonhold community statement to make provision, about—
  - (a) registration of units created by virtue of subsection (9);
  - (b) the adaptation of provision made by or by virtue of this Part or by or by virtue of a commonhold community statement to a case where units are created or modified by virtue of subsection (9).

### Commencement Information

- II** S. 21 partly in force; s. 21 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 21(1)-(3)(6)-(10) in force at 27.9.2004 by [S.I. 2004/1832](#), [art. 2](#)

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## **22 Part–unit: charging**

- (1) It shall not be possible to create a charge over part only of an interest in a commonhold unit.
- (2) An instrument or agreement shall be of no effect to the extent that it purports to create a charge in contravention of subsection (1).
- (3) Subsection (4) applies where—
  - (a) land becomes commonhold land or is added to a commonhold unit, and
  - (b) immediately before that event there is a charge over the land which could not be created after that event by reason of subsection (1).
- (4) The charge shall be extinguished by virtue of this subsection to the extent that it could not be created by reason of subsection (1).

## **23 Changing size**

- (1) An amendment of a commonhold community statement which redefines the extent of a commonhold unit may not be made unless the unit-holder consents—
  - (a) in writing, and
  - (b) before the amendment is made.
- (2) But regulations may enable a court to dispense with the requirement for consent on the application of a commonhold association in prescribed circumstances.

## **24 Changing size: charged unit**

- (1) This section applies to an amendment of a commonhold community statement which redefines the extent of a commonhold unit over which there is a registered charge.
- (2) The amendment may not be made unless the registered proprietor of the charge consents—
  - (a) in writing, and
  - (b) before the amendment is made.
- (3) But regulations may enable a court to dispense with the requirement for consent on the application of a commonhold association in prescribed circumstances.
- (4) If the amendment removes land from the commonhold unit, the charge shall by virtue of this subsection be extinguished to the extent that it relates to the land which is removed.
- (5) If the amendment adds land to the unit, the charge shall by virtue of this subsection be extended so as to relate to the land which is added.
- (6) Regulations may make provision—
  - (a) requiring notice to be given to the Registrar in circumstances to which this section applies;
  - (b) requiring the Registrar to alter the register to reflect the application of subsection (4) or (5).

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## Common parts

### 25 Definition

- (1) In this Part “common parts” in relation to a commonhold means every part of the commonhold which is not for the time being a commonhold unit in accordance with the commonhold community statement.
- (2) A commonhold community statement may make provision in respect of a specified part of the common parts (a “limited use area”) restricting—
  - (a) the classes of person who may use it;
  - (b) the kind of use to which it may be put.
- (3) A commonhold community statement—
  - (a) may make provision which has effect only in relation to a limited use area, and
  - (b) may make different provision for different limited use areas.

### 26 Use <sup>[F14]</sup>, maintenance and building safety]

- <sup>[F15]</sup>(1) A commonhold community statement must make provision—
- (a) regulating the use of the common parts;
  - (b) requiring the commonhold association to insure the common parts;
  - (c) requiring the commonhold association to repair and maintain the common parts.
- <sup>[F16]</sup>(2) A commonhold community statement for a higher-risk commonhold must make provision requiring the commonhold association to comply with its duties under Part 4 of the Building Safety Act 2022, or regulations made under that Part of that Act, in relation to the common parts.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F14** Words in s. 26 heading substituted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 6.4.2023 in so far as not already in force) by [Building Safety Act 2022 \(c. 30\)](#), [ss. 114\(4\)\(a\)](#), 170(2) (with s. 164); S.I. 2023/362, [reg. 3\(1\)\(z11\)](#)
- F15** S. 26 renumbered as s. 26(1) (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 6.4.2023 in so far as not already in force) by [Building Safety Act 2022 \(c. 30\)](#), [ss. 114\(4\)\(b\)](#), 170(2) (with s. 164); S.I. 2023/362, [reg. 3\(1\)\(z11\)](#)
- F16** S. 26(2) inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 6.4.2023 in so far as not already in force) by [Building Safety Act 2022 \(c. 30\)](#), [ss. 114\(4\)\(c\)](#), 170(2) (with s. 164); S.I. 2023/362, [reg. 3\(1\)\(z11\)](#)

### 27 Transactions

- (1) Nothing in a commonhold community statement shall prevent or restrict—
  - (a) the transfer by the commonhold association of its freehold estate in any part of the common parts, or
  - (b) the creation by the commonhold association of an interest in any part of the common parts.
- (2) In this section “interest” does not include—
  - (a) a charge, or

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- (b) an interest which arises by virtue of a charge.

## **28 Charges: general prohibition**

- (1) It shall not be possible to create a charge over common parts.
- (2) An instrument or agreement shall be of no effect to the extent that it purports to create a charge over common parts.
- (3) Where by virtue of section 7 or 9 a commonhold association is registered as the proprietor of common parts, a charge which relates wholly or partly to the common parts shall be extinguished by virtue of this subsection to the extent that it relates to the common parts.
- (4) Where by virtue of section 30 land vests in a commonhold association following an amendment to a commonhold community statement which has the effect of adding land to the common parts, a charge which relates wholly or partly to the land added shall be extinguished by virtue of this subsection to the extent that it relates to that land.
- (5) This section is subject to section 29 (which permits certain mortgages).

## **29 New legal mortgages**

- (1) Section 28 shall not apply in relation to a legal mortgage if the creation of the mortgage is approved by a resolution of the commonhold association.
- (2) A resolution for the purposes of subsection (1) must be passed—
  - (a) before the mortgage is created, and
  - (b) unanimously.
- (3) In this section “legal mortgage” has the meaning given by section 205(1)(xvi) of the Law of Property Act 1925 (c. 20) (interpretation).

## **30 Additions to common parts**

- (1) This section applies where an amendment of a commonhold community statement—
  - (a) specifies land which forms part of a commonhold unit, and
  - (b) provides for that land (the “added land”) to be added to the common parts.
- (2) The amendment may not be made unless the registered proprietor of any charge over the added land consents—
  - (a) in writing, and
  - (b) before the amendment is made.
- (3) But regulations may enable a court to dispense with the requirement for consent on the application of a commonhold association in specified circumstances.
- (4) On the filing of the amended statement under section 33—
  - (a) the commonhold association shall be entitled to be registered as the proprietor of the freehold estate in the added land, and
  - (b) the Registrar shall register the commonhold association in accordance with paragraph (a) (without an application being made).

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### *Commonhold community statement*

#### **31 Form and content: general**

- (1) A commonhold community statement is a document which makes provision in relation to specified land for—
  - (a) the rights and duties of the commonhold association, and
  - (b) the rights and duties of the unit-holders.
- (2) A commonhold community statement must be in the prescribed form.
- (3) A commonhold community statement may—
  - (a) impose a duty on the commonhold association;
  - (b) impose a duty on a unit-holder;
  - (c) make provision about the taking of decisions in connection with the management of the commonhold or any other matter concerning it.
- (4) Subsection (3) is subject to—
  - (a) any provision made by or by virtue of this Part, and
  - (b) any provision of the [<sup>F17</sup>articles] of the commonhold association.
- (5) In subsection (3)(a) and (b) “duty” includes, in particular, a duty—
  - (a) to pay money;
  - (b) to undertake works;
  - (c) to grant access;
  - (d) to give notice;
  - [<sup>F18</sup>(da) to give information;
  - (db) to apply for grants or other funding;]
  - (e) to refrain from entering into transactions of a specified kind in relation to a commonhold unit;
  - (f) to refrain from using the whole or part of a commonhold unit for a specified purpose or for anything other than a specified purpose;
  - (g) to refrain from undertaking works (including alterations) of a specified kind;
  - (h) to refrain from causing nuisance or annoyance;
  - (i) to refrain from specified behaviour;
  - (j) to indemnify the commonhold association or a unit-holder in respect of costs arising from the breach of a statutory requirement.
- (6) Provision in a commonhold community statement imposing a duty to pay money (whether in pursuance of subsection (5)(a) or any other provision made by or by virtue of this Part) may include provision for the payment of interest in the case of late payment.
- (7) A duty conferred by a commonhold community statement on a commonhold association or a unit-holder shall not require any other formality.
- (8) A commonhold community statement may not provide for the transfer or loss of an interest in land on the occurrence or non-occurrence of a specified event.
- (9) Provision made by a commonhold community statement shall be of no effect to the extent that—
  - (a) it is prohibited by virtue of section 32,



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- (b) it is inconsistent with any provision made by or by virtue of this Part,
- (c) it is inconsistent with anything which is treated as included in the statement by virtue of section 32, or
- (d) it is inconsistent with the [<sup>F19</sup>articles of association] of the commonhold association.

#### Textual Amendments

- F17** Words in s. 31(4)(b) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 194\(6\)\(a\)](#) (with art. 10)
- F18** [S. 31\(5\)\(da\)\(db\)](#) inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 6.4.2023 in so far as not already in force) by [Building Safety Act 2022 \(c. 30\)](#), [ss. 114\(5\), 170\(2\)](#) (with s. 164); [S.I. 2023/362](#), [reg. 3\(1\)\(z11\)](#)
- F19** Words in s. 31(9)(d) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 194\(6\)\(b\)](#) (with art. 10)

## 32 Regulations

- (1) Regulations shall make provision about the content of a commonhold community statement.
- (2) The regulations may permit, require or prohibit the inclusion in a statement of—
  - (a) specified provision, or
  - (b) provision of a specified kind, for a specified purpose or about a specified matter.
- (3) The regulations may—
  - (a) provide for a statement to be treated as including provision prescribed by or determined in accordance with the regulations;
  - (b) permit a statement to make provision in place of provision which would otherwise be treated as included by virtue of paragraph (a).
- (4) The regulations may—
  - (a) make different provision for different descriptions of commonhold association or unit-holder;
  - (b) make different provision for different circumstances;
  - (c) make provision about the extent to which a commonhold community statement may make different provision for different descriptions of unit-holder or common parts.
- (5) The matters to which regulations under this section may relate include, but are not limited to—
  - (a) the matters mentioned in sections 11, 14, 15, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 38, [<sup>F20</sup>38A,] 39 and 58, and
  - (b) any matter for which regulations under section 37 may make provision.

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### Textual Amendments

**F20** Word in s. 32(5)(a) inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 6.4.2023 in so far as not already in force) by Building Safety Act 2022 (c. 30), ss. 114(6), 170(2) (with s. 164); S.I. 2023/362, reg. 3(1) (z11)

## 33 Amendment

- (1) Regulations under section 32 shall require a commonhold community statement to make provision about how it can be amended.
- (2) The regulations shall, in particular, make provision under section 32(3)(a) (whether or not subject to provision under section 32(3)(b)).
- (3) An amendment of a commonhold community statement shall have no effect unless and until the amended statement is registered in accordance with this section.
- (4) If the commonhold association makes an application under this subsection the Registrar shall arrange for an amended commonhold community statement to be kept in his custody, and referred to in the register, in place of the unamended statement.
- (5) An application under subsection (4) must be accompanied by a certificate given by the directors of the commonhold association that the amended commonhold community statement satisfies the requirements of this Part.
- (6) Where an amendment of a commonhold community statement redefines the extent of a commonhold unit, an application under subsection (4) must be accompanied by any consent required by section 23(1) or 24(2) (or an order of a court dispensing with consent).
- (7) Where an amendment of a commonhold community statement has the effect of changing the extent of the common parts, an application under subsection (4) must be accompanied by any consent required by section 30(2) (or an order of a court dispensing with consent).
- (8) Where the Registrar amends the register on an application under subsection (4) he shall make any consequential amendments to the register which he thinks appropriate.

### *Commonhold association*

## 34 Constitution

- [<sup>F21</sup>(1) A commonhold association is a private company limited by guarantee—
- (a) the articles of which state that an object of the company is to exercise the functions of a commonhold association in relation to specified commonhold land, and
  - (b) the statement of guarantee of which specifies £1 as the amount of the contribution required from each member in the event of the company being wound up.]
- (2) Schedule 3 (which makes provision about the constitution of a commonhold association) shall have effect.

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### Textual Amendments

**F21** S. 34(1) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 194(7)** (with art. 10)

## 35 Duty to manage

- (1) The directors of a commonhold association shall exercise their powers so as to permit or facilitate so far as possible—
  - (a) the exercise by each unit-holder of his rights, and
  - (b) the enjoyment by each unit-holder of the freehold estate in his unit.
- (2) The directors of a commonhold association shall, in particular, use any right, power or procedure conferred or created by virtue of section 37 for the purpose of preventing, remedying or curtailing a failure on the part of a unit-holder to comply with a requirement or duty imposed on him by virtue of the commonhold community statement or a provision of this Part.
- (3) But in respect of a particular failure on the part of a unit-holder (the “defaulter”) the directors of a commonhold association—
  - (a) need not take action if they reasonably think that inaction is in the best interests of establishing or maintaining harmonious relationships between all the unit-holders, and that it will not cause any unit-holder (other than the defaulter) significant loss or significant disadvantage, and
  - (b) shall have regard to the desirability of using arbitration, mediation or conciliation procedures (including referral under a scheme approved under section 42) instead of legal proceedings wherever possible.
- (4) A reference in this section to a unit-holder includes a reference to a tenant of a unit.

## 36 Voting

- (1) This section applies in relation to any provision of this Part (a “voting provision”) which refers to the passing of a resolution by a commonhold association.
- (2) A voting provision is satisfied only if every member is given an opportunity to vote in accordance with any relevant provision of the [<sup>F22</sup>articles of association] or the commonhold community statement.
- (3) A vote is cast for the purposes of a voting provision whether it is cast in person or in accordance with a provision which—
  - (a) provides for voting by post, by proxy or in some other manner, and
  - (b) is contained in the [<sup>F22</sup>articles of association] or the commonhold community statement.
- (4) A resolution is passed unanimously if every member who casts a vote votes in favour.

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**F22** Words in s. 36(2)(3)(b) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 194(8)** (with art. 10)

### *Operation of commonhold*

## 37 Enforcement and compensation

- (1) Regulations may make provision (including provision conferring jurisdiction on a court) about the exercise or enforcement of a right or duty imposed or conferred by or by virtue of—
  - (a) a commonhold community statement;
  - (b) the [<sup>F23</sup>articles] of a commonhold association;
  - (c) a provision made by or by virtue of this Part.
- (2) The regulations may, in particular, make provision—
  - (a) requiring compensation to be paid where a right is exercised in specified cases or circumstances;
  - (b) requiring compensation to be paid where a duty is not complied with;
  - (c) enabling recovery of costs where work is carried out for the purpose of enforcing a right or duty;
  - (d) enabling recovery of costs where work is carried out in consequence of the failure to perform a duty;
  - (e) permitting a unit-holder to enforce a duty imposed on another unit-holder, on a commonhold association or on a tenant;
  - (f) permitting a commonhold association to enforce a duty imposed on a unit-holder or a tenant;
  - (g) permitting a tenant to enforce a duty imposed on another tenant, a unit-holder or a commonhold association;
  - (h) permitting the enforcement of terms or conditions to which a right is subject;
  - (i) requiring the use of a specified form of arbitration, mediation or conciliation procedure before legal proceedings may be brought.
- (3) Provision about compensation made by virtue of this section shall include—
  - (a) provision (which may include provision conferring jurisdiction on a court) for determining the amount of compensation;
  - (b) provision for the payment of interest in the case of late payment.
- (4) Regulations under this section shall be subject to any provision included in a commonhold community statement in accordance with regulations made by virtue of section 32(5)(b).

#### Textual Amendments

**F23** Words in s. 37(1)(b) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 194(9)** (with art. 10)

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## 38 Commonhold assessment

- (1) A commonhold community statement must make provision—
- (a) requiring the directors of the commonhold association to make an annual estimate of the income required to be raised from unit-holders to meet the expenses of the association,
  - (b) enabling the directors of the commonhold association to make estimates from time to time of income required to be raised from unit-holders in addition to the annual estimate,
  - (c) specifying the percentage of any estimate made under paragraph (a) or (b) which is to be allocated to each unit,
  - (d) requiring each unit-holder to make payments in respect of the percentage of any estimate which is allocated to his unit, and
  - (e) requiring the directors of the commonhold association to serve notices on unit-holders specifying payments required to be made by them and the date on which each payment is due.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1)(c)—
- (a) the percentages allocated by a commonhold community statement to the commonhold units must amount in aggregate to 100;
  - (b) a commonhold community statement may specify 0 per cent. in relation to a unit.

[<sup>F24</sup>(3) In subsection (1)(a) “expenses of the association” does not include building safety expenses of the association (within the meaning of section 38A).]

### Textual Amendments

**F24** S. 38(3) inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 6.4.2023 in so far as not already in force) by Building Safety Act 2022 (c. 30), ss. 114(7), 170(2) (with s. 164); S.I. 2023/362, reg. 3(1)(z11)

## [<sup>F25</sup>38A Building safety assessment

- (1) A commonhold community statement for a higher-risk commonhold must make provision—
- (a) requiring the directors of the commonhold association to make an annual estimate of the income required to be raised from unit-holders to meet the building safety expenses of the association,
  - (b) enabling the directors of the commonhold association to make estimates from time to time of income required to be raised from unit-holders in addition to the annual estimate,
  - (c) specifying the percentage of any estimate made under paragraph (a) or (b) which is to be allocated to each unit,
  - (d) requiring each unit-holder to make payments in respect of the percentage of any estimate which is allocated to their unit, and
  - (e) requiring the directors of the commonhold association to serve notices on unit-holders specifying payments required to be made by them and the date on which each payment is due.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1)(c)—

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- (a) the percentages allocated by a commonhold community statement to the commonhold units must amount in aggregate to 100;
  - (b) a commonhold community statement may specify 0 per cent in relation to a unit.
- (3) In this section—

“building safety expenses of the association” means the expenses incurred by the commonhold association or special measures manager for the higher-risk building in connection with taking measures that the association or manager is required or permitted to take under Part 4 of the Building Safety Act 2022, or regulations made under that Part of that Act;

“special measures manager” means a person appointed under paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 to the Building Safety Act 2022.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F25** S. 38A inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 6.4.2023 in so far as not already in force) by Building Safety Act 2022 (c. 30), ss. 114(8), 170(2) (with s. 164); S.I. 2023/362, reg. 3(1)(z11)

### 39 Reserve fund

- (1) Regulations under section 32 may, in particular, require a commonhold community statement to make provision—
- (a) requiring the directors of the commonhold association to establish and maintain one or more funds to finance the repair and maintenance of common parts;
  - (b) requiring the directors of the commonhold association to establish and maintain one or more funds to finance the repair and maintenance of commonhold units.
- (2) Where a commonhold community statement provides for the establishment and maintenance of a fund in accordance with subsection (1) it must also make provision—
- (a) requiring or enabling the directors of the commonhold association to set a levy from time to time,
  - (b) specifying the percentage of any levy set under paragraph (a) which is to be allocated to each unit,
  - (c) requiring each unit-holder to make payments in respect of the percentage of any levy set under paragraph (a) which is allocated to his unit, and
  - (d) requiring the directors of the commonhold association to serve notices on unit-holders specifying payments required to be made by them and the date on which each payment is due.
- (3) For the purpose of subsection (2)(b)—
- (a) the percentages allocated by a commonhold community statement to the commonhold units must amount in aggregate to 100;
  - (b) a commonhold community statement may specify 0 per cent. in relation to a unit.
- (4) The assets of a fund established and maintained by virtue of this section shall not be used for the purpose of enforcement of any debt except a judgment debt referable to a reserve fund activity.

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- (5) For the purpose of subsection (4)—
- (a) “reserve fund activity” means an activity which in accordance with the commonhold community statement can or may be financed from a fund established and maintained by virtue of this section,
  - (b) assets are used for the purpose of enforcement of a debt if, in particular, they are taken in execution or are made the subject of a charging order under section 1 of the Charging Orders Act 1979 (c. 53), and
  - (c) the reference to a judgment debt includes a reference to any interest payable on a judgment debt.

#### 40 Rectification of documents

- (1) A unit-holder may apply to the court for a declaration that—
- (a) the [<sup>F26</sup>articles of association] of the relevant commonhold association do not comply with regulations under paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 3;
  - (b) the relevant commonhold community statement does not comply with a requirement imposed by or by virtue of this Part.
- (2) On granting a declaration under this section the court may make any order which appears to it to be appropriate.
- (3) An order under subsection (2) may, in particular—
- (a) require a director or other specified officer of a commonhold association to take steps to alter or amend a document;
  - (b) require a director or other specified officer of a commonhold association to take specified steps;
  - (c) make an award of compensation (whether or not contingent upon the occurrence or non-occurrence of a specified event) to be paid by the commonhold association to a specified person;
  - (d) make provision for land to cease to be commonhold land.
- (4) An application under subsection (1) must be made—
- (a) within the period of three months beginning with the day on which the applicant became a unit-holder,
  - (b) within three months of the commencement of the alleged failure to comply, or
  - (c) with the permission of the court.

#### Textual Amendments

**F26** Words in s. 40(1)(a) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 194(10)** (with art. 10)

#### 41 Enlargement

- (1) This section applies to an application under section 2 if the commonhold association for the purposes of the application already exercises functions in relation to commonhold land.
- (2) In this section—



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- (a) the application is referred to as an “application to add land”, and
  - (b) the land to which the application relates is referred to as the “added land”.
- (3) An application to add land may not be made unless it is approved by a resolution of the commonhold association.
- (4) A resolution for the purposes of subsection (3) must be passed—
- (a) before the application to add land is made, and
  - (b) unanimously.
- (5) Section 2(2) shall not apply to an application to add land; but the application must be accompanied by—
- (a) the documents specified in paragraph 6 of Schedule 1,
  - (b) an application under section 33 for the registration of an amended commonhold community statement which makes provision for the existing commonhold and the added land, and
  - (c) a certificate given by the directors of the commonhold association that the application to add land satisfies Schedule 2 and subsection (3).
- (6) Where sections 7 and 9 have effect following an application to add land—
- (a) the references to “the commonhold land” in sections 7(2)(a) and (3)(d) and 9(3)(f) shall be treated as references to the added land, and
  - (b) the references in sections 7(2)(b) and (3)(c) and 9(3)(e) to the rights and duties conferred and imposed by the commonhold community statement shall be treated as a reference to rights and duties only in so far as they affect the added land.
- (7) In the case of an application to add land where the whole of the added land is to form part of the common parts of a commonhold—
- (a) section 7 shall not apply,
  - (b) on registration the commonhold association shall be entitled to be registered (if it is not already) as the proprietor of the freehold estate in the added land,
  - (c) the Registrar shall make any registration required by paragraph (b) (without an application being made), and
  - (d) the rights and duties conferred and imposed by the commonhold community statement shall, in so far as they affect the added land, come into force on registration.

## 42 Ombudsman

- (1) Regulations may provide that a commonhold association shall be a member of an approved ombudsman scheme.
- (2) An “approved ombudsman scheme” is a scheme which is approved by the [F27Secretary of State] and which—
- (a) provides for the appointment of one or more persons as ombudsman,
  - (b) provides for a person to be appointed as ombudsman only if the [F27Secretary of State] approves the appointment in advance,
  - (c) enables a unit-holder to refer to the ombudsman a dispute between the unit-holder and a commonhold association which is a member of the scheme,
  - (d) enables a commonhold association which is a member of the scheme to refer to the ombudsman a dispute between the association and a unit-holder,



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- (e) requires the ombudsman to investigate and determine a dispute referred to him,
  - (f) requires a commonhold association which is a member of the scheme to cooperate with the ombudsman in investigating or determining a dispute, and
  - (g) requires a commonhold association which is a member of the scheme to comply with any decision of the ombudsman (including any decision requiring the payment of money).
- (3) In addition to the matters specified in subsection (2) an approved ombudsman scheme—
- (a) may contain other provision, and
  - (b) shall contain such provision, or provision of such a kind, as may be prescribed.
- (4) If a commonhold association fails to comply with regulations under subsection (1) a unit-holder may apply to the High Court for an order requiring the directors of the commonhold association to ensure that the association complies with the regulations.
- (5) A reference in this section to a unit-holder includes a reference to a tenant of a unit.

#### Textual Amendments

**F27** Words in s. 42(2) substituted (11.4.2018) by [The Secretaries of State for Health and Social Care and for Housing, Communities and Local Government and Transfer of Functions \(Commonhold Land\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/378\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 10(a)** (with art. 14)

#### *Termination: voluntary winding-up*

### **43 Winding-up resolution**

- (1) A winding-up resolution in respect of a commonhold association shall be of no effect unless—
- (a) the resolution is preceded by a declaration of solvency,
  - (b) the commonhold association passes a termination-statement resolution before it passes the winding-up resolution, and
  - (c) each resolution is passed with at least 80 per cent. of the members of the association voting in favour.
- (2) In this Part—
- “declaration of solvency” means a directors’ statutory declaration made in accordance with section 89 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45),
  - “termination-statement resolution” means a resolution approving the terms of a termination statement (within the meaning of section 47), and
  - “winding-up resolution” means a resolution for voluntary winding-up within the meaning of section 84 of that Act.

### **44 100 per cent. agreement**

- (1) This section applies where a commonhold association—
- (a) has passed a winding-up resolution and a termination-statement resolution with 100 per cent. of the members of the association voting in favour, and

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- (b) has appointed a liquidator under section 91 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45).
- (2) The liquidator shall make a termination application within the period of six months beginning with the day on which the winding-up resolution is passed.
- (3) If the liquidator fails to make a termination application within the period specified in subsection (2) a termination application may be made by—
  - (a) a unit-holder, or
  - (b) a person falling within a class prescribed for the purposes of this subsection.

#### **45 80 per cent. agreement**

- (1) This section applies where a commonhold association—
  - (a) has passed a winding-up resolution and a termination-statement resolution with at least 80 per cent. of the members of the association voting in favour, and
  - (b) has appointed a liquidator under section 91 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- (2) The liquidator shall within the prescribed period apply to the court for an order determining—
  - (a) the terms and conditions on which a termination application may be made, and
  - (b) the terms of the termination statement to accompany a termination application.
- (3) The liquidator shall make a termination application within the period of three months starting with the date on which an order under subsection (2) is made.
- (4) If the liquidator fails to make an application under subsection (2) or (3) within the period specified in that subsection an application of the same kind may be made by—
  - (a) a unit-holder, or
  - (b) a person falling within a class prescribed for the purposes of this subsection.

#### **46 Termination application**

- (1) A “termination application” is an application to the Registrar that all the land in relation to which a particular commonhold association exercises functions should cease to be commonhold land.
- (2) A termination application must be accompanied by a termination statement.
- (3) On receipt of a termination application the Registrar shall note it in the register.

#### **47 Termination statement**

- (1) A termination statement must specify—
  - (a) the commonhold association’s proposals for the transfer of the commonhold land following acquisition of the freehold estate in accordance with section 49(3), and
  - (b) how the assets of the commonhold association will be distributed.
- (2) A commonhold community statement may make provision requiring any termination statement to make arrangements—
  - (a) of a specified kind, or
  - (b) determined in a specified manner,

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about the rights of unit-holders in the event of all the land to which the statement relates ceasing to be commonhold land.

- (3) A termination statement must comply with a provision made by the commonhold community statement in reliance on subsection (2).
- (4) Subsection (3) may be disapplied by an order of the court—
  - (a) generally,
  - (b) in respect of specified matters, or
  - (c) for a specified purpose.
- (5) An application for an order under subsection (4) may be made by any member of the commonhold association.

#### **48 The liquidator**

- (1) This section applies where a termination application has been made in respect of particular commonhold land.
- (2) The liquidator shall notify the Registrar of his appointment.
- (3) In the case of a termination application made under section 44 the liquidator shall either—
  - (a) notify the Registrar that the liquidator is content with the termination statement submitted with the termination application, or
  - (b) apply to the court under section 112 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) to determine the terms of the termination statement.
- (4) The liquidator shall send to the Registrar a copy of a determination made by virtue of subsection (3)(b).
- (5) Subsection (4) is in addition to any requirement under section 112(3) of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- (6) A duty imposed on the liquidator by this section is to be performed as soon as possible.
- (7) In this section a reference to the liquidator is a reference—
  - (a) to the person who is appointed as liquidator under section 91 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or
  - (b) in the case of a members' voluntary winding up which becomes a creditors' voluntary winding up by virtue of sections 95 and 96 of that Act, to the person acting as liquidator in accordance with section 100 of that Act.

#### **49 Termination**

- (1) This section applies where a termination application is made under section 44 and—
  - (a) a liquidator notifies the Registrar under section 48(3)(a) that he is content with a termination statement, or
  - (b) a determination is made under section 112 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) by virtue of section 48(3)(b).
- (2) This section also applies where a termination application is made under section 45.

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- (3) The commonhold association shall by virtue of this subsection be entitled to be registered as the proprietor of the freehold estate in each commonhold unit.
- (4) The Registrar shall take such action as appears to him to be appropriate for the purpose of giving effect to the termination statement.

*Termination: winding-up by court*

## 50 Introduction

- (1) Section 51 applies where a petition is presented under section 124 of the Insolvency Act 1986 for the winding up of a commonhold association by the court.
- (2) For the purposes of this Part—
  - (a) an “insolvent commonhold association” is one in relation to which a winding-up petition has been presented under section 124 of the Insolvency Act 1986,
  - (b) a commonhold association is the “successor commonhold association” to an insolvent commonhold association if the land specified for the purpose of section 34(1)(a) is the same for both associations, and
  - (c) a “winding-up order” is an order under section 125 of the Insolvency Act 1986 for the winding up of a commonhold association.

## 51 Succession order

- (1) At the hearing of the winding-up petition an application may be made to the court for an order under this section (a “succession order”) in relation to the insolvent commonhold association.
- (2) An application under subsection (1) may be made only by—
  - (a) the insolvent commonhold association,
  - (b) one or more members of the insolvent commonhold association, or
  - (c) a provisional liquidator for the insolvent commonhold association appointed under section 135 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- (3) An application under subsection (1) must be accompanied by—
  - (a) prescribed evidence of the formation of a successor commonhold association, and
  - (b) a certificate given by the directors of the successor commonhold association that its [<sup>F28</sup>articles of association] comply with regulations under paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 3.
- (4) The court shall grant an application under subsection (1) unless it thinks that the circumstances of the insolvent commonhold association make a succession order inappropriate.

### Textual Amendments

**F28** Words in s. 51(3)(b) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 194\(11\)](#) (with [art. 10](#))

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## **52 Assets and liabilities**

- (1) Where a succession order is made in relation to an insolvent commonhold association this section applies on the making of a winding-up order in respect of the association.
- (2) The successor commonhold association shall be entitled to be registered as the proprietor of the freehold estate in the common parts.
- (3) The insolvent commonhold association shall for all purposes cease to be treated as the proprietor of the freehold estate in the common parts.
- (4) The succession order—
  - (a) shall make provision as to the treatment of any charge over all or any part of the common parts;
  - (b) may require the Registrar to take action of a specified kind;
  - (c) may enable the liquidator to require the Registrar to take action of a specified kind;
  - (d) may make supplemental or incidental provision.

## **53 Transfer of responsibility**

- (1) Where a succession order is made in relation to an insolvent commonhold association this section applies on the making of a winding-up order in respect of the association.
- (2) The successor commonhold association shall be treated as the commonhold association for the commonhold in respect of any matter which relates to a time after the making of the winding-up order.
- (3) On the making of the winding-up order the court may make an order requiring the liquidator to make available to the successor commonhold association specified—
  - (a) records;
  - (b) copies of records;
  - (c) information.
- (4) An order under subsection (3) may include terms as to—
  - (a) timing;
  - (b) payment.

## **54 Termination of commonhold**

- (1) This section applies where the court—
  - (a) makes a winding-up order in respect of a commonhold association, and
  - (b) has not made a succession order in respect of the commonhold association.
- (2) The liquidator of a commonhold association shall as soon as possible notify the Registrar of—
  - (a) the fact that this section applies,
  - (b) any directions given under section 168 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) (liquidator: supplementary powers),
  - (c) any notice given to the court and the registrar of companies in accordance with section 172(8) of that Act (liquidator vacating office after final meeting),
  - (d) any notice given to the Secretary of State under section 174(3) of that Act (completion of winding-up),

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- (e) any application made to the registrar of companies under section 202(2) of that Act (insufficient assets: early dissolution),
  - (f) any notice given to the registrar of companies under section 205(1)(b) of that Act (completion of winding-up), and
  - (g) any other matter which in the liquidator's opinion is relevant to the Registrar.
- (3) Notification under subsection (2)(b) to (f) must be accompanied by a copy of the directions, notice or application concerned.
- (4) The Registrar shall—
- (a) make such arrangements as appear to him to be appropriate for ensuring that the freehold estate in land in respect of which a commonhold association exercises functions ceases to be registered as a freehold estate in commonhold land as soon as is reasonably practicable after he receives notification under subsection (2)(c) to (f), and
  - (b) take such action as appears to him to be appropriate for the purpose of giving effect to a determination made by the liquidator in the exercise of his functions.

#### *Termination: miscellaneous*

### **55 Termination by court**

- (1) This section applies where the court makes an order by virtue of section 6(6)(c) or 40(3)(d) for all the land in relation to which a commonhold association exercises functions to cease to be commonhold land.
- (2) The court shall have the powers which it would have if it were making a winding-up order in respect of the commonhold association.
- (3) A person appointed as liquidator by virtue of subsection (2) shall have the powers and duties of a liquidator following the making of a winding-up order by the court in respect of a commonhold association.
- (4) But the order of the court by virtue of section 6(6)(c) or 40(3)(d) may—
  - (a) require the liquidator to exercise his functions in a particular way;
  - (b) impose additional rights or duties on the liquidator;
  - (c) modify or remove a right or duty of the liquidator.

### **56 Release of reserve fund**

Section 39(4) shall cease to have effect in relation to a commonhold association (in respect of debts and liabilities accruing at any time) if—

- (a) the court makes a winding-up order in respect of the association,
- (b) the association passes a voluntary winding-up resolution, or
- (c) the court makes an order by virtue of section 6(6)(c) or 40(3)(d) for all the land in relation to which the association exercises functions to cease to be commonhold land.

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## Miscellaneous

### 57 Multiple site commonholds

- (1) A commonhold may include two or more parcels of land, whether or not contiguous.
- (2) But section 1(1) of this Act is not satisfied in relation to land specified in the [<sup>F29</sup>articles of association] of a commonhold association unless a single commonhold community statement makes provision for all the land.
- (3) Regulations may make provision about an application under section 2 made jointly by two or more persons, each of whom is the registered freeholder of part of the land to which the application relates.
- (4) The regulations may, in particular—
  - (a) modify the application of a provision made by or by virtue of this Part;
  - (b) disapply the application of a provision made by or by virtue of this Part;
  - (c) impose additional requirements.

#### Textual Amendments

**F29** Words in s. 57(2) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 194(12)** (with art. 10)

### 58 Development rights

- (1) In this Part—
  - “the developer” means a person who makes an application under section 2, and
  - “development business” has the meaning given by Schedule 4.
- (2) A commonhold community statement may confer rights on the developer which are designed—
  - (a) to permit him to undertake development business, or
  - (b) to facilitate his undertaking of development business.
- (3) Provision made by a commonhold community statement in reliance on subsection (2) may include provision—
  - (a) requiring the commonhold association or a unit-holder to co-operate with the developer for a specified purpose connected with development business;
  - (b) making the exercise of a right conferred by virtue of subsection (2) subject to terms and conditions specified in or to be determined in accordance with the commonhold community statement;
  - (c) making provision about the effect of breach of a requirement by virtue of paragraph (a) or a term or condition imposed by virtue of paragraph (b);
  - (d) disapplying section 41(2) and (3).
- (4) Subsection (2) is subject—
  - (a) to regulations under section 32, and
  - (b) in the case of development business of the kind referred to in paragraph 7 of Schedule 4, to the [<sup>F30</sup>articles of association] of the commonhold association.

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- (5) Regulations may make provision regulating or restricting the exercise of rights conferred by virtue of subsection (2).
- (6) Where a right is conferred on a developer by virtue of subsection (2), if he sends to the Registrar a notice surrendering the right—
  - (a) the Registrar shall arrange for the notice to be kept in his custody and referred to in the register,
  - (b) the right shall cease to be exercisable from the time when the notice is registered under paragraph (a), and
  - (c) the Registrar shall inform the commonhold association as soon as is reasonably practicable.

#### Textual Amendments

**F30** Words in s. 58(4)(b) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 194(13)** (with art. 10)

## 59 Development rights: succession

- (1) If during a transitional period the developer transfers to another person the freehold estate in the whole of the commonhold, the successor in title shall be treated as the developer in relation to any matter arising after the transfer.
- (2) If during a transitional period the developer transfers to another person the freehold estate in part of the commonhold, the successor in title shall be treated as the developer for the purpose of any matter which—
  - (a) arises after the transfer, and
  - (b) affects the estate transferred.
- (3) If after a transitional period or in a case where there is no transitional period—
  - (a) the developer transfers to another person the freehold estate in the whole or part of the commonhold (other than by the transfer of the freehold estate in a single commonhold unit), and
  - (b) the transfer is expressed to be inclusive of development rights,
 the successor in title shall be treated as the developer for the purpose of any matter which arises after the transfer and affects the estate transferred.
- (4) Other than during a transitional period, a person shall not be treated as the developer in relation to commonhold land for any purpose unless he—
  - (a) is, or has been at a particular time, the registered proprietor of the freehold estate in more than one of the commonhold units, and
  - (b) is the registered proprietor of the freehold estate in at least one of the commonhold units.

## 60 Compulsory purchase

- (1) Where a freehold estate in commonhold land is transferred to a compulsory purchaser the land shall cease to be commonhold land.



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- (2) But subsection (1) does not apply to a transfer if the Registrar is satisfied that the compulsory purchaser has indicated a desire for the land transferred to continue to be commonhold land.
- (3) The requirement of consent under section 21(2)(c) shall not apply to transfer to a compulsory purchaser.
- (4) Regulations may make provision about the transfer of a freehold estate in commonhold land to a compulsory purchaser.
- (5) The regulations may, in particular—
  - (a) make provision about the effect of subsections (1) and (2) (including provision about that part of the commonhold which is not transferred);
  - (b) require the service of notice;
  - (c) confer power on a court;
  - (d) make provision about compensation;
  - (e) make provision enabling a commonhold association to require a compulsory purchaser to acquire the freehold estate in the whole, or a particular part, of the commonhold;
  - (f) provide for an enactment relating to compulsory purchase not to apply or to apply with modifications.
- (6) Provision made by virtue of subsection (5)(a) in respect of land which is not transferred may include provision—
  - (a) for some or all of the land to cease to be commonhold land;
  - (b) for a provision of this Part to apply with specified modifications.
- (7) In this section “compulsory purchaser” means—
  - (a) a person acquiring land in respect of which he is authorised to exercise a power of compulsory purchase by virtue of an enactment, and
  - (b) a person acquiring land which he is obliged to acquire by virtue of a prescribed enactment or in prescribed circumstances.

## 61 [F31 Home] rights

In the following provisions of this Part a reference to a tenant includes a reference to a person who has [F32 home rights (within the meaning of section 30(2) of the Family Law Act 1996 (c. 27) (rights in respect of matrimonial or civil partnership home))] in respect of a commonhold unit—

- (a) section 19,
- (b) section 35, and
- (c) section 37.

### Textual Amendments

- F31** Word in s. 61 heading substituted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\)](#), ss. 82, 263(2), [Sch. 9 para. 24\(1\)\(3\)](#); S.I. 2005/3175, [art. 2\(1\)](#), Sch. 1
- F32** Words in s. 61 substituted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\)](#), ss. 82, 263(2), [Sch. 9 para. 24\(1\)\(2\)](#); S.I. 2005/3175, [art. 2\(1\)](#), Sch. 1

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## 62 Advice [<sup>F33</sup> etc.]

- (1) The [<sup>F34</sup> Secretary of State] may give financial assistance to a person in relation to the provision by that person of [<sup>F35</sup> information, training or] general advice [<sup>F36</sup> about, or a dispute resolution service in connection with—
  - (a) any] aspect of the law of commonhold land, so far as relating to residential matters [<sup>F37</sup>, or
  - (b) any other matter relating to commonhold land and residential matters].
- (2) Financial assistance under this section may be given in such form and on such terms as the [<sup>F38</sup> Secretary of State] thinks appropriate.
- (3) The terms may, in particular, require repayment in specified circumstances.

### Textual Amendments

- F33** Word in s. 62 heading inserted (22.9.2008) by [Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(c. 17\)](#), **ss. 319(2), 325(2)(a)**
- F34** Words in s. 62(1) substituted (11.4.2018) by [The Secretaries of State for Health and Social Care and for Housing, Communities and Local Government and Transfer of Functions \(Commonhold Land\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/378\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 10(b)** (with art. 14)
- F35** Words in s. 62(1) inserted (22.9.2008) by [Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(c. 17\)](#), **ss. 319(1)(a), 325(2)(a)**
- F36** Words in s. 62(1) substituted (22.9.2008) by [Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(c. 17\)](#), **ss. 319(1)(b), 325(2)(a)**
- F37** S. 62(1)(b) and preceding word inserted (22.9.2008) by [Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(c. 17\)](#), **ss. 319(1)(c), 325(2)(a)**
- F38** Words in s. 62(2) substituted (11.4.2018) by [The Secretaries of State for Health and Social Care and for Housing, Communities and Local Government and Transfer of Functions \(Commonhold Land\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/378\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 10(b)** (with art. 14)

## 63 The Crown

This Part binds the Crown.

### General

## 64 Orders and regulations

- (1) In this Part “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations.
- (2) Regulations under this Part shall be made by the [<sup>F39</sup> Secretary of State].
- (3) Regulations under this Part—
  - (a) shall be made by statutory instrument,
  - (b) may include incidental, supplemental, consequential and transitional provision,
  - (c) may make provision generally or only in relation to specified cases,
  - (d) may make different provision for different purposes, and
  - (e) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

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- F39** Words in s. 64(2) substituted (11.4.2018) by [The Secretaries of State for Health and Social Care and for Housing, Communities and Local Government and Transfer of Functions \(Commonhold Land\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/378\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 10(c)** (with art. 14)

## 65 Registration procedure

- (1) The [<sup>F40</sup>Secretary of State] may make rules about—
- (a) the procedure to be followed on or in respect of commonhold registration documents, and
  - (b) the registration of freehold estates in commonhold land.
- (2) Rules under this section—
- (a) shall be made by statutory instrument in the same manner as land registration rules within the meaning of the Land Registration Act 2002 (c. 9),
  - (b) may make provision for any matter for which provision is or may be made by land registration rules, and
  - (c) may provide for land registration rules to have effect in relation to anything done by virtue of or for the purposes of this Part as they have effect in relation to anything done by virtue of or for the purposes of that Act.
- (3) Rules under this section may, in particular, make provision—
- (a) about the form and content of a commonhold registration document;
  - (b) enabling the Registrar to cancel an application by virtue of this Part in specified circumstances;
  - (c) enabling the Registrar, in particular, to cancel an application by virtue of this Part if he thinks that plans submitted with it (whether as part of a commonhold community statement or otherwise) are insufficiently clear or accurate;
  - (d) about the order in which commonhold registration documents and general registration documents are to be dealt with by the Registrar;
  - (e) for registration to take effect (whether or not retrospectively) as from a date or time determined in accordance with the rules.
- (4) The rules may also make provision about satisfaction of a requirement for an application by virtue of this Part to be accompanied by a document; in particular the rules may—
- (a) permit or require a copy of a document to be submitted in place of or in addition to the original;
  - (b) require a copy to be certified in a specified manner;
  - (c) permit or require the submission of a document in electronic form.
- (5) A commonhold registration document must be accompanied by such fee (if any) as is specified for that purpose by order under section 102 of the Land Registration Act 2002 (c. 9)(fee orders).
- (6) In this section—
- “commonhold registration document” means an application or other document sent to the Registrar by virtue of this Part, and
- “general registration document” means a document sent to the Registrar under a provision of the Land Registration Act 2002.

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#### Textual Amendments

**F40** Words in s. 65(1) substituted (9.11.2011) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Her Majesty's Land Registry, the Meteorological Office and Ordnance Survey\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/2436\)](#), art. 6, **Sch. 2 para. 5**

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C5** S. 65: functions transferred (9.11.2011) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Her Majesty's Land Registry, the Meteorological Office and Ordnance Survey\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/2436\)](#), art. 3(1), **Sch. 1 para. 4**

## 66 Jurisdiction

- (1) In this Part “the court” means the High Court or [<sup>F41</sup>the county court] .
- (2) Provision made by or under this Part conferring jurisdiction on a court shall be subject to provision made under section 1 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41) (allocation of business between High Court and county courts).
- (3) A power under this Part to confer jurisdiction on a court includes power to confer jurisdiction on a tribunal established under an enactment.
- (4) Rules of court or rules of procedure for a tribunal may make provision about proceedings brought—
  - (a) under or by virtue of any provision of this Part, or
  - (b) in relation to commonhold land.

#### Textual Amendments

**F41** Words in s. 66(1) substituted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), **Sch. 9 para. 52**; [S.I. 2014/954](#), art. 2(c) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)

## 67 The register

- (1) In this Part—
  - “the register” means the register of title to freehold and leasehold land kept under section 1 of the Land Registration Act 2002,
  - “registered” means registered in the register, and
  - “the Registrar” means the Chief Land Registrar.
- (2) Regulations under any provision of this Part may confer functions on the Registrar (including discretionary functions).
- (3) The Registrar shall comply with any direction or requirement given to him or imposed on him under or by virtue of this Part.
- (4) Where the Registrar thinks it appropriate in consequence of or for the purpose of anything done or proposed to be done in connection with this Part, he may—
  - (a) make or cancel an entry on the register;
  - (b) take any other action.
- (5) Subsection (4) is subject to section 6(2).

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## 68 Amendments

Schedule 5 (consequential amendments) shall have effect.

## 69 Interpretation

(1) In this Part—

[<sup>F42</sup>“higher-risk building” has the meaning given by section 115 of the Building Safety Act 2022,

“higher-risk commonhold” means a commonhold in England that includes all or any part of a higher-risk building,]

“instrument” includes any document, and

[<sup>F43</sup>“object”, in relation to a commonhold association, means an object stated in the association's articles of association (see section 31 of the Companies Act 2006);]

(2) In this Part—

(a) a reference to a duty to insure includes a reference to a duty to use the proceeds of insurance for the purpose of rebuilding or reinstating, and

(b) a reference to maintaining property includes a reference to decorating it and to putting it into sound condition.

(3) A provision of the Law of Property Act 1925 (c. 20), [<sup>F44</sup>the Companies Act 2006] or the Land Registration Act 2002 (c.9) defining an expression shall apply to the use of the expression in this Part unless the contrary intention appears.

### Textual Amendments

**F42** Words in s. 69(1) inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 6.4.2023 in so far as not already in force) by Building Safety Act 2022 (c. 30), ss. 114(9), 170(2) (with s. 164); S.I. 2023/362, reg. 3(1)(z11)

**F43** S. 69(1): definition of "object" substituted (1.10.2009) by The Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1941), Sch. 1 para. 194(14)(a) (with art. 10)

**F44** Words in s. 69(3) substituted (1.10.2009) by The Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1941), Sch. 1 para. 194(14)(b) (with art. 10)

### Commencement Information

**I2** S. 69 wholly in force at 27.9.2004; s. 69 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 69 in force for specified purposes at 29.9.2003 by S.I. 2003/2377, art. 2(g); s. 69 in force so far as not already in force at 27.9.2004 by S.I. 2004/1832, art. 2

## 70 Index of defined expressions

In this Part the expressions listed below are defined by the provisions specified.

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#### Commencement Information

- I3** S. 70 wholly in force at 27.9.2004; s. 70 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 70 in force for specified purposes at 29.9.2003 by [S.I. 2003/2377](#), [art. 2\(g\)](#); s. 70 in force so far as not already in force at 27.9.2004 by [S.I. 2004/1832](#), [art. 2](#)

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## PART 2

### LEASEHOLD REFORM

#### CHAPTER 1

##### RIGHT TO MANAGE

###### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C6** Pt. 2 Ch. 1: power to amend conferred (20.1.2007 for specified purposes, otherwise 1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. **1181(1)(b)**, 1300(2); S.I. 2006/3428, art. **3(3)** (with arts. 5, 6, 8, Schs. 1, 5); S.I. 2008/2860, art. **3(v)** (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2)

###### *Introductory*

#### 71 The right to manage

- (1) This Chapter makes provision for the acquisition and exercise of rights in relation to the management of premises to which this Chapter applies by a company which, in accordance with this Chapter, may acquire and exercise those rights (referred to in this Chapter as a RTM company).
- (2) The rights are to be acquired and exercised subject to and in accordance with this Chapter and are referred to in this Chapter as the right to manage.

###### Commencement Information

- I4** S. 71 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 71 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 71 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by S.I. 2003/1986, art. **2(a)**; s. 71 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by S.I. 2004/669, art. **2(a)**

###### *Qualifying rules*

#### 72 Premises to which Chapter applies

- (1) This Chapter applies to premises if—
  - (a) they consist of a self-contained building or part of a building, with or without appurtenant property,
  - (b) they contain two or more flats held by qualifying tenants, and
  - (c) the total number of flats held by such tenants is not less than two-thirds of the total number of flats contained in the premises.
- (2) A building is a self-contained building if it is structurally detached.
- (3) A part of a building is a self-contained part of the building if—
  - (a) it constitutes a vertical division of the building,
  - (b) the structure of the building is such that it could be redeveloped independently of the rest of the building, and



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- (c) subsection (4) applies in relation to it.
- (4) This subsection applies in relation to a part of a building if the relevant services provided for occupiers of it—
- (a) are provided independently of the relevant services provided for occupiers of the rest of the building, or
  - (b) could be so provided without involving the carrying out of works likely to result in a significant interruption in the provision of any relevant services for occupiers of the rest of the building.
- (5) Relevant services are services provided by means of pipes, cables or other fixed installations.
- (6) Schedule 6 (premises excepted from this Chapter) has effect.

#### Commencement Information

- I5** S. 72 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 72 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 72 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986, art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 72 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669, art. 2\(a\)](#)

### 73 RTM companies

- (1) This section specifies what is a RTM company.
- (2) A company is a RTM company in relation to premises if—
- (a) it is a private company limited by guarantee, and
  - (b) its [<sup>F45</sup>articles of association state] that its object, or one of its objects, is the acquisition and exercise of the right to manage the premises.
- (3) But a company is not a RTM company if it is a commonhold association (within the meaning of Part 1).
- (4) And a company is not a RTM company in relation to premises if another company is already a RTM company in relation to the premises or to any premises containing or contained in the premises.
- (5) If the freehold of any premises is conveyed or transferred to a company which is a RTM company in relation to the premises, or any premises containing or contained in the premises, it ceases to be a RTM company when the conveyance or transfer is executed.

#### Textual Amendments

- F45** Words in s. 73(2)(b) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\), Sch. 1 para. 194\(15\)](#) (with [art. 10](#))

#### Commencement Information

- I6** S. 73 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 73 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 73 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986, art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 73 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669, art. 2\(a\)](#)



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## 74 RTM companies: membership and regulations

- (1) The persons who are entitled to be members of a company which is a RTM company in relation to premises are—
  - (a) qualifying tenants of flats contained in the premises, and
  - (b) from the date on which it acquires the right to manage (referred to in this Chapter as the “acquisition date”), landlords under leases of the whole or any part of the premises.
- (2) The appropriate national authority shall make regulations about the content and form of the [F46articles of association] of RTM companies.
- (3) A RTM company may adopt provisions of the regulations for its [F47articles].
- (4) The regulations may include provision which is to have effect for a RTM company whether or not it is adopted by the company.
- (5) A provision of the [F47articles] of a RTM company has no effect to the extent that it is inconsistent with the regulations.
- (6) The regulations have effect in relation to [F48articles]—
  - (a) irrespective of the date of the [F49articles], but
  - (b) subject to any transitional provisions of the regulations.
- [F50(7) Section 20 of the Companies Act 2006 (default application of model articles) does not apply to a RTM company.]

### Textual Amendments

- F46** Words in s. 74(2) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 194(16)(a)** (with art. 10)
- F47** Words in s. 74(3)(5) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 194(16)(b)** (with art. 10)
- F48** Words in s. 74(6) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 194(16)(c)(i)** (with art. 10)
- F49** Words in s. 74(6)(a) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 194(16)(c)(ii)** (with art. 10)
- F50** S. 74(7) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 194(16)(d)** (with art. 10)

### Commencement Information

- I7** S. 74 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 74 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 74 in force for specified purposes at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), **art. 2(c)**; s. 74 in force for specified purposes at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), **art. 2(c)**; s. 74 in force so far as not already in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), **art. 2(b)**; s. 74 in force so far as not already in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), **art. 2(b)**

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## 75 Qualifying tenants

- (1) This section specifies whether there is a qualifying tenant of a flat for the purposes of this Chapter and, if so, who it is.
- (2) Subject as follows, a person is the qualifying tenant of a flat if he is tenant of the flat under a long lease.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply where the lease is a tenancy to which Part 2 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (c. 56) (business tenancies) applies.
- (4) Subsection (2) does not apply where—
  - (a) the lease was granted by sub-demise out of a superior lease other than a long lease,
  - (b) the grant was made in breach of the terms of the superior lease, and
  - (c) there has been no waiver of the breach by the superior landlord.
- (5) No flat has more than one qualifying tenant at any one time; and subsections (6) and (7) apply accordingly.
- (6) Where a flat is being let under two or more long leases, a tenant under any of those leases which is superior to that held by another is not the qualifying tenant of the flat.
- (7) Where a flat is being let to joint tenants under a long lease, the joint tenants shall (subject to subsection (6)) be regarded as jointly being the qualifying tenant of the flat.

### Commencement Information

**I8** S. 75 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 75 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 75 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986, art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 75 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669, art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 76 Long leases

- (1) This section and section 77 specify what is a long lease for the purposes of this Chapter.
- (2) Subject to section 77, a lease is a long lease if—
  - (a) it is granted for a term of years certain exceeding 21 years, whether or not it is (or may become) terminable before the end of that term by notice given by or to the tenant, by re-entry or forfeiture or otherwise,
  - (b) it is for a term fixed by law under a grant with a covenant or obligation for perpetual renewal (but is not a lease by sub-demise from one which is not a long lease),
  - (c) it takes effect under section 149(6) of the Law of Property Act 1925 (c. 20) (leases terminable after a death or marriage [<sup>F51</sup>or the formation of a civil partnership]),
  - (d) it was granted in pursuance of the right to buy conferred by Part 5 of the Housing Act 1985 (c. 68) or in pursuance of the right to acquire on rent to mortgage terms conferred by that Part of that Act,
  - (e) it is a shared ownership lease, whether granted in pursuance of that Part of that Act or otherwise, where the tenant's total share is 100 per cent., or
  - (f) it was granted in pursuance of that Part of that Act as it has effect by virtue of section 17 of the Housing Act 1996 (c. 52) (the right to acquire).

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- (3) “Shared ownership lease” means a lease—
- (a) granted on payment of a premium calculated by reference to a percentage of the value of the demised premises or the cost of providing them, or
  - (b) under which the tenant (or his personal representatives) will or may be entitled to a sum calculated by reference, directly or indirectly, to the value of those premises.
- (4) “Total share”, in relation to the interest of a tenant under a shared ownership lease, means his initial share plus any additional share or shares in the demised premises which he has acquired.

#### Textual Amendments

**F51** Words in s. 76(2)(c) inserted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\)](#), ss. 81, 263(2), [Sch. 8 para. 64](#); [S.I. 2005/3175](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#)

#### Commencement Information

**I9** S. 76 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 76 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 76 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 76 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 77 Long leases: further provisions

- (1) A lease terminable by notice after [<sup>F52</sup>a death, a marriage or the formation of a civil partnership] is not a long lease if—
- (a) the notice is capable of being given at any time after the death or marriage of [<sup>F53</sup>, or the formation of a civil partnership by,] the tenant,
  - (b) the length of the notice is not more than three months, and
  - (c) the terms of the lease preclude both its assignment otherwise than by virtue of section 92 of the Housing Act 1985 (assignments by way of exchange) and the sub-letting of the whole of the demised premises.
- (2) Where the tenant of any property under a long lease, on the coming to an end of the lease, becomes or has become tenant of the property or part of it under any subsequent tenancy (whether by express grant or by implication of law), that tenancy is a long lease irrespective of its terms.
- (3) A lease—
- (a) granted for a term of years certain not exceeding 21 years, but with a covenant or obligation for renewal without payment of a premium (but not for perpetual renewal), and
  - (b) renewed on one or more occasions so as to bring to more than 21 years the total of the terms granted (including any interval between the end of a lease and the grant of a renewal),
- is to be treated as if the term originally granted had been one exceeding 21 years.
- (4) Where a long lease—
- (a) is or was continued for any period under Part 1 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (c. 56) or under Schedule 10 to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (c. 42), or

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- (b) was continued for any period under the Leasehold Property (Temporary Provisions) Act 1951 (c. 38),  
it remains a long lease during that period.
- (5) Where in the case of a flat there are at any time two or more separate leases, with the same landlord and the same tenant, and—
- (a) the property comprised in one of those leases consists of either the flat or a part of it (in either case with or without appurtenant property), and
  - (b) the property comprised in every other lease consists of either a part of the flat (with or without appurtenant property) or appurtenant property only,
- there shall be taken to be a single long lease of the property comprised in such of those leases as are long leases.

#### Textual Amendments

**F52** Words in s. 77(1) substituted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\)](#), ss. 81, 263(2), [Sch. 8 para. 65\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2005/3175](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#)

**F53** Words in s. 77(1)(a) inserted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\)](#), ss. 81, 263(2), [Sch. 8 para. 65\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2005/3175](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#)

#### Commencement Information

**I10** S. 77 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 77 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 77 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 77 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### *Claim to acquire right*

## 78 Notice inviting participation

- (1) Before making a claim to acquire the right to manage any premises, a RTM company must give notice to each person who at the time when the notice is given—
- (a) is the qualifying tenant of a flat contained in the premises, but
  - (b) neither is nor has agreed to become a member of the RTM company.
- (2) A notice given under this section (referred to in this Chapter as a “notice of invitation to participate”) must—
- (a) state that the RTM company intends to acquire the right to manage the premises,
  - (b) state the names of the members of the RTM company,
  - (c) invite the recipients of the notice to become members of the company, and
  - (d) contain such other particulars (if any) as may be required to be contained in notices of invitation to participate by regulations made by the appropriate national authority.
- (3) A notice of invitation to participate must also comply with such requirements (if any) about the form of notices of invitation to participate as may be prescribed by regulations so made.
- (4) A notice of invitation to participate must either—

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- (a) be accompanied by a copy of the [<sup>F54</sup>articles of association] of the RTM company, or
  - (b) include a statement about inspection and copying of the [<sup>F54</sup>articles of association] of the RTM company.
- (5) A statement under subsection (4)(b) must—
- (a) specify a place (in England or Wales) at which the [<sup>F54</sup>articles of association] may be inspected,
  - (b) specify as the times at which they may be inspected periods of at least two hours on each of at least three days (including a Saturday or Sunday or both) within the seven days beginning with the day following that on which the notice is given,
  - (c) specify a place (in England or Wales) at which, at any time within those seven days, a copy of the [<sup>F54</sup>articles of association] may be ordered, and
  - (d) specify a fee for the provision of an ordered copy, not exceeding the reasonable cost of providing it.
- (6) Where a notice given to a person includes a statement under subsection (4)(b), the notice is to be treated as not having been given to him if he is not allowed to undertake an inspection, or is not provided with a copy, in accordance with the statement.
- (7) A notice of invitation to participate is not invalidated by any inaccuracy in any of the particulars required by or by virtue of this section.

#### Textual Amendments

**F54** Words in s. 78(4)(a)(b)(5)(a)(c) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 194(17)** (with [art. 10](#))

#### Commencement Information

**I11** S. 78 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 78 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 78 in force for specified purposes at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), **art. 2(c)**; s. 78 in force for specified purposes at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), **art. 2(c)**; s. 78 in force so far as not already in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), **art. 2(b)**; s. 78 in force so far as not already in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), **art. 2(b)**

## 79 Notice of claim to acquire right

- (1) A claim to acquire the right to manage any premises is made by giving notice of the claim (referred to in this Chapter as a “claim notice”); and in this Chapter the “relevant date”, in relation to any claim to acquire the right to manage, means the date on which notice of the claim is given.
- (2) The claim notice may not be given unless each person required to be given a notice of invitation to participate has been given such a notice at least 14 days before.
- (3) The claim notice must be given by a RTM company which complies with subsection (4) or (5).
- (4) If on the relevant date there are only two qualifying tenants of flats contained in the premises, both must be members of the RTM company.

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- (5) In any other case, the membership of the RTM company must on the relevant date include a number of qualifying tenants of flats contained in the premises which is not less than one-half of the total number of flats so contained.
- (6) The claim notice must be given to each person who on the relevant date is—
  - (a) landlord under a lease of the whole or any part of the premises,
  - (b) party to such a lease otherwise than as landlord or tenant, or
  - (c) a manager appointed under Part 2 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987 (c. 31) (referred to in this Part as “the 1987 Act”) to act in relation to the premises, or any premises containing or contained in the premises.
- (7) Subsection (6) does not require the claim notice to be given to a person who cannot be found or whose identity cannot be ascertained; but if this subsection means that the claim notice is not required to be given to anyone at all, section 85 applies.
- (8) A copy of the claim notice must be given to each person who on the relevant date is the qualifying tenant of a flat contained in the premises.
- (9) Where a manager has been appointed under Part 2 of the 1987 Act to act in relation to the premises, or any premises containing or contained in the premises, a copy of the claim notice must also be given to the <sup>F55</sup>... tribunal or court by which he was appointed.

#### Textual Amendments

**F55** Words in s. 79(9) omitted (1.7.2013) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. 1 para. 132](#) (with [Sch. 3](#))

#### Commencement Information

**I12** S. 79 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 79 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 79 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 79 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 80 Contents of claim notice

- (1) The claim notice must comply with the following requirements.
- (2) It must specify the premises and contain a statement of the grounds on which it is claimed that they are premises to which this Chapter applies.
- (3) It must state the full name of each person who is both—
  - (a) the qualifying tenant of a flat contained in the premises, and
  - (b) a member of the RTM company,
 and the address of his flat.
- (4) And it must contain, in relation to each such person, such particulars of his lease as are sufficient to identify it, including—
  - (a) the date on which it was entered into,
  - (b) the term for which it was granted, and
  - (c) the date of the commencement of the term.
- (5) It must state the name and registered office of the RTM company.



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- (6) It must specify a date, not earlier than one month after the relevant date, by which each person who was given the notice under section 79(6) may respond to it by giving a counter-notice under section 84.
- (7) It must specify a date, at least three months after that specified under subsection (6), on which the RTM company intends to acquire the right to manage the premises.
- (8) It must also contain such other particulars (if any) as may be required to be contained in claim notices by regulations made by the appropriate national authority.
- (9) And it must comply with such requirements (if any) about the form of claim notices as may be prescribed by regulations so made.

#### Commencement Information

**I13** S. 80 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 80 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 80 in force for specified purposes at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 80 in force for specified purposes at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 80 in force so far as not already in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#); s. 80 in force so far as not already in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

## 81 Claim notice: supplementary

- (1) A claim notice is not invalidated by any inaccuracy in any of the particulars required by or by virtue of section 80.
- (2) Where any of the members of the RTM company whose names are stated in the claim notice was not the qualifying tenant of a flat contained in the premises on the relevant date, the claim notice is not invalidated on that account, so long as a sufficient number of qualifying tenants of flats contained in the premises were members of the company on that date; and for this purpose a “sufficient number” is a number (greater than one) which is not less than one-half of the total number of flats contained in the premises on that date.
- (3) Where any premises have been specified in a claim notice, no subsequent claim notice which specifies—
  - (a) the premises, or
  - (b) any premises containing or contained in the premises,
 may be given so long as the earlier claim notice continues in force.
- (4) Where a claim notice is given by a RTM company it continues in force from the relevant date until the right to manage is acquired by the company unless it has previously—
  - (a) been withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn by virtue of any provision of this Chapter, or
  - (b) ceased to have effect by reason of any other provision of this Chapter.

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#### Commencement Information

**I14** S. 81 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 81 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 81 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 81 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 82 Right to obtain information

- (1) A company which is a RTM company in relation to any premises may give to any person a notice requiring him to provide the company with any information—
  - (a) which is in his possession or control, and
  - (b) which the company reasonably requires for ascertaining the particulars required by or by virtue of section 80 to be included in a claim notice for claiming to acquire the right to manage the premises.
- (2) Where the information is recorded in a document in the person's possession or control, the RTM company may give him a notice requiring him—
  - (a) to permit any person authorised to act on behalf of the company at any reasonable time to inspect the document (or, if the information is recorded in the document in a form in which it is not readily intelligible, to give any such person access to it in a readily intelligible form), and
  - (b) to supply the company with a copy of the document containing the information in a readily intelligible form on payment of a reasonable fee.
- (3) A person to whom a notice is given must comply with it within the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which it is given.

#### Commencement Information

**I15** S. 82 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 82 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 82 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 82 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 83 Right of access

- (1) Where a RTM company has given a claim notice in relation to any premises, each of the persons specified in subsection (2) has a right of access to any part of the premises if that is reasonable in connection with any matter arising out of the claim to acquire the right to manage.
- (2) The persons referred to in subsection (1) are—
  - (a) any person authorised to act on behalf of the RTM company,
  - (b) any person who is landlord under a lease of the whole or any part of the premises and any person authorised to act on behalf of any such person,
  - (c) any person who is party to such a lease otherwise than as landlord or tenant and any person authorised to act on behalf of any such person, and
  - (d) any manager appointed under Part 2 of the 1987 Act to act in relation to the premises, or any premises containing or contained in the premises, and any person authorised to act on behalf of any such manager.



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- (3) The right conferred by this section is exercisable, at any reasonable time, on giving not less than ten days' notice—
- (a) to the occupier of any premises to which access is sought, or
  - (b) if those premises are unoccupied, to the person entitled to occupy them.

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**I16** S. 83 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 83 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 83 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 83 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 84 Counter-notices

- (1) A person who is given a claim notice by a RTM company under section 79(6) may give a notice (referred to in this Chapter as a “counter-notice”) to the company no later than the date specified in the claim notice under section 80(6).
- (2) A counter-notice is a notice containing a statement either—
  - (a) admitting that the RTM company was on the relevant date entitled to acquire the right to manage the premises specified in the claim notice, or
  - (b) alleging that, by reason of a specified provision of this Chapter, the RTM company was on that date not so entitled,
 and containing such other particulars (if any) as may be required to be contained in counter-notices, and complying with such requirements (if any) about the form of counter-notices, as may be prescribed by regulations made by the appropriate national authority.
- (3) Where the RTM company has been given one or more counter-notices containing a statement such as is mentioned in subsection (2)(b), the company may apply to [<sup>F56</sup>the appropriate tribunal] for a determination that it was on the relevant date entitled to acquire the right to manage the premises.
- (4) An application under subsection (3) must be made not later than the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which the counter-notice (or, where more than one, the last of the counter-notices) was given.
- (5) Where the RTM company has been given one or more counter-notices containing a statement such as is mentioned in subsection (2)(b), the RTM company does not acquire the right to manage the premises unless—
  - (a) on an application under subsection (3) it is finally determined that the company was on the relevant date entitled to acquire the right to manage the premises, or
  - (b) the person by whom the counter-notice was given agrees, or the persons by whom the counter-notices were given agree, in writing that the company was so entitled.
- (6) If on an application under subsection (3) it is finally determined that the company was not on the relevant date entitled to acquire the right to manage the premises, the claim notice ceases to have effect.
- (7) A determination on an application under subsection (3) becomes final—
  - (a) if not appealed against, at the end of the period for bringing an appeal, or

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- (b) if appealed against, at the time when the appeal (or any further appeal) is disposed of.
- (8) An appeal is disposed of—
  - (a) if it is determined and the period for bringing any further appeal has ended, or
  - (b) if it is abandoned or otherwise ceases to have effect.

#### Textual Amendments

**F56** Words in s. 84(3) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 133](#) (with [Sch. 3](#))

#### Commencement Information

**I17** S. 84 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 84 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 84 in force for specified purposes at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 84 in force for specified purposes at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 84 in force so far as not already in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), {art, 2(b)}; s. 84 in force so far as not already in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

## 85 Landlords etc. not traceable

- (1) This section applies where a RTM company wishing to acquire the right to manage premises—
  - (a) complies with subsection (4) or (5) of section 79, and
  - (b) would not have been precluded from giving a valid notice under that section with respect to the premises,
 but cannot find, or ascertain the identity of, any of the persons to whom the claim notice would be required to be given by subsection (6) of that section.
- (2) The RTM company may apply to [<sup>F57</sup>the appropriate tribunal] for an order that the company is to acquire the right to manage the premises.
- (3) Such an order may be made only if the company has given notice of the application to each person who is the qualifying tenant of a flat contained in the premises.
- (4) Before an order is made the company may be required to take such further steps by way of advertisement or otherwise as is determined proper for the purpose of tracing the persons who are—
  - (a) landlords under leases of the whole or any part of the premises, or
  - (b) parties to such leases otherwise than as landlord or tenant.
- (5) If any of those persons is traced—
  - (a) after an application for an order is made, but
  - (b) before the making of an order,
 no further proceedings shall be taken with a view to the making of an order.
- (6) Where that happens—
  - (a) the rights and obligations of all persons concerned shall be determined as if the company had, at the date of the application, duly given notice under section 79 of its claim to acquire the right to manage the premises, and

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- (b) the <sup>F58</sup>... tribunal may give such directions as it thinks fit as to the steps to be taken for giving effect to their rights and obligations, including directions modifying or dispensing with any of the requirements imposed by or by virtue of this Chapter.
- (7) An application for an order may be withdrawn at any time before an order is made and, after it is withdrawn, subsection (6)(a) does not apply.
- (8) But where any step is taken for the purpose of giving effect to subsection (6)(a) in the case of any application, the application shall not afterwards be withdrawn except—
- (a) with the consent of the person or persons traced, or
  - (b) by permission of the <sup>F59</sup>... tribunal.
- (9) And permission shall be given only where it appears just that it should be given by reason of matters coming to the knowledge of the RTM company in consequence of the tracing of the person or persons traced.

#### Textual Amendments

- F57** Words in s. 85(2) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 134\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 3](#))
- F58** Words in s. 85(6)(b) omitted (1.7.2013) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 134\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 3](#))
- F59** Words in s. 85(8)(b) omitted (1.7.2013) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 134\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 3](#))

#### Commencement Information

- I18** S. 85 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 85 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 85 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 85 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 86 Withdrawal of claim notice

- (1) A RTM company which has given a claim notice in relation to any premises may, at any time before it acquires the right to manage the premises, withdraw the claim notice by giving a notice to that effect (referred to in this Chapter as a “notice of withdrawal”).
- (2) A notice of withdrawal must be given to each person who is—
- (a) landlord under a lease of the whole or any part of the premises,
  - (b) party to such a lease otherwise than as landlord or tenant,
  - (c) a manager appointed under Part 2 of the 1987 Act to act in relation to the premises, or any premises containing or contained in the premises, or
  - (d) the qualifying tenant of a flat contained in the premises.

#### Commencement Information

- I19** S. 86 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 86 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 86 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 86 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

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## 87 Deemed withdrawal

- (1) If a RTM company has been given one or more counter-notices containing a statement such as is mentioned in subsection (2)(b) of section 84 but either—
- (a) no application for a determination under subsection (3) of that section is made within the period specified in subsection (4) of that section, or
  - (b) such an application is so made but is subsequently withdrawn,
- the claim notice is deemed to be withdrawn.
- (2) The withdrawal shall be taken to occur—
- (a) if paragraph (a) of subsection (1) applies, at the end of the period specified in that paragraph, and
  - (b) if paragraph (b) of that subsection applies, on the date of the withdrawal of the application.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply if the person by whom the counter-notice was given has, or the persons by whom the counter-notices were given have, (before the time when the withdrawal would be taken to occur) agreed in writing that the RTM company was on the relevant date entitled to acquire the right to manage the premises.
- (4) The claim notice is deemed to be withdrawn if—
- (a) a winding-up order <sup>F60</sup> . . . is made, or a resolution for voluntary winding-up is passed, with respect to the RTM company, [<sup>F61</sup>or the RTM company enters administration,]
  - (b) a receiver or a manager of the RTM company's undertaking is duly appointed, or possession is taken, by or on behalf of the holders of any debentures secured by a floating charge, of any property of the RTM company comprised in or subject to the charge,
  - (c) a voluntary arrangement proposed in the case of the RTM company for the purposes of Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) is approved under that Part of that Act, or
  - (d) the RTM company's name is struck off the register under [<sup>F62</sup>section 1000, 1001 or 1003 of the Companies Act 2006].

### Textual Amendments

- F60** Words in s. 87(4)(a) omitted (15.9.2003) by virtue of [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Insolvency\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2096\)](#), art. 4, [Sch. para. 39\(a\)](#) (with art. 6)
- F61** Words in s. 87(4)(a) added (15.9.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Insolvency\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2096\)](#), art. 4, [Sch. para. 39\(b\)](#) (with art. 6)
- F62** Words in s. 87(4)(d) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 194\(18\)](#) (with art. 10)

### Commencement Information

- I20** S. 87 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 87 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 87 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 87 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

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## 88 Costs: general

- (1) A RTM company is liable for reasonable costs incurred by a person who is—
  - (a) landlord under a lease of the whole or any part of any premises,
  - (b) party to such a lease otherwise than as landlord or tenant, or
  - (c) a manager appointed under Part 2 of the 1987 Act to act in relation to the premises, or any premises containing or contained in the premises,
 in consequence of a claim notice given by the company in relation to the premises.
- (2) Any costs incurred by such a person in respect of professional services rendered to him by another are to be regarded as reasonable only if and to the extent that costs in respect of such services might reasonably be expected to have been incurred by him if the circumstances had been such that he was personally liable for all such costs.
- (3) A RTM company is liable for any costs which such a person incurs as party to any proceedings under this Chapter before [<sup>F63</sup>the appropriate tribunal] only if the tribunal dismisses an application by the company for a determination that it is entitled to acquire the right to manage the premises.
- (4) Any question arising in relation to the amount of any costs payable by a RTM company shall, in default of agreement, be determined by [<sup>F64</sup>the appropriate tribunal] .

### Textual Amendments

**F63** Words in s. 88(3) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 135](#) (with [Sch. 3](#))

**F64** Words in s. 88(4) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 135](#) (with [Sch. 3](#))

### Commencement Information

**I21** S. 88 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 88 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 88 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 88 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 89 Costs where claim ceases

- (1) This section applies where a claim notice given by a RTM company—
  - (a) is at any time withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn by virtue of any provision of this Chapter, or
  - (b) at any time ceases to have effect by reason of any other provision of this Chapter.
- (2) The liability of the RTM company under section 88 for costs incurred by any person is a liability for costs incurred by him down to that time.
- (3) Each person who is or has been a member of the RTM company is also liable for those costs (jointly and severally with the RTM company and each other person who is so liable).
- (4) But subsection (3) does not make a person liable if—
  - (a) the lease by virtue of which he was a qualifying tenant has been assigned to another person, and
  - (b) that other person has become a member of the RTM company.

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- (5) The reference in subsection (4) to an assignment includes—
- (a) an assent by personal representatives, and
  - (b) assignment by operation of law where the assignment is to a trustee in bankruptcy or to a mortgagee under section 89(2) of the Law of Property Act 1925 (c. 20) (foreclosure of leasehold mortgage).

#### Commencement Information

**I22** S. 89 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 89 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 89 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 89 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### *Acquisition of right*

## 90 The acquisition date

- (1) This section makes provision about the date which is the acquisition date where a RTM company acquires the right to manage any premises.
- (2) Where there is no dispute about entitlement, the acquisition date is the date specified in the claim notice under section 80(7).
- (3) For the purposes of this Chapter there is no dispute about entitlement if—
  - (a) no counter-notice is given under section 84, or
  - (b) the counter-notice given under that section, or (where more than one is so given) each of them, contains a statement such as is mentioned in subsection (2)(a) of that section.
- (4) Where the right to manage the premises is acquired by the company by virtue of a determination under section 84(5)(a), the acquisition date is the date three months after the determination becomes final.
- (5) Where the right to manage the premises is acquired by the company by virtue of subsection (5)(b) of section 84, the acquisition date is the date three months after the day on which the person (or the last person) by whom a counter-notice containing a statement such as is mentioned in subsection (2)(b) of that section was given agrees in writing that the company was on the relevant date entitled to acquire the right to manage the premises.
- (6) Where an order is made under section 85, the acquisition date is (subject to any appeal) the date specified in the order.

#### Commencement Information

**I23** S. 90 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 90 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 90 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 90 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 91 Notices relating to management contracts

- (1) Section 92 applies where—



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- (a) the right to manage premises is to be acquired by a RTM company (otherwise than by virtue of an order under section 85), and
  - (b) there are one or more existing management contracts relating to the premises.
- (2) A management contract is a contract between—
- (a) an existing manager of the premises (referred to in this Chapter as the “manager party”), and
  - (b) another person (so referred to as the “contractor party”),
- under which the contractor party agrees to provide services, or do any other thing, in connection with any matter relating to a function which will be a function of the RTM company once it acquires the right to manage.
- (3) And in this Chapter “existing management contract” means a management contract which—
- (a) is subsisting immediately before the determination date, or
  - (b) is entered into during the period beginning with the determination date and ending with the acquisition date.
- (4) An existing manager of the premises is any person who is—
- (a) landlord under a lease relating to the whole or any part of the premises,
  - (b) party to such a lease otherwise than as landlord or tenant, or
  - (c) a manager appointed under Part 2 of the 1987 Act to act in relation to the premises, or any premises containing or contained in the premises.
- (5) In this Chapter “determination date” means—
- (a) where there is no dispute about entitlement, the date specified in the claim notice under section 80(6),
  - (b) where the right to manage the premises is acquired by the company by virtue of a determination under section 84(5)(a), the date when the determination becomes final, and
  - (c) where the right to manage the premises is acquired by the company by virtue of subsection (5)(b) of section 84, the day on which the person (or the last person) by whom a counter-notice containing a statement such as is mentioned in subsection (2)(b) of that section was given agrees in writing that the company was on the relevant date entitled to acquire the right to manage the premises.

#### Commencement Information

**I24** S. 91 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 91 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 91 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986, art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 91 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669, art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 92 Duties to give notice of contracts

- (1) The person who is the manager party in relation to an existing management contract must give a notice in relation to the contract—
- (a) to the person who is the contractor party in relation to the contract (a “contractor notice”), and
  - (b) to the RTM company (a “contract notice”).

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- (2) A contractor notice and a contract notice must be given—
- (a) in the case of a contract subsisting immediately before the determination date, on that date or as soon after that date as is reasonably practicable, and
  - (b) in the case of a contract entered into during the period beginning with the determination date and ending with the acquisition date, on the date on which it is entered into or as soon after that date as is reasonably practicable.
- (3) A contractor notice must—
- (a) give details sufficient to identify the contract in relation to which it is given,
  - (b) state that the right to manage the premises is to be acquired by a RTM company,
  - (c) state the name and registered office of the RTM company,
  - (d) specify the acquisition date, and
  - (e) contain such other particulars (if any) as may be required to be contained in contractor notices by regulations made by the appropriate national authority, and must also comply with such requirements (if any) about the form of contractor notices as may be prescribed by regulations so made.
- (4) Where a person who receives a contractor notice (including one who receives a copy by virtue of this subsection) is party to an existing management sub-contract with another person (the “sub-contractor party”), the person who received the notice must—
- (a) send a copy of the contractor notice to the sub-contractor party, and
  - (b) give to the RTM company a contract notice in relation to the existing management sub-contract.
- (5) An existing management sub-contract is a contract under which the sub-contractor party agrees to provide services, or do any other thing, in connection with any matter relating to a function which will be a function of the RTM company once it acquires the right to manage and which—
- (a) is subsisting immediately before the determination date, or
  - (b) is entered into during the period beginning with the determination date and ending with the acquisition date.
- (6) Subsection (4) must be complied with—
- (a) in the case of a contract entered into before the contractor notice is received, on the date on which it is received or as soon after that date as is reasonably practicable, and
  - (b) in the case of a contract entered into after the contractor notice is received, on the date on which it is entered into or as soon after that date as is reasonably practicable.
- (7) A contract notice must—
- (a) give particulars of the contract in relation to which it is given and of the person who is the contractor party, or sub-contractor party, in relation to that contract, and
  - (b) contain such other particulars (if any) as may be required to be contained in contract notices by regulations made by the appropriate national authority, and must also comply with such requirements (if any) about the form of contract notices as may be prescribed by such regulations so made.



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**I25** S. 92 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 92 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 92 in force for specified purposes at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 92 in force for specified purposes at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 92 in force so far as not already in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#); s. 92 in force so far as not already in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

## 93 Duty to provide information

- (1) Where the right to manage premises is to be acquired by a RTM company, the company may give notice to a person who is—
  - (a) landlord under a lease of the whole or any part of the premises,
  - (b) party to such a lease otherwise than as landlord or tenant, or
  - (c) a manager appointed under Part 2 of the 1987 Act to act in relation to the premises, or any premises containing or contained in the premises,
 requiring him to provide the company with any information which is in his possession or control and which the company reasonably requires in connection with the exercise of the right to manage.
- (2) Where the information is recorded in a document in his possession or control the notice may require him—
  - (a) to permit any person authorised to act on behalf of the company at any reasonable time to inspect the document (or, if the information is recorded in the document in a form in which it is not readily intelligible, to give any such person access to it in a readily intelligible form), and
  - (b) to supply the company with a copy of the document containing the information in a readily intelligible form.
- (3) A notice may not require a person to do anything under this section before the acquisition date.
- (4) But, subject to that, a person who is required by a notice to do anything under this section must do it within the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the notice is given.

### Commencement Information

**I26** S. 93 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 93 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 93 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 93 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 94 Duty to pay accrued uncommitted service charges

- (1) Where the right to manage premises is to be acquired by a RTM company, a person who is—
  - (a) landlord under a lease of the whole or any part of the premises,
  - (b) party to such a lease otherwise than as landlord or tenant, or
  - (c) a manager appointed under Part 2 of the 1987 Act to act in relation to the premises, or any premises containing or contained in the premises,

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must make to the company a payment equal to the amount of any accrued uncommitted service charges held by him on the acquisition date.

- (2) The amount of any accrued uncommitted service charges is the aggregate of—
- (a) any sums which have been paid to the person by way of service charges in respect of the premises, and
  - (b) any investments which represent such sums (and any income which has accrued on them),
- less so much (if any) of that amount as is required to meet the costs incurred before the acquisition date in connection with the matters for which the service charges were payable.
- (3) He or the RTM company may make an application to [<sup>F65</sup>the appropriate tribunal] to determine the amount of any payment which falls to be made under this section.
- (4) The duty imposed by this section must be complied with on the acquisition date or as soon after that date as is reasonably practicable.

#### Textual Amendments

**F65** Words in s. 94(3) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 136](#) (with [Sch. 3](#))

#### Commencement Information

**I27** S. 94 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 94 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 94 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 94 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### *Exercising right*

## 95 Introductory

Sections 96 to 103 apply where the right to manage premises has been acquired by a RTM company (and has not ceased to be exercisable by it).

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**I28** S. 95 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 95 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 95 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 95 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 96 Management functions under leases

- (1) This section and section 97 apply in relation to management functions relating to the whole or any part of the premises.
- (2) Management functions which a person who is landlord under a lease of the whole or any part of the premises has under the lease are instead functions of the RTM company.

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- (3) And where a person is party to a lease of the whole or any part of the premises otherwise than as landlord or tenant, management functions of his under the lease are also instead functions of the RTM company.
- (4) Accordingly, any provisions of the lease making provision about the relationship of—
  - (a) a person who is landlord under the lease, and
  - (b) a person who is party to the lease otherwise than as landlord or tenant,
 in relation to such functions do not have effect.
- (5) “Management functions” are functions with respect to services, repairs, maintenance, improvements, insurance and management.
- (6) But this section does not apply in relation to—
  - (a) functions with respect to a matter concerning only a part of the premises consisting of a flat or other unit not held under a lease by a qualifying tenant, or
  - (b) functions relating to re-entry or forfeiture.
- (7) An order amending subsection (5) or (6) may be made by the appropriate national authority.

#### Commencement Information

- I29** S. 96 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 96 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 96 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986, art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 96 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669, art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 97 Management functions: supplementary

- (1) Any obligation owed by the RTM company by virtue of section 96 to a tenant under a lease of the whole or any part of the premises is also owed to each person who is landlord under the lease.
- (2) A person who is—
  - (a) landlord under a lease of the whole or any part of the premises,
  - (b) party to such a lease otherwise than as landlord or tenant, or
  - (c) a manager appointed under Part 2 of the 1987 Act to act in relation to the premises, or any premises containing or contained in the premises,
 is not entitled to do anything which the RTM company is required or empowered to do under the lease by virtue of section 96, except in accordance with an agreement made by him and the RTM company.
- (3) But subsection (2) does not prevent any person from insuring the whole or any part of the premises at his own expense.
- (4) So far as any function of a tenant under a lease of the whole or any part of the premises—
  - (a) relates to the exercise of any function under the lease which is a function of the RTM company by virtue of section 96, and
  - (b) is exercisable in relation to a person who is landlord under the lease or party to the lease otherwise than as landlord or tenant,
 it is instead exercisable in relation to the RTM company.

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- (5) But subsection (4) does not require or permit the payment to the RTM company of so much of any service charges payable by a tenant under a lease of the whole or any part of the premises as is required to meet costs incurred before the right to manage was acquired by the RTM company in connection with matters for which the service charges are payable.

#### Commencement Information

**I30** S. 97 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 97 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 97 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 97 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 98 Functions relating to approvals

- (1) This section and section 99 apply in relation to the grant of approvals under long leases of the whole or any part of the premises; but nothing in this section or section 99 applies in relation to an approval concerning only a part of the premises consisting of a flat or other unit not held under a lease by a qualifying tenant.
- (2) Where a person who is—
- landlord under a long lease of the whole or any part of the premises, or
  - party to such a lease otherwise than as landlord or tenant,
- has functions in relation to the grant of approvals to a tenant under the lease, the functions are instead functions of the RTM company.
- (3) Accordingly, any provisions of the lease making provision about the relationship of—
- a person who is landlord under the lease, and
  - a person who is party to the lease otherwise than as landlord or tenant,
- in relation to such functions do not have effect.
- (4) The RTM company must not grant an approval by virtue of subsection (2) without having given—
- in the case of an approval relating to assignment, underletting, charging, parting with possession, the making of structural alterations or improvements or alterations of use, 30 days' notice, or
  - in any other case, 14 days' notice,
- to the person who is, or each of the persons who are, landlord under the lease.
- (5) Regulations increasing the period of notice to be given under subsection (4)(b) in the case of any description of approval may be made by the appropriate national authority.
- (6) So far as any function of a tenant under a long lease of the whole or any part of the premises—
- relates to the exercise of any function which is a function of the RTM company by virtue of this section, and
  - is exercisable in relation to a person who is landlord under the lease or party to the lease otherwise than as landlord or tenant,
- it is instead exercisable in relation to the RTM company.
- (7) In this Chapter “approval” includes consent or licence and “approving” is to be construed accordingly; and an approval required to be obtained by virtue of a

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restriction entered on the register of title kept by the Chief Land Registrar is, so far as relating to a long lease of the whole or any part of any premises, to be treated for the purposes of this Chapter as an approval under the lease.

#### Commencement Information

**I31** S. 98 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 98 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 98 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 98 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 99 Approvals: supplementary

- (1) If a person to whom notice is given under section 98(4) objects to the grant of the approval before the time when the RTM company would first be entitled to grant it, the RTM company may grant it only—
  - (a) in accordance with the written agreement of the person who objected, or
  - (b) in accordance with a determination of (or on an appeal from) [<sup>F66</sup>the appropriate tribunal] .
- (2) An objection to the grant of the approval may not be made by a person unless he could withhold the approval if the function of granting it were exercisable by him (and not by the RTM company).
- (3) And a person may not make an objection operating only if a condition or requirement is not satisfied unless he could grant the approval subject to the condition or requirement being satisfied if the function of granting it were so exercisable.
- (4) An objection to the grant of the approval is made by giving notice of the objection (and of any condition or requirement which must be satisfied if it is not to operate) to—
  - (a) the RTM company, and
  - (b) the tenant,
 and, if the approval is to a tenant approving an act of a sub-tenant, to the sub-tenant.
- (5) An application to [<sup>F67</sup>the appropriate tribunal] for a determination under subsection (1) (b) may be made by—
  - (a) the RTM company,
  - (b) the tenant,
  - (c) if the approval is to a tenant approving an act of a sub-tenant, the sub-tenant, or
  - (d) any person who is landlord under the lease.

#### Textual Amendments

**F66** Words in s. 99(1)(b) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 137](#) (with [Sch. 3](#))

**F67** Words in s. 99(5) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 137](#) (with [Sch. 3](#))

#### Commencement Information

**I32** S. 99 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 99 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 99 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 99 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

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## 100 Enforcement of tenant covenants

- (1) This section applies in relation to the enforcement of untransferred tenant covenants of a lease of the whole or any part of the premises.
- (2) Untransferred tenant covenants are enforceable by the RTM company, as well as by any other person by whom they are enforceable apart from this section, in the same manner as they are enforceable by any other such person.
- (3) But the RTM company may not exercise any function of re-entry or forfeiture.
- (4) In this Chapter “tenant covenant”, in relation to a lease, means a covenant falling to be complied with by a tenant under the lease; and a tenant covenant is untransferred if, apart from this section, it would not be enforceable by the RTM company.
- (5) Any power under a lease of a person who is—
  - (a) landlord under the lease, or
  - (b) party to the lease otherwise than as landlord or tenant,
 to enter any part of the premises to determine whether a tenant is complying with any untransferred tenant covenant is exercisable by the RTM company (as well as by the landlord or party).

### Commencement Information

**I33** S. 100 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 100 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 100 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 100 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 101 Tenant covenants: monitoring and reporting

- (1) This section applies in relation to failures to comply with tenant covenants of leases of the whole or any part of the premises.
- (2) The RTM company must—
  - (a) keep under review whether tenant covenants of leases of the whole or any part of the premises are being complied with, and
  - (b) report to any person who is landlord under such a lease any failure to comply with any tenant covenant of the lease.
- (3) The report must be made before the end of the period of three months beginning with the day on which the failure to comply comes to the attention of the RTM company.
- (4) But the RTM company need not report to a landlord a failure to comply with a tenant covenant if—
  - (a) the failure has been remedied,
  - (b) reasonable compensation has been paid in respect of the failure, or
  - (c) the landlord has notified the RTM company that it need not report to him failures of the description of the failure concerned.

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**I34** S. 101 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 101 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 101 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 101 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 102 Statutory functions

- (1) Schedule 7 (provision for the operation of certain enactments with modifications) has effect.
- (2) Other enactments relating to leases (including enactments contained in this Act or any Act passed after this Act) have effect with any such modifications as are prescribed by regulations made by the appropriate national authority.

### Commencement Information

**I35** S. 102 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 102 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 102 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 102 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 103 Landlord contributions to service charges

- (1) This section applies where—
  - (a) the premises contain at least one flat or other unit not subject to a lease held by a qualifying tenant (an “excluded unit”),
  - (b) the service charges payable under leases of flats contained in the premises which are so subject fall to be calculated as a proportion of the relevant costs, and
  - (c) the proportions of the relevant costs so payable, when aggregated, amount to less than the whole of the relevant costs.
- (2) Where the premises contain only one excluded unit, the person who is the appropriate person in relation to the excluded unit must pay to the RTM company the difference between—
  - (a) the relevant costs, and
  - (b) the aggregate amount payable in respect of the relevant costs under leases of flats contained in the premises which are held by qualifying tenants.
- (3) Where the premises contain more than one excluded unit, each person who is the appropriate person in relation to an excluded unit must pay to the RTM company the appropriate proportion of that difference.
- (4) And the appropriate proportion in the case of each such person is the proportion of the internal floor area of all of the excluded units which is internal floor area of the excluded unit in relation to which he is the appropriate person.
- (5) The appropriate person in relation to an excluded unit—
  - (a) if it is subject to a lease, is the landlord under the lease,
  - (b) if it is subject to more than one lease, is the immediate landlord under whichever of the leases is inferior to all the others, and



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- (c) if it is not subject to any lease, is the freeholder.

#### Commencement Information

**I36** S. 103 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 103 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 103 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 103 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### Supplementary

## 104 Registration

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#### Textual Amendments

**F68** S. 104 repealed (17.11.2004) by [Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002 \(c. 15\)](#), ss. 180, 181, [Sch. 14](#); [S.I. 2004/3056](#), [art. 2](#)

## 105 Cessation of management

- (1) This section makes provision about the circumstances in which, after a RTM company has acquired the right to manage any premises, that right ceases to be exercisable by it.
- (2) Provision may be made by an agreement made between—
  - (a) the RTM company, and
  - (b) each person who is landlord under a lease of the whole or any part of the premises,
 for the right to manage the premises to cease to be exercisable by the RTM company.
- (3) The right to manage the premises ceases to be exercisable by the RTM company if—
  - (a) a winding-up order <sup>F69</sup> . . . is made, or a resolution for voluntary winding-up is passed, with respect to the RTM company, [<sup>F70</sup>or the RTM company enters administration,]
  - (b) a receiver or a manager of the RTM company's undertaking is duly appointed, or possession is taken, by or on behalf of the holders of any debentures secured by a floating charge, of any property of the RTM company comprised in or subject to the charge,
  - (c) a voluntary arrangement proposed in the case of the RTM company for the purposes of Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) is approved under that Part of that Act, or
  - (d) the RTM company's name is struck off the register under [<sup>F71</sup>section 1000, 1001 or 1003 of the Companies Act 2006].
- (4) The right to manage the premises ceases to be exercisable by the RTM company if a manager appointed under Part 2 of the 1987 Act to act in relation to the premises, or any premises containing or contained in the premises, begins so to act or an order under that Part of that Act that the right to manage the premises is to cease to be exercisable by the RTM company takes effect.



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- (5) The right to manage the premises ceases to be exercisable by the RTM company if it ceases to be a RTM company in relation to the premises.

#### Textual Amendments

- F69** Words in s. 105(3)(a) omitted (15.9.2003) by virtue of [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Insolvency\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2096\)](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. para. 40\(a\)](#) (with [art. 6](#))
- F70** Words in s. 105(3)(a) added (15.9.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Insolvency\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2096\)](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. para. 40\(b\)](#) (with [art. 6](#))
- F71** Words in s. 105(3)(d) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 194\(19\)](#) (with [art. 10](#))

#### Commencement Information

- I37** S. 105 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 105 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 105 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 105 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 106 Agreements excluding or modifying right

Any agreement relating to a lease (whether contained in the instrument creating the lease or not and whether made before the creation of the lease or not) is void in so far as it—

- (a) purports to exclude or modify the right of any person to be, or do any thing as, a member of a RTM company,
- (b) provides for the termination or surrender of the lease if the tenant becomes, or does any thing as, a member of a RTM company or if a RTM company does any thing, or
- (c) provides for the imposition of any penalty or disability if the tenant becomes, or does any thing as, a member of a RTM company or if a RTM company does any thing.

#### Commencement Information

- I38** S. 106 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 106 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 106 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 106 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 107 Enforcement of obligations

- (1) [<sup>F72</sup>The county court] may, on the application of any person interested, make an order requiring a person who has failed to comply with a requirement imposed on him by, under or by virtue of any provision of this Chapter to make good the default within such time as is specified in the order.
- (2) An application shall not be made under subsection (1) unless—
  - (a) a notice has been previously given to the person in question requiring him to make good the default, and
  - (b) more than 14 days have elapsed since the date of the giving of that notice without his having done so.

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### Textual Amendments

- F72** Words in s. 107(1) substituted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 9 para. 52](#); [S.I. 2014/954](#), art. 2(c) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)

### Commencement Information

- I39** S. 107 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 107 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 107 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), art. 2(a); s. 107 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), art. 2(a)

## 108 Application to Crown

- (1) This Chapter applies in relation to premises in which there is a Crown interest.
- (2) There is a Crown interest in premises if there is in the premises an interest or estate—
  - (a) which is comprised in the Crown Estate,
  - (b) which belongs to Her Majesty in right of the Duchy of Lancaster,
  - (c) which belongs to the Duchy of Cornwall, or
  - (d) which belongs to a government department or is held on behalf of Her Majesty for the purposes of a government department.
- (3) Any sum payable under this Chapter to a RTM company by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster may be raised and paid under section 25 of the Duchy of Lancaster Act 1817 (c. 97) as an expense incurred in improvement of land belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Duchy.
- (4) Any sum payable under this Chapter to a RTM company by the Duke of Cornwall (or any other possessor for the time being of the Duchy of Cornwall) may be raised and paid under section 8 of the Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1863 (c. 49) as an expense incurred in permanently improving the possessions of the Duchy.

### Commencement Information

- I40** S. 108 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 108 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 108 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), art. 2(a); s. 108 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), art. 2(a)

## 109 Powers of trustees in relation to right

- (1) Where trustees are the qualifying tenant of a flat contained in any premises, their powers under the instrument regulating the trusts include power to be a member of a RTM company for the purpose of the acquisition and exercise of the right to manage the premises.
- (2) But subsection (1) does not apply where the instrument regulating the trusts contains an explicit direction to the contrary.
- (3) The power conferred by subsection (1) is exercisable with the same consent or on the same direction (if any) as may be required for the exercise of the trustees' powers (or ordinary powers) of investment.

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- (4) The purposes—
- (a) authorised for the application of capital money by section 73 of the Settled Land Act 1925 (c. 18), and
  - (b) authorised by section 71 of that Act as purposes for which moneys may be raised by mortgage,
- include the payment of any expenses incurred by a tenant for life or statutory owner as a member of a RTM company.

#### Commencement Information

- I41** S. 109 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 109 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 109 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 109 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### 110 Power to prescribe procedure

- (1) Where a claim to acquire the right to manage any premises is made by the giving of a claim notice, except as otherwise provided by this Chapter—
- (a) the procedure for giving effect to the claim notice, and
  - (b) the rights and obligations of all parties in any matter arising in giving effect to the claim notice,
- shall be such as may be prescribed by regulations made by the appropriate national authority.
- (2) Regulations under this section may, in particular, make provision for a person to be discharged from performing any obligations arising out of a claim notice by reason of the default or delay of some other person.

#### Commencement Information

- I42** S. 110 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 110 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 110 in force for specified purposes at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 110 in force for specified purposes at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 110 in force so far as not already in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#); s. 110 in force so far as not already in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

### 111 Notices

- (1) Any notice under this Chapter—
- (a) must be in writing, and
  - (b) may be sent by post.
- (2) A company which is a RTM company in relation to premises may give a notice under this Chapter to a person who is landlord under a lease of the whole or any part of the premises at the address specified in subsection (3) (but subject to subsection (4)).
- (3) That address is—

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- (a) the address last furnished to a member of the RTM company as the landlord’s address for service in accordance with section 48 of the 1987 Act (notification of address for service of notices on landlord), or
  - (b) if no such address has been so furnished, the address last furnished to such a member as the landlord’s address in accordance with section 47 of the 1987 Act (landlord’s name and address to be contained in demands for rent).
- (4) But the RTM company may not give a notice under this Chapter to a person at the address specified in subsection (3) if it has been notified by him of a different address in England and Wales at which he wishes to be given any such notice.
- (5) A company which is a RTM company in relation to premises may give a notice under this Chapter to a person who is the qualifying tenant of a flat contained in the premises at the flat unless it has been notified by the qualifying tenant of a different address in England and Wales at which he wishes to be given any such notice.

#### Commencement Information

**I43** S. 111 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 111 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 111 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 111 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### Interpretation

## 112 Definitions

(1) In this Chapter—

“appurtenant property”, in relation to a building or part of a building or a flat, means any garage, outhouse, garden, yard or appurtenances belonging to, or usually enjoyed with, the building or part or flat,

[<sup>F73</sup>“appropriate tribunal” means—

- (a) in relation to premises in England, the First-tier Tribunal or, where determined by Tribunal Procedure Rules, the Upper Tribunal; and
- (b) in relation to premises in Wales, a leasehold valuation tribunal;]

“copy”, in relation to a document in which information is recorded, means anything onto which the information has been copied by whatever means and whether directly or indirectly,

“document” means anything in which information is recorded,

“dwelling” means a building or part of a building occupied or intended to be occupied as a separate dwelling,

“flat” means a separate set of premises (whether or not on the same floor)—

- (a) which forms part of a building,
- (b) which is constructed or adapted for use for the purposes of a dwelling, and
- (c) either the whole or a material part of which lies above or below some other part of the building,

“relevant costs” has the meaning given by section 18 of the 1985 Act,

“service charge” has the meaning given by that section, and

“unit” means—

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- (a) a flat,
  - (b) any other separate set of premises which is constructed or adapted for use for the purposes of a dwelling, or
  - (c) a separate set of premises let, or intended for letting, on a tenancy to which Part 2 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (c. 56) (business tenancies) applies.
- (2) In this Chapter “lease” and “tenancy” have the same meaning and both expressions include (where the context permits)—
- (a) a sub-lease or sub-tenancy, and
  - (b) an agreement for a lease or tenancy (or for a sub-lease or sub-tenancy),
- but do not include a tenancy at will or at sufferance.
- (3) The expressions “landlord” and “tenant”, and references to letting, to the grant of a lease or to covenants or the terms of a lease, shall be construed accordingly.
- (4) In this Chapter any reference (however expressed) to the lease held by the qualifying tenant of a flat is a reference to a lease held by him under which the demised premises consist of or include the flat (whether with or without one or more other flats).
- (5) Where two or more persons jointly constitute either the landlord or the tenant or qualifying tenant in relation to a lease of a flat, any reference in this Chapter to the landlord or to the tenant or qualifying tenant is (unless the context otherwise requires) a reference to both or all of the persons who jointly constitute the landlord or the tenant or qualifying tenant, as the case may require.
- (6) In the case of a lease which derives (in accordance with section 77(5)) from two or more separate leases, any reference in this Chapter to the date of the commencement of the term for which the lease was granted shall, if the terms of the separate leases commenced at different dates, have effect as references to the date of the commencement of the term of the lease with the earliest date of commencement.

#### Textual Amendments

**F73** Words in s. 112(1) inserted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 138** (with Sch. 3)

#### Commencement Information

**I44** S. 112 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 112 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 112 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), art. 2(a); s. 112 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), art. 2(a)

## 113 Index of defined expressions

In this Chapter the expressions listed below are defined by the provisions specified.

<i>Expression</i>	<i>Interpretation provision</i>
Approval (and approving)	Section 98(7)
Appurtenant property	Section 112(1)
Acquisition date	Sections 74(1)(b) and 90

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Claim notice	Section 79(1)
Contractor party	Section 91(2)(b)
Copy	Section 112(1)
Counter-notice	Section 84(1)
Date of the commencement of the term of a lease	Section 112(6)
Determination date	Section 91(5)
Document	Section 112(1)
Dwelling	Section 112(1)
Existing management contract	Section 91(3)
Flat	Section 112(1)
Landlord	Section 112(3) and (5)
Lease	Section 112(2) to (4)
Letting	Section 112(3)
Long lease	Sections 76 and 77
Manager party	Section 91(2)(a)
No dispute about entitlement	Section 90(3)
Notice of invitation to participate	Section 78
Notice of withdrawal	Section 86(1)
Premises to which this Chapter applies	Section 72 (and Schedule 6)
Qualifying tenant	Sections 75 and 112(4) and (5)
Relevant costs	Section 112(1)
Relevant date	Section 79(1)
Right to manage	Section 71(2)
RTM company	Sections 71(1) and 73
Service charge	Section 112(1)
Tenancy	Section 112(2)
Tenant	Section 112(3) and (5)
Tenant covenant	Section 100(4)
Unit	Section 112(1)

#### **Commencement Information**

**I45** S. 113 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 113 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 113 wholly in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 113 wholly in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

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## CHAPTER 2

### COLLECTIVE ENFRANCHISEMENT BY TENANTS OF FLATS

#### *Introductory*

#### **114 Amendments of right to collective enfranchisement**

This Chapter amends the right to collective enfranchisement which is conferred by Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the 1993 Act.

##### **Commencement Information**

- I46** S. 114 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 114 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 114 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 114 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

#### *Qualifying rules*

#### **115 Non-residential premises**

In section 4(1) of the 1993 Act (right not to apply in case of premises having non-residential parts with floor area exceeding 10 per cent. of total), for “10 per cent.” substitute “25 per cent.”.

##### **Commencement Information**

- I47** S. 115 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 115 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 115 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 115 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

#### **116 Premises including railway track**

In section 4 of the 1993 Act (premises in the case of which right does not apply), insert at the end—

“(5) This Chapter does not apply to premises falling within section 3(1) if the freehold of the premises includes track of an operational railway; and for the purposes of this subsection—

- (a) “track” includes any land or other property comprising the permanent way of a railway (whether or not it is also used for other purposes) and includes any bridge, tunnel, culvert, retaining wall or other structure used for the support of, or otherwise in connection with, track,
- (b) “operational” means not disused, and
- (c) “railway” has the same meaning as in any provision of Part 1 of the Railways Act 1993 (c. 43) for the purposes of which that term is stated to have its wider meaning.”



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### Commencement Information

**I48** S. 116 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 116 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 116 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by S.I. 2002/1912, **art. 2(b)(i)** (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 116 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by S.I. 2002/3012, **art. 2(b)(i)** (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

## 117 Qualifying leases

- (1) In section 5(1) of the 1993 Act (which provides that a qualifying tenant is a tenant under a long lease which is at a low rent or for a particularly long term), omit “which is at a low rent or for a particularly long term”.
- (2) In section 69(1)(b) of the 1993 Act (estate management schemes), for “by virtue of the amendments of that Chapter made by paragraph 3 of Schedule 9 to the Housing Act 1996 (c. 52)” substitute “in circumstances in which, but for section 117(1) of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002 and the repeal by that Act of paragraph 3 of Schedule 9 to the Housing Act 1996, they would have been entitled to acquire it by virtue of the amendments of that Chapter made by that paragraph”.

### Commencement Information

**I49** S. 117 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 117 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 117 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by S.I. 2002/1912, {art. 2(b)(i)} (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 117 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by S.I. 2002/3012, **art. 2(b)(i)** (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

## 118 Premises with resident landlord

- (1) Section 10 of the 1993 Act (premises with a resident landlord) is amended as follows.
- (2) For subsection (1) (requirements that premises not be or form part of purpose-built block of flats and that they have been occupied for at least twelve months as only or principal home of owner of freehold or a family member) substitute—
  - “(1) For the purposes of this Chapter any premises falling within section 3(1) are premises with a resident landlord at any time if—
    - (a) the premises are not, and do not form part of, a purpose-built block of flats;
    - (b) the same person has owned the freehold of the premises since before the conversion of the premises into two or more flats or other units; and
    - (c) he, or an adult member of his family, has occupied a flat or other unit contained in the premises as his only or principal home throughout the period of twelve months ending with that time.”
- (3) For subsection (4) (premises held on trust) substitute—
  - “(4) Where the freehold of any premises is held on trust, subsection (1) applies as if—



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- (a) the requirement in paragraph (b) were that the same person has had an interest under the trust (whether or not also a trustee) since before the conversion of the premises, and
- (b) paragraph (c) referred to him or an adult member of his family.”

#### Commencement Information

**I50** S. 118 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 118 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 118 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 118 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

### 119 Proportion of tenants required to participate

In section 13(2)(b) of the 1993 Act (persons by whom initial notice must be given), omit sub-paragraph (i) (initial notice to be given by at least two-thirds of qualifying tenants of flats contained in premises).

#### Commencement Information

**I51** S. 119 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 119 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 119 in force at 26.7. 2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 119 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

### 120 Abolition of residence condition

In section 13(2) of the 1993 Act, omit the words following paragraph (b) (which require at least one-half of the qualifying tenants by whom the initial notice is given to satisfy the residence condition).

#### Commencement Information

**I52** S. 120 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 120 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 120 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 120 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art.2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

#### *Exercise of right*

PROSPECTIVE

### 121 Right exercisable only by RTE company

- (1) Section 13 of the 1993 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (b) of subsection (2), after “given by” insert “ a RTE company which has among its participating members ”.

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(3) After that subsection insert—

“(2ZA) But in a case where, at the relevant date, there are only two qualifying tenants of flats contained in the premises, subsection (2)(b) is not satisfied unless both are participating members of the RTE company.”

## 122 RTE companies

After section 4 of the 1993 Act insert—

### “4A RTE companies

- (1) A company is a RTE company in relation to premises if—
  - (a) it is a private company limited by guarantee, and
  - (b) its memorandum of association states that its object, or one of its objects, is the exercise of the right to collective enfranchisement with respect to the premises.
- (2) But a company is not a RTE company if it is a commonhold association (within the meaning of Part 1 of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002).
- (3) And a company is not a RTE company in relation to premises if another company which is a RTE company in relation to—
  - (a) the premises, or
  - (b) any premises containing or contained in the premises,
 has given a notice under section 13 with respect to the premises, or any premises containing or contained in the premises, and the notice continues in force in accordance with subsection (11) of that section.

### 4B RTE companies: membership

- (1) Before the execution of a relevant conveyance to a company which is a RTE company in relation to any premises the following persons are entitled to be members of the company—
  - (a) qualifying tenants of flats contained in the premises, and
  - (b) if the company is also a RTM company which has acquired the right to manage the premises, landlords under leases of the whole or any part of the premises.
- (2) In this section—
 

“relevant conveyance” means a conveyance of the freehold of the premises or of any premises containing or contained in the premises; and

“RTM company” has the same meaning as in Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002.
- (3) On the execution of a relevant conveyance to the RTE company, any member of the company who is not a participating member ceases to be a member.
- (4) In this Chapter “participating member”, in relation to a RTE company, means a person who is a member by virtue of subsection (1)(a) of this section and who—

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- (a) has given a participation notice to the company before the date when the company gives a notice under section 13 or during the participation period, or
  - (b) is a participating member by virtue of either of the following two subsections.
- (5) A member who is the assignee of a lease by virtue of which a participating member was a qualifying tenant of his flat is a participating member if he has given a participation notice to the company within the period beginning with the date of the assignment and ending 28 days later (or, if earlier, on the execution of a relevant conveyance to the company).
- (6) And if the personal representatives of a participating member are a member, they are a participating member if they have given a participation notice to the company at any time (before the execution of a relevant conveyance to the company).
- (7) In this section “participation notice”, in relation to a member of the company, means a notice stating that he wishes to be a participating member.
- (8) For the purposes of this section a participation notice given to the company during the period—
- (a) beginning with the date when the company gives a notice under section 13, and
  - (b) ending immediately before a binding contract is entered into in pursuance of the notice under section 13,
- is of no effect unless a copy of the participation notice has been given during that period to the person who (in accordance with section 9) is the reversioner in respect of the premises.
- (9) For the purposes of this section “the participation period” is the period beginning with the date when the company gives a notice under section 13 and ending—
- (a) six months, or such other time as the Secretary of State may by order specify, after that date, or
  - (b) immediately before a binding contract is entered into in pursuance of the notice under section 13,
- whichever is the earlier.
- (10) In this section references to assignment include an assent by personal representatives, and assignment by operation of law where the assignment is to a trustee in bankruptcy or to a mortgagee under section 89(2) of the Law of Property Act 1925 (c. 20) (foreclosure of leasehold mortgage); and references to an assignee shall be construed accordingly.

#### **4C RTE companies: regulations**

- (1) The Secretary of State shall by regulations make provision about the content and form of the memorandum of association and articles of association of RTE companies.
- (2) A RTE company may adopt provisions of the regulations for its memorandum or articles.

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- (3) The regulations may include provision which is to have effect for a RTE company whether or not it is adopted by the company.
- (4) A provision of the memorandum or articles of a RTE company has no effect to the extent that it is inconsistent with the regulations.
- (5) The regulations have effect in relation to a memorandum or articles—
  - (a) irrespective of the date of the memorandum or articles, but
  - (b) subject to any transitional provisions of the regulations.
- (6) The following provisions of the Companies Act 1985 (c. 6) do not apply to a RTE company—
  - (a) sections 2(7) and 3 (memorandum), and
  - (b) section 8 (articles).”

#### Commencement Information

**I53** S. 122 partly in force; s. 122 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 122 in force for specified purposes at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 122 in force for specified purposes at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

PROSPECTIVE

### 123 Invitation to participate

- (1) After section 12 of the 1993 Act insert—

*“The notice of invitation to participate*

#### 12A Notice by RTE company inviting participation

- (1) Before making a claim to exercise the right to collective enfranchisement with respect to any premises, a RTE company must give notice to each person who at the time when the notice is given—
  - (a) is the qualifying tenant of a flat contained in the premises, but
  - (b) neither is nor has agreed to become a participating member of the RTE company.
- (2) A notice given under this section (a “notice of invitation to participate”) must—
  - (a) state that the RTE company intends to exercise the right to collective enfranchisement with respect to the premises,
  - (b) state the names of the participating members of the RTE company,
  - (c) explain the rights and obligations of the members of the RTE company with respect to the exercise of the right (including their rights and obligations in relation to meeting the price payable in respect of the freehold, and any other interests to be acquired in pursuance of this Chapter, and associated costs),
  - (d) include an estimate of that price and those costs, and

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- (e) invite the recipients of the notice to become participating members of the RTE company.
- (3) A notice of invitation to participate must either—
  - (a) be accompanied by a copy of the memorandum of association and articles of association of the RTE company, or
  - (b) include a statement about inspection and copying of the memorandum of association and articles of association of the RTE company.
- (4) A statement under subsection (3)(b) must—
  - (a) specify a place (in England or Wales) at which the memorandum of association and articles of association may be inspected,
  - (b) specify as the times at which they may be inspected periods of at least two hours on each of at least three days (including a Saturday or Sunday or both) within the seven days beginning with the day following that on which the notice is given,
  - (c) specify a place (in England or Wales) at which, at any time within those seven days, a copy of the memorandum of association and articles of association may be ordered, and
  - (d) specify a fee for the provision of an ordered copy, not exceeding the reasonable cost of providing it.
- (5) Where a notice given to a person includes a statement under subsection (3)(b), the notice is to be treated as not having been given to him if he is not allowed to undertake an inspection, or is not provided with a copy, in accordance with the statement.
- (6) A notice of invitation to participate shall not be invalidated by any inaccuracy in any of the particulars required by or by virtue of this section.”
- (2) In section 13 of the 1993 Act, after subsection (2ZA) (inserted by section 121(3)) insert—
  - “(2ZB) The initial notice may not be given unless each person required to be given a notice of invitation to participate has been given such a notice at least 14 days before.”

PROSPECTIVE

## 124 Consequential amendments

Schedule 8 (amendments consequential on sections 121 to 123) has effect.

## 125 Right of access

- (1) In subsection (1) of section 17 of the 1993 Act (access by reversioner or other relevant landlord for purposes of valuation), insert at the end “ or if it is reasonable in connection with any other matter arising out of the claim to exercise the right to collective enfranchisement ”.
- (2) For the sidenote of that section substitute “Rights of access.”

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#### **Commencement Information**

**I54** S. 125 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 125 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 125 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 125 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

### *Purchase price*

#### **126 Valuation date**

- (1) In Schedule 6 to the 1993 Act (purchase price payable), for “the valuation date” (in each place) substitute “ the relevant date ”.
- (2) In section 18(1) of the 1993 Act (duty to disclose existence of agreements affecting premises etc.), for “valuation date for the purposes of Schedule 6” substitute “ time when a binding contract is entered into in pursuance of the initial notice ”.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I55** S. 126 wholly in force at 31.5.2005; s. 126 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 126 in force at 28.2.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2004/3056](#), [art. 3\(a\)](#) (with [art. 4](#)); s. 126 in force at 31.5.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/1353](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#) (with [art. 3](#))

#### **127 Freeholder’s share of marriage value**

In paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 6 to the 1993 Act (freeholder’s share of marriage value), for the words after “freeholder’s share of the marriage value is” substitute “ 50 per cent. of that amount ”.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I56** S. 127 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 127 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 127 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 127 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

#### **128 Disregard of marriage value in case of very long leases**

- (1) Paragraph 4 of Schedule 6 to the 1993 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (2) (meaning of marriage value), insert at the beginning “ Subject to sub-paragraph (2A), ”.
- (3) After that sub-paragraph insert—
 

“(2A) Where at the relevant date the unexpired term of the lease held by any of those participating members exceeds eighty years, any increase in the value of the freehold or any intermediate leasehold interest in the specified premises which

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is attributable to his potential ability to have a new lease granted to him as mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(a) is to be ignored.”

#### Commencement Information

**I57** S. 128 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 128 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 128 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 128 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

## CHAPTER 3

### NEW LEASES FOR TENANTS OF FLATS

#### *Introductory*

#### **129 Amendments of right to acquire new lease**

This Chapter amends the right of tenants of flats to acquire new leases which is conferred by Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the 1993 Act.

#### Commencement Information

**I58** S. 129 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 129 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 129 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 129 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art.2\(a\)](#)

#### *Qualifying rules*

#### **130 Replacement of residence test**

- (1) Section 39 of the 1993 Act (the right) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2)(a) (requirement that tenant is qualifying tenant of flat on the relevant date), for “is” substitute “ has for the last two years been ”.
- (3) Omit subsections (2)(b), (2A) and (2B) (requirement that tenant has occupied flat as only or principal home for three years).

#### Commencement Information

**I59** S. 130 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 130 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 130 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 130 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

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### 131 Qualifying leases

In section 39(3) of the 1993 Act (which applies for the purposes of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the 1993 Act the definition of qualifying tenant in Chapter 1 of that Part), omit paragraphs (c) and (d) (leases at a low rent and leases for a particularly long term).

#### Commencement Information

**I60** S. 131 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 131 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 131 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 131 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

### 132 Personal representatives

(1) In section 39 of the 1993 Act, after subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) On the death of a person who has for the two years before his death been a qualifying tenant of a flat, the right conferred by this Chapter is exercisable, subject to and in accordance with this Chapter, by his personal representatives; and, accordingly, in such a case references in this Chapter to the tenant shall, in so far as the context permits, be to the personal representatives.”

(2) In section 42 of the 1993 Act (notice by qualifying tenant of claim to exercise right), before subsection (5) insert—

“(4A) A notice under this section may not be given by the personal representatives of a tenant later than two years after the grant of probate or letters of administration.”

#### Commencement Information

**I61** S. 132 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 132 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 132 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 132 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art.2\(a\)](#)

### 133 Crown leases

In section 94 of the 1993 Act (Crown land), for subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) Chapter 2 applies as against a landlord under a lease from the Crown if—

- (a) a sub-tenant is seeking a new lease under that Chapter and the landlord, or a superior landlord under a lease from the Crown, is entitled to grant such a new lease without the concurrence of the appropriate authority, or
- (b) the appropriate authority notifies the landlord that, as regards any Crown interest affected, it will grant or concur in granting such a new lease.”



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**I62** S. 133 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 133 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 133 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 133 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art.2\(a\)](#)

### Purchase price

#### 134 Valuation date

In Schedule 13 to the 1993 Act (premium and other amounts payable by tenant on grant of new lease), for “the valuation date” (in each place) substitute “ the relevant date ”.

### Commencement Information

**I63** S. 134 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 134 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 134 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 134 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

#### 135 Landlord’s share of marriage value

In paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 13 to the 1993 Act (landlord’s share of marriage value), for the words after “landlord’s share of the marriage value is” substitute “ 50 per cent. of that amount ”.

### Commencement Information

**I64** S. 135 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 135 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 135 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 135 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

#### 136 Disregard of marriage value in case of very long leases

- (1) Paragraph 4 of Schedule 13 to the 1993 Act (meaning of marriage value) is amended as follows.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (2), insert at the beginning “ Subject to sub-paragraph (2A), ”.
- (3) After that sub-paragraph insert—

“(2A) Where at the relevant date the unexpired term of the tenant’s existing lease exceeds eighty years, the marriage value shall be taken to be nil.”

### Commencement Information

**I65** S. 136 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 136 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 136 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch.](#)

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2); s. 136 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by S.I. 2002/3012, **art. 2(b)(i)** (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

## CHAPTER 4

### LEASEHOLD HOUSES

#### *Introductory*

#### **137 Amendments of 1967 Act**

This Chapter amends the Leasehold Reform Act 1967 (c. 88) (referred to in this Part as “the 1967 Act”).

#### **Commencement Information**

**I66** S. 137 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 137 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 137 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by S.I. 2002/1912, **art. 2(a)**; s. 137 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by S.I. 2002/3012, **art.2(a)**

#### *Qualifying rules*

#### **138 Abolition of residence test**

- (1) In subsection (1) of section 1 of the 1967 Act (tenants of houses entitled to enfranchisement or extension), omit—
  - (a) “, occupying the house as his residence,” and
  - (b) “, and occupying it as his residence.”
- (2) After that subsection insert—
 

“(1ZA) Where a house is for the time being let under two or more tenancies, a tenant under any of those tenancies which is superior to that held by any tenant on whom this Part of this Act confers a right does not have any right under this Part of this Act.

(1ZB) Where a flat forming part of a house is let to a person who is a qualifying tenant of the flat for the purposes of Chapter 1 or 2 of Part 1 of the Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993 (c. 28), a tenant of the house does not have any right under this Part of this Act unless, at the relevant time, he has been occupying the house, or any part of it, as his only or main residence (whether or not he has been using it for other purposes)—

  - (a) for the last two years; or
  - (b) for periods amounting to two years in the last ten years.”
- (3) In subsection (3) of that section (exception where house is let to and occupied by tenant with other land or premises to which it is ancillary), for “occupation of it as his residence (but shall apply as if he were not so occupying it)” substitute “ being a tenant of it ”.

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- (4) In section 2(4) of the 1967 Act (premises previously let with house), for “occupied and used as mentioned in subsection (3) above” substitute “ subject to a tenancy vested in him ”.
- (5) In section 6(1) of the 1967 Act (rights in case of trusts), for the words from the beginning to “right of the tenancy” substitute “ A tenant of a house shall for purposes of this Part of this Act be treated as having been a tenant of it at any earlier time ”.
- (6) In section 7(3) and (4) of the 1967 Act (rights of members of family succeeding to tenancy on death), for “with him” substitute “ in the house ”.

#### Commencement Information

**I67** S. 138 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 138 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 138 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 138 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

### 139 Reduction of qualifying period as tenant etc

- (1) In subsection (1)(b) of section 1 of the 1967 Act (requirement that person claiming entitlement to enfranchisement or extension has been tenant of house for last three years or for periods amounting to three years in last ten), for “three years or for periods amounting to three years in the last ten years” substitute “ two years ”.
- (2) After subsection (1A) of that section insert—
- “(1B) This Part of this Act shall not have effect to confer any right on the tenant of a house under a tenancy to which Part 2 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (c. 56) (business tenancies) applies unless, at the relevant time, the tenant has been occupying the house, or any part of it, as his only or main residence (whether or not he has been using it for other purposes)—
- (a) for the last two years; or
- (b) for periods amounting to two years in the last ten years.”
- (3) In—
- (a) section 9(3)(b) of the 1967 Act (no new notice for three years after withdrawal), and
- (b) section 23(2)(b) of the 1967 Act (agreements excluding or restricting for period not exceeding three years right to give further notice),
- for “three years” substitute “ twelve months ”.

#### Commencement Information

**I68** S. 139 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 139 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 139 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 139 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

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## 140 Exclusion of certain business tenancies

After subsection (1ZB) of section 1 of the 1967 Act (inserted by section 138(2)) insert—

“(1ZC) The references in subsection (1)(a) and (b) to a long tenancy do not include a tenancy to which Part 2 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (business tenancies) applies unless—

- (a) it is granted for a term of years certain exceeding thirty-five years, whether or not it is (or may become) terminable before the end of that term by notice given by or to the tenant or by re-entry, forfeiture or otherwise,
- (b) it is for a term fixed by law under a grant with a covenant or obligation for perpetual renewal, unless it is a tenancy by sub-demise from one which is not a tenancy which falls within any of the paragraphs in this subsection,
- (c) it is a tenancy taking effect under section 149(6) of the Law of Property Act 1925 (c. 20) (leases terminable after a death or marriage), or
- (d) it is a tenancy which—
  - (i) is or has been granted for a term of years certain not exceeding thirty-five years, but with a covenant or obligation for renewal without payment of a premium (but not for perpetual renewal), and
  - (ii) is or has been once or more renewed so as to bring to more than thirty-five years the total of the terms granted (including any interval between the end of a tenancy and the grant of a renewal).

(1ZD) Where this Part of this Act applies as if there were a single tenancy of property comprised in two or more separate tenancies, then, if each of the separate tenancies falls within any of the paragraphs of subsection (1ZC) above, that subsection shall apply as if the single tenancy did so.”

### Commencement Information

**I69** S. 140 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 140 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 140 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 140 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

## 141 Tenancies not at low rent

(1) Section 1AA of the 1967 Act (additional right to enfranchisement where tenancy of house not at low rent) is amended as follows.

(2) Omit—

- (a) in subsection (1)(b), “falls within subsection (2) below and”, and
- (b) subsection (2) (tenancies for more than 35 years etc.).

(3) In subsection (3) (exceptions)—

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- (a) in paragraph (b), for “the coming into force of section 106 of the Housing Act 1996 (c. 52)” substitute “1st April 1997 (the date on which section 106 of the Housing Act 1996 came into force)”, and
- (b) for paragraph (c) substitute—
  - “(c) the tenancy either—
    - (i) was granted on or before that date, or
    - (ii) was granted after that date, but on or before the coming into force of section 141 of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002, for a term of years certain not exceeding thirty-five years.”

#### Commencement Information

**I70** S. 141 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 141 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 141 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 141 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

## 142 Personal representatives

- (1) After section 6 of the 1967 Act insert—

### “6A Rights of personal representatives

- (1) Where a tenant of a house dies and, immediately before his death, he had under this Part of this Act—
  - (a) the right to acquire the freehold, or
  - (b) the right to an extended lease,
 the right is exercisable by his personal representatives while the tenancy is vested in them (but subject to subsection (2) below); and, accordingly, in such a case references in this Part of this Act to the tenant shall, in so far as the context permits, be to the personal representatives.
- (2) The personal representatives of a tenant may not give notice of their desire to have the freehold or an extended lease by virtue of subsection (1) above later than two years after the grant of probate or letters of administration.”

- (2) In paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 3 (particulars to be contained in notice), after “6” (in both places) insert “, 6A ”.

#### Commencement Information

**I71** S. 142 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 142 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 142 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 142 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art.2\(a\)](#)

## 143 Abolition of limits on rights after lease extension

- (1) In section 16 of the 1967 Act (limits on rights after extension of lease), omit—

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- (a) subsection (1)(a) (no right for tenant under extended tenancy to acquire freehold after end of original lease), and
  - (b) in subsection (4) (no right to freehold or extended lease in case of tenancy created by sub-demise under extended tenancy), the words “the freehold or”.
- (2) For subsection (1B) of that section (extended tenancy not an assured tenancy or assured agricultural occupancy or a tenancy to which Schedule 10 to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (c. 42) applies) substitute—
- “(1B) Schedule 10 to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 applies to every tenancy extended under section 14 above (whether or not it is for the purposes of that Schedule a long tenancy at a low rent as respects which the qualifying condition is fulfilled).”
- (3) Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) apply whether the tenancy in question is extended before or after the coming into force of that paragraph or subsection; and paragraph (b) of subsection (1) applies whether the lease by sub-demise in question is created before or after the coming into force of that paragraph.
- (4) In section 9 of the 1967 Act (purchase price), after subsection (1A) insert—
- “(1AA) Where, in a case in which the price payable for a house and premises is to be determined in accordance with subsection (1A) above, the tenancy has been extended under this Part of this Act—
- (a) if the relevant time is on or before the original term date, the assumptions set out in that subsection apply as if the tenancy is to terminate on the original term date; and
  - (b) if the relevant time is after the original term date, the assumptions set out in paragraphs (a), (c) and (e) of that subsection apply as if the tenancy had terminated on the original term date and the assumption set out in paragraph (b) of that subsection applies as if the words “at the end of the tenancy” were omitted.”

#### Commencement Information

**I72** S. 143 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 143 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 143 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 143 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

#### 144 Exclusion of shared ownership leases

- (1) Schedule 4A to the 1967 Act (exclusion of certain shared ownership leases) is amended as follows.
- (2) <sup>F74</sup> .....
- (3) In paragraph 3(2)(d) (conditions to be satisfied for exclusion of lease granted by a housing association), omit “assign”.

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### Textual Amendments

**F74** S. 144(2) repealed (1.4.2010) by [The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/866\)](#), [art. 7](#), [Sch. 4](#) (with [art. 6](#), [Sch. 3](#))

### Commencement Information

**I73** S. 144 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 144 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 144 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 144 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

## Purchase price

### 145 Tenant's share of marriage value

- (1) Section 9 of the 1967 Act (purchase price etc.) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1C) (purchase price payable where the right to acquire freehold arises by virtue of section 1A, 1AA or 1B), omit paragraph (a) (tenant's share of marriage value not to exceed one-half).
- (3) After that subsection insert—
 

“(1D) Where, in determining the price payable for a house and premises in accordance with this section, there falls to be taken into account any marriage value arising by virtue of the coalescence of the freehold and leasehold interests, the share of the marriage value to which the tenant is to be regarded as being entitled shall be one-half of it.”

### Commencement Information

**I74** S. 145 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 145 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 145 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 145 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

### 146 Disregard of marriage value in case of very long leases

In section 9 of the 1967 Act (purchase price etc.), after subsection (1D) (inserted by section 145) insert—

“(1E) But where at the relevant time the unexpired term of the tenant's tenancy exceeds eighty years, the marriage value shall be taken to be nil.”

### Commencement Information

**I75** S. 146 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 146 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 146 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 146 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))



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## 147 Purchase price for enfranchisement during lease extension

- (1) In section 9 of the 1967 Act (purchase price on enfranchisement), in subsection (1C) (cases where price is to be determined in accordance with subsection (1A)), after “1B above” insert “, or where the tenancy of the house and premises has been extended under section 14 below and the notice under section 8(1) above was given (whether by the tenant or a sub-tenant) after the original term date of the tenancy, ”.
- (2) In section 9A(1) of the 1967 Act (compensation payable in certain cases), after “1B above” insert “ or where the tenancy of the house and premises has been extended under section 14 below and the notice under section 8(1) above was given (whether by the tenant or a sub-tenant) after the original term date of the tenancy ”.

### Commencement Information

**I76** S. 147 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 147 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 147 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 147 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

### *Absent landlords*

## 148 Applications to be to county court

- (1) Section 27 of the 1967 Act (enfranchisement where landlord cannot be found) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1)—
  - (a) for “the High Court” (in both places), and
  - (b) for “the Court”,
 substitute “ the court ”.
- (3) In subsection (2)—
  - (a) for “the High Court” (in each place), and
  - (b) for “the Court” (in both places),
 substitute “ the court ”.
- (4) In subsection (3)—
  - (a) for “the Supreme Court”, and
  - (b) for “High Court” (in both places),
 substitute “ court ”.
- (5) In subsection (4), for “High Court” substitute “ court ”.
- (6) In subsection (6), for “the Supreme Court” substitute “ court ”.
- (7) In subsection (7)—
  - (a) for “the High Court” (in both places), and
  - (b) for “the Court”,
 substitute “ the court ”.



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**I77** S. 148 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 148 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 148 in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by S.I. 2003/1986, **art. 2(c)(i)** (with Sch. 2); s. 148 in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by S.I. 2004/669, **art. 2(c)(i)** (with Sch. 2)

## 149 Valuation by leasehold valuation tribunal

(1) In section 27 of the 1967 Act (enfranchisement where landlord cannot be found), for subsection (5) substitute—

“(5) The appropriate sum which, in accordance with subsection (3) above, is to be paid into court is the aggregate of—

- (a) such amount as may be determined by (or on appeal from) a leasehold valuation tribunal to be the price payable in accordance with section 9 above; and
- (b) the amount or estimated amount (as so determined) of any pecuniary rent payable for the house and premises up to the date of the conveyance which remains unpaid.”

(2) In section 21(1) of the 1967 Act (jurisdiction of leasehold valuation tribunals), after paragraph (c) insert—

“(cza) the amount of the appropriate sum to be paid into court under section 27(5);”.

### Commencement Information

**I78** S. 149 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 149 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 149 in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by S.I. 2003/1986, **art. 2(c)(i)** (with Sch. 2); s. 149 in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by S.I. 2004/669, **art. 2(c)(i)** (with Sch. 2)

## CHAPTER 5

### OTHER PROVISIONS ABOUT LEASES

#### *Service charges, administration charges etc.*

## 150 Extending meaning of service charge and management etc

Schedule 9 (which amends certain provisions about management of, and service charges in respect of, leasehold properties and confers power further to amend certain of those provisions) has effect.

### Commencement Information

**I79** S. 150 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 150 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 150 in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by S.I. 2003/1986, **art. 2(c)(i)** (with Sch. 2); s. 150 in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by S.I. 2004/669, **art. 2(c)(i)** (with Sch. 2)

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## 151 Consultation about service charges

For section 20 of the 1985 Act (limitation of service charges: estimates and consultation) substitute—

### “20 Limitation of service charges: consultation requirements

- (1) Where this section applies to any qualifying works or qualifying long term agreement, the relevant contributions of tenants are limited in accordance with subsection (6) or (7) (or both) unless the consultation requirements have been either—
  - (a) complied with in relation to the works or agreement, or
  - (b) dispensed with in relation to the works or agreement by (or on appeal from) a leasehold valuation tribunal.
- (2) In this section “relevant contribution”, in relation to a tenant and any works or agreement, is the amount which he may be required under the terms of his lease to contribute (by the payment of service charges) to relevant costs incurred on carrying out the works or under the agreement.
- (3) This section applies to qualifying works if relevant costs incurred on carrying out the works exceed an appropriate amount.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that this section applies to a qualifying long term agreement—
  - (a) if relevant costs incurred under the agreement exceed an appropriate amount, or
  - (b) if relevant costs incurred under the agreement during a period prescribed by the regulations exceed an appropriate amount.
- (5) An appropriate amount is an amount set by regulations made by the Secretary of State; and the regulations may make provision for either or both of the following to be an appropriate amount—
  - (a) an amount prescribed by, or determined in accordance with, the regulations, and
  - (b) an amount which results in the relevant contribution of any one or more tenants being an amount prescribed by, or determined in accordance with, the regulations.
- (6) Where an appropriate amount is set by virtue of paragraph (a) of subsection (5), the amount of the relevant costs incurred on carrying out the works or under the agreement which may be taken into account in determining the relevant contributions of tenants is limited to the appropriate amount.
- (7) Where an appropriate amount is set by virtue of paragraph (b) of that subsection, the amount of the relevant contribution of the tenant, or each of the tenants, whose relevant contribution would otherwise exceed the amount prescribed by, or determined in accordance with, the regulations is limited to the amount so prescribed or determined.

### 20ZA Consultation requirements: supplementary

- (1) Where an application is made to a leasehold valuation tribunal for a determination to dispense with all or any of the consultation requirements in

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relation to any qualifying works or qualifying long term agreement, the tribunal may make the determination if satisfied that it is reasonable to dispense with the requirements.

- (2) In section 20 and this section—
- “qualifying works” means works on a building or any other premises, and
- “qualifying long term agreement” means (subject to subsection (3)) an agreement entered into, by or on behalf of the landlord or a superior landlord, for a term of more than twelve months.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that an agreement is not a qualifying long term agreement—
- (a) if it is an agreement of a description prescribed by the regulations, or
  - (b) in any circumstances so prescribed.
- (4) In section 20 and this section “the consultation requirements” means requirements prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4) may in particular include provision requiring the landlord—
- (a) to provide details of proposed works or agreements to tenants or the recognised tenants’ association representing them,
  - (b) to obtain estimates for proposed works or agreements,
  - (c) to invite tenants or the recognised tenants’ association to propose the names of persons from whom the landlord should try to obtain other estimates,
  - (d) to have regard to observations made by tenants or the recognised tenants’ association in relation to proposed works or agreements and estimates, and
  - (e) to give reasons in prescribed circumstances for carrying out works or entering into agreements.
- (6) Regulations under section 20 or this section—
- (a) may make provision generally or only in relation to specific cases, and
  - (b) may make different provision for different purposes.
- (7) Regulations under section 20 or this section shall be made by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.”

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**180** S. 151 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 151 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 151 in force for specified purposes at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 151 in force for specified purposes at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 151 in force so far as not already in force at 31.10.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 3](#) (with savings); s. 151 in force so far as not already in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#) (with savings)

## 152 Statements of account

For section 21 of the 1985 Act (request for summary of relevant costs) substitute—

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## “21 Regular statements of account

- (1) The landlord must supply to each tenant by whom service charges are payable, in relation to each accounting period, a written statement of account dealing with—
  - (a) service charges of the tenant and the tenants of dwellings associated with his dwelling,
  - (b) relevant costs relating to those service charges,
  - (c) the aggregate amount standing to the credit of the tenant and the tenants of those dwellings—
    - (i) at the beginning of the accounting period, and
    - (ii) at the end of the accounting period, and
  - (d) related matters.
- (2) The statement of account in relation to an accounting period must be supplied to each such tenant not later than six months after the end of the accounting period.
- (3) Where the landlord supplies a statement of account to a tenant he must also supply to him—
  - (a) a certificate of a qualified accountant that, in the accountant’s opinion, the statement of account deals fairly with the matters with which it is required to deal and is sufficiently supported by accounts, receipts and other documents which have been produced to him, and
  - (b) a summary of the rights and obligations of tenants of dwellings in relation to service charges.
- (4) The Secretary of State may make regulations prescribing requirements as to the form and content of—
  - (a) statements of account,
  - (b) accountants’ certificates, and
  - (c) summaries of rights and obligations,required to be supplied under this section.
- (5) The Secretary of State may make regulations prescribing exceptions from the requirement to supply an accountant’s certificate.
- (6) If the landlord has been notified by a tenant of an address in England and Wales at which he wishes to have supplied to him documents required to be so supplied under this section, the landlord must supply them to him at that address.
- (7) And the landlord is to be taken to have been so notified if notification has been given to—
  - (a) an agent of the landlord named as such in the rent book or similar document, or
  - (b) the person who receives the rent on behalf of the landlord;and where notification is given to such an agent or person he must forward it as soon as may be to the landlord.

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- (8) For the purposes of this section a dwelling is associated with another dwelling if the obligations of the tenants of the dwellings under the terms of their leases as regards contributing to relevant costs relate to the same costs.
- (9) In this section “accounting period” means such period—
- (a) beginning with the relevant date, and
  - (b) ending with such date, not later than twelve months after the relevant date,
- as the landlord determines.
- (10) In the case of the first accounting period in relation to any dwellings, the relevant date is the later of—
- (a) the date on which service charges are first payable under a lease of any of them, and
  - (b) the date on which section 152 of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002 comes into force,
- and, in the case of subsequent accounting periods, it is the date immediately following the end of the previous accounting period.
- (11) Regulations under subsection (4) may make different provision for different purposes.
- (12) Regulations under this section shall be made by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

### **21A Withholding of service charges**

- (1) A tenant may withhold payment of a service charge if—
- (a) the landlord has not supplied a document to him by the time by which he is required to supply it under section 21, or
  - (b) the form or content of a document which the landlord has supplied to him under that section (at any time) does not conform exactly or substantially with the requirements prescribed by regulations under subsection (4) of that section.
- (2) The maximum amount which the tenant may withhold is an amount equal to the aggregate of—
- (a) the service charges paid by him in the accounting period to which the document concerned would or does relate, and
  - (b) so much of the aggregate amount required to be dealt with in the statement of account for that accounting period by section 21(1)(c)(i) as stood to his credit.
- (3) An amount may not be withheld under this section—
- (a) in a case within paragraph (a) of subsection (1), after the document concerned has been supplied to the tenant by the landlord, or
  - (b) in a case within paragraph (b) of that subsection, after a document conforming exactly or substantially with the requirements prescribed by regulations under section 21(4) has been supplied to the tenant by the landlord by way of replacement of the one previously supplied.

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- (4) If, on an application made by the landlord to a leasehold valuation tribunal, the tribunal determines that the landlord has a reasonable excuse for a failure giving rise to the right of a tenant to withhold an amount under this section, the tenant may not withhold the amount after the determination is made.
- (5) Where a tenant withholds a service charge under this section, any provisions of the tenancy relating to non-payment or late payment of service charges do not have effect in relation to the period for which he so withholds it.”

#### Commencement Information

**I81** S. 152 partly in force; s. 152 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 152 in force for specified purposes at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 152 in force for specified purposes at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

### 153 Notice to accompany demands for service charges

After section 21A of the 1985 Act (inserted by section 152) insert—

#### “21B Notice to accompany demands for service charges

- (1) A demand for the payment of a service charge must be accompanied by a summary of the rights and obligations of tenants of dwellings in relation to service charges.
- (2) The Secretary of State may make regulations prescribing requirements as to the form and content of such summaries of rights and obligations.
- (3) A tenant may withhold payment of a service charge which has been demanded from him if subsection (1) is not complied with in relation to the demand.
- (4) Where a tenant withholds a service charge under this section, any provisions of the lease relating to non-payment or late payment of service charges do not have effect in relation to the period for which he so withholds it.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (2) may make different provision for different purposes.
- (6) Regulations under subsection (2) shall be made by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.”

#### Commencement Information

**I82** S. 153 wholly in force at 30.11.2007; s. 153 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 153 in force for specified purposes at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 153 in force for specified purposes at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 153 in force so far as not already in force at 1.10.2007 for E. by [S.I. 2007/1256](#), [art. 2](#); s. 153 in force so far as not already in force at 30.11.2007 for W. by [S.I. 2007/3161](#), [art. 2](#)

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PROSPECTIVE

## 154 Inspection etc. of documents

For section 22 of the 1985 Act (request to inspect documents supporting summary of relevant costs) substitute—

### “22 Inspection etc. of documents

- (1) A tenant may by notice in writing require the landlord—
  - (a) to afford him reasonable facilities for inspecting accounts, receipts or other documents relevant to the matters which must be dealt with in a statement of account required to be supplied to him under section 21 and for taking copies of or extracts from them, or
  - (b) to take copies of or extracts from any such accounts, receipts or other documents and either send them to him or afford him reasonable facilities for collecting them (as he specifies).
- (2) If the tenant is represented by a recognised tenants’ association and he consents, the notice may be served by the secretary of the association instead of by the tenant (and in that case any requirement imposed by it is to afford reasonable facilities, or to send copies or extracts, to the secretary).
- (3) A notice under this section may not be served after the end of the period of six months beginning with the date by which the tenant is required to be supplied with the statement of account under section 21.
- (4) But if—
  - (a) the statement of account is not supplied to the tenant on or before that date, or
  - (b) the statement of account so supplied does not conform exactly or substantially with the requirements prescribed by regulations under section 21(4),
 the six month period mentioned in subsection (3) does not begin until any later date on which the statement of account (conforming exactly or substantially with those requirements) is supplied to him.
- (5) A notice under this section is duly served on the landlord if it is served on—
  - (a) an agent of the landlord named as such in the rent book or similar document, or
  - (b) the person who receives the rent on behalf of the landlord;
 and a person on whom such a notice is so served must forward it as soon as may be to the landlord.
- (6) The landlord must comply with a requirement imposed by a notice under this section within the period of twenty-one days beginning with the day on which he receives the notice.
- (7) To the extent that a notice under this section requires the landlord to afford facilities for inspecting documents—
  - (a) he must do so free of charge, but

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(b) he may treat as part of his costs of management any costs incurred by him in doing so.

(8) The landlord may make a reasonable charge for doing anything else in compliance with a requirement imposed by a notice under this section.”

## 155 Liability to pay service charges: jurisdiction

(1) After section 27 of the 1985 Act insert—

### “27A Liability to pay service charges: jurisdiction

(1) An application may be made to a leasehold valuation tribunal for a determination whether a service charge is payable and, if it is, as to—

- (a) the person by whom it is payable,
- (b) the person to whom it is payable,
- (c) the amount which is payable,
- (d) the date at or by which it is payable, and
- (e) the manner in which it is payable.

(2) Subsection (1) applies whether or not any payment has been made.

(3) An application may also be made to a leasehold valuation tribunal for a determination whether, if costs were incurred for services, repairs, maintenance, improvements, insurance or management of any specified description, a service charge would be payable for the costs and, if it would, as to—

- (a) the person by whom it would be payable,
- (b) the person to whom it would be payable,
- (c) the amount which would be payable,
- (d) the date at or by which it would be payable, and
- (e) the manner in which it would be payable.

(4) No application under subsection (1) or (3) may be made in respect of a matter which—

- (a) has been agreed or admitted by the tenant,
- (b) has been, or is to be, referred to arbitration pursuant to a post-dispute arbitration agreement to which the tenant is a party,
- (c) has been the subject of determination by a court, or
- (d) has been the subject of determination by an arbitral tribunal pursuant to a post-dispute arbitration agreement.

(5) But the tenant is not to be taken to have agreed or admitted any matter by reason only of having made any payment.

(6) An agreement by the tenant of a dwelling (other than a post-dispute arbitration agreement) is void in so far as it purports to provide for a determination—

- (a) in a particular manner, or
- (b) on particular evidence,

of any question which may be the subject of an application under subsection (1) or (3).



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- (7) The jurisdiction conferred on a leasehold valuation tribunal in respect of any matter by virtue of this section is in addition to any jurisdiction of a court in respect of the matter.”
- (2) In section 38 of the 1985 Act (definitions), at the end of the definitions of “arbitration agreement”, “arbitration agreement” and “arbitral tribunal”, insert “ and post-dispute arbitration agreement”, in relation to any matter, means an arbitration agreement made after a dispute about the matter has arisen; ”.
- (3) In section 39 of the 1985 Act (index of defined expressions), in the first column, in the entry “arbitration agreement, arbitration agreement and arbitral tribunal”, for “and arbitral tribunal” substitute “ , arbitral tribunal and post-dispute arbitration agreement ”.

#### Commencement Information

**183** S. 155 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 155 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 155 in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by S.I. 2003/1986, **art. 2(c)(i)** (with **Sch. 2**); s. 155 in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by S.I. 2004/669, **art. 2(c)(i)** (with **Sch. 2**)

## 156 Service charge contributions to be held in separate account

- (1) After section 42 of the 1987 Act insert—

### “42A Service charge contributions to be held in designated account

- (1) The payee must hold any sums standing to the credit of any trust fund in a designated account at a relevant financial institution.
- (2) An account is a designated account in relation to sums standing to the credit of a trust fund if—
- the relevant financial institution has been notified in writing that sums standing to the credit of the trust fund are to be (or are) held in it, and
  - no other funds are held in the account,
- and the account is an account of a description specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (3) Any of the contributing tenants, or the sole contributing tenant, may by notice in writing require the payee—
- to afford him reasonable facilities for inspecting documents evidencing that subsection (1) is complied with and for taking copies of or extracts from them, or
  - to take copies of or extracts from any such documents and either send them to him or afford him reasonable facilities for collecting them (as he specifies).
- (4) If the tenant is represented by a recognised tenants’ association and he consents, the notice may be served by the secretary of the association instead of by the tenant (and in that case any requirement imposed by it is to afford reasonable facilities, or to send copies or extracts, to the secretary).
- (5) A notice under this section is duly served on the payee if it is served on—

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- (a) an agent of the payee named as such in the rent book or similar document, or
  - (b) the person who receives the rent on behalf of the payee;
- and a person on whom such a notice is so served must forward it as soon as may be to the payee.
- (6) The payee must comply with a requirement imposed by a notice under this section within the period of twenty-one days beginning with the day on which he receives the notice.
  - (7) To the extent that a notice under this section requires the payee to afford facilities for inspecting documents—
    - (a) he must do so free of charge, but
    - (b) he may treat as part of his costs of management any costs incurred by him in doing so.
  - (8) The payee may make a reasonable charge for doing anything else in compliance with a requirement imposed by a notice under this section.
  - (9) Any of the contributing tenants, or the sole contributing tenant, may withhold payment of a service charge if he has reasonable grounds for believing that the payee has failed to comply with the duty imposed on him by subsection (1); and any provisions of his tenancy relating to non-payment or late payment of service charges do not have effect in relation to the period for which he so withholds it.
  - (10) Nothing in this section applies to the payee if the circumstances are such as are specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State.
  - (11) In this section—
    - “recognised tenants’ association” has the same meaning as in the 1985 Act, and
    - “relevant financial institution” has the meaning given by regulations made by the Secretary of State;
 and expressions used both in section 42 and this section have the same meaning as in that section.

#### **42B Failure to comply with section 42A**

- (1) If a person fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with a duty imposed on him by or by virtue of section 42A he commits an offence.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.
- (3) Where an offence under this section committed by a body corporate is proved—
  - (a) to have been committed with the consent or connivance of a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate, or a person purporting to act in such a capacity, or
  - (b) to be due to any neglect on the part of such an officer or person,
 he, as well as the body corporate, is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

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- (4) Where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, subsection (3) applies in relation to the acts and defaults of a member in connection with his functions of management as if he were a director of the body corporate.
- (5) Proceedings for an offence under this section may be brought by a local housing authority (within the meaning of section 1 of the Housing Act 1985 (c. 68)).”
- (2) In section 53(2)(b) of the 1987 Act (regulations subject to negative procedure), insert at the end “or 42A”.

#### Commencement Information

**184** S. 156 partly in force; s. 156 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 156 in force for specified purposes at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 156 in force for specified purposes at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

### 157 Service charges: minor and consequential amendments

Schedule 10 (minor and consequential amendments about service charges) has effect.

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**185** S. 157 partly in force; s. 157 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 157 in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), {art. 2(c)(i) (with Sch. 2)}; s. 157 in force for specified purposes at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), {art. 2(c)(i) (with Sch. 2)}; s. 157 in force for specified purposes at 28.2.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2004/3056](#), [art. 3\(b\)](#); s. 157 in force for specified purposes at 31.5.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/1353](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

### 158 Administration charges

Schedule 11 (which makes provision about administration charges payable by tenants of dwellings) has effect.

#### Commencement Information

**186** S. 158 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 158 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 158 in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(c\)\(i\)](#) (with [Sch. 2](#)); s. 158 in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(c\)\(i\)](#) (with [Sch. 2](#))

### 159 Charges under estate management schemes

- (1) This section applies where a scheme under—
- (a) section 19 of the 1967 Act (estate management schemes in connection with enfranchisement under that Act),
  - (b) Chapter 4 of Part 1 of the 1993 Act (estate management schemes in connection with enfranchisement under the 1967 Act or Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the 1993 Act), or

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- (c) section 94(6) of the 1993 Act (corresponding schemes in relation to areas occupied under leases from Crown),  
includes provision imposing on persons occupying or interested in property an obligation to make payments (“estate charges”).
- (2) A variable estate charge is payable only to the extent that the amount of the charge is reasonable; and “variable estate charge” means an estate charge which is neither—
- (a) specified in the scheme, nor
  - (b) calculated in accordance with a formula specified in the scheme.
- (3) Any person on whom an obligation to pay an estate charge is imposed by the scheme may apply to [<sup>F75</sup>the appropriate tribunal] for an order varying the scheme in such manner as is specified in the application on the grounds that—
- (a) any estate charge specified in the scheme is unreasonable, or
  - (b) any formula specified in the scheme in accordance with which any estate charge is calculated is unreasonable.
- (4) If the grounds on which the application was made are established to the satisfaction of the tribunal, it may make an order varying the scheme in such manner as is specified in the order.
- (5) The variation specified in the order may be—
- (a) the variation specified in the application, or
  - (b) such other variation as the tribunal thinks fit.
- (6) An application may be made to [<sup>F76</sup>the appropriate tribunal] for a determination whether an estate charge is payable by a person and, if it is, as to—
- (a) the person by whom it is payable,
  - (b) the person to whom it is payable,
  - (c) the amount which is payable,
  - (d) the date at or by which it is payable, and
  - (e) the manner in which it is payable.
- (7) Subsection (6) applies whether or not any payment has been made.
- (8) The jurisdiction conferred on [<sup>F77</sup>the appropriate tribunal] in respect of any matter by virtue of subsection (6) is in addition to any jurisdiction of a court in respect of the matter.
- (9) No application under subsection (6) may be made in respect of a matter which—
- (a) has been agreed or admitted by the person concerned,
  - (b) has been, or is to be, referred to arbitration pursuant to a post-dispute arbitration agreement to which that person is a party,
  - (c) has been the subject of determination by a court, or
  - (d) has been the subject of determination by an arbitral tribunal pursuant to a post-dispute arbitration agreement.
- (10) But the person is not to be taken to have agreed or admitted any matter by reason only of having made any payment.
- (11) An agreement (other than a post-dispute arbitration agreement) is void in so far as it purports to provide for a determination—
- (a) in a particular manner, or

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(b) on particular evidence,  
of any question which may be the subject matter of an application under subsection (6).

(12) In this section—

“post-dispute arbitration agreement”, in relation to any matter, means an arbitration agreement made after a dispute about the matter has arisen, and

“arbitration agreement” and “arbitral tribunal” have the same meanings as in Part 1 of the Arbitration Act 1996 (c. 23).

[<sup>F78</sup>(13) For the purposes of this section, “appropriate tribunal” means—

(a) in relation to premises in England, the First-tier Tribunal or, where determined by or under Tribunal Procedure Rules, the Upper Tribunal; and

(b) in relation to premises in Wales, a leasehold valuation tribunal.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F75** Words in s. 159(3) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. 1 para. 139\(a\)](#) (with Sch. 3)

**F76** Words in s. 159(6) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. 1 para. 139\(a\)](#) (with Sch. 3)

**F77** Words in s. 159(8) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. 1 para. 139\(a\)](#) (with Sch. 3)

**F78** S. 159(13) inserted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. 1 para. 139\(b\)](#) (with Sch. 3)

#### Commencement Information

**I87** S. 159 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 159 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 159 in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 159 in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

*Managers appointed by <sup>F79</sup>... tribunal*

#### Textual Amendments

**F79** Words in s. 160 cross-heading omitted (1.7.2013) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. 1 para. 140](#) (with Sch. 3)

## 160 Third parties with management responsibilities

(1) The 1987 Act has effect subject to the following amendments.

(2) In section 22 (notice by tenant before application for appointment of manager is made)

(a) in subsection (1), for “on the landlord by the tenant” substitute “by the tenant on—

(i) the landlord, and

(ii) any person (other than the landlord) by whom obligations relating to the management of the premises or any part of them are owed to the tenant under his tenancy”,

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- (b) in subsection (2)(a), for “the landlord” substitute “ any person on whom the notice is served ”,
  - (c) in subsection (2)(b), for “landlord complies with the requirement specified in pursuance of that paragraph” substitute “ requirement specified in pursuance of that paragraph is complied with ”,
  - (d) in subsection (2)(d), for “the landlord, require the landlord” substitute “ any person on whom the notice is served, require him ”, and
  - (e) in subsection (3)—
    - (i) after “this section” insert “ on a person ”, and
    - (ii) for “landlord” substitute “ person ”.
- (3) In section 23(1) (application to tribunal for appointment of manager), for “landlord having taken the steps that he was required to take in pursuance of that provision” substitute “ person required to take steps in pursuance of that paragraph having taken them ”.
- (4) In section 24 (appointment of manager by tribunal)—
- (a) in subsection (2), for “the landlord” (in both places) substitute “ any relevant person ”,
  - (b) after that subsection insert—
 

“(2ZA) In this section “relevant person” means a person—

    - (a) on whom a notice has been served under section 22, or
    - (b) in the case of whom the requirement to serve a notice under that section has been dispensed with by an order under subsection (3) of that section.”,
  - (c) in subsection (5), for “the landlord” substitute “ any relevant person ”,
  - (d) in subsection (9A), for “a landlord’s application” substitute “ the application of any relevant person ”, and
  - (e) in subsection (11), for “section” substitute “ Part ”.
- (5) In section 29(3), insert at the end “which was made by reason of an act or omission on the part of the landlord.”

#### Commencement Information

**188** S. 160 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 160 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 160 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 160 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

## 161 Restriction of resident landlord exception

In section 21 of the 1987 Act (tenant’s right to apply to tribunal for appointment of manager), after subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) But this Part is not prevented from applying to any premises because the interest of the landlord in the premises is held by a resident landlord if at least one-half of the flats contained in the premises are held on long leases which are not tenancies to which Part 2 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (c. 56) applies.”

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**189** S. 161 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 161 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 161 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 161 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

## Variation of leases

### 162 Grounds for application by party to lease

- (1) Section 35 of the 1987 Act (application by party to lease for variation of lease) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2) (grounds for application), for paragraph (b) substitute—
  - “(b) the insurance of the building containing the flat or of any such land or building as is mentioned in paragraph (a)(iii);”.
- (3) After paragraph (f) of that subsection insert—
  - “(g) such other matters as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State.”
- (4) After subsection (3) insert—
  - “(3A) For the purposes of subsection (2)(e) the factors for determining, in relation to a service charge payable under a lease, whether the lease makes satisfactory provision include whether it makes provision for an amount to be payable (by way of interest or otherwise) in respect of a failure to pay the service charge by the due date.”
- (5) In section 53(2)(b) of the 1987 Act (regulations subject to negative Parliamentary procedure), after “section 20(4)” insert “or 35(2)(g) ”.

### Commencement Information

**190** S. 162 wholly in force at 1.1.2003; s. 162 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 181(1); s. 162 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#)); s. 162 in force at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [Sch. 2](#))

### 163 Transfer of jurisdiction of court to tribunal

- (1) Part 4 of the 1987 Act (variation of leases) is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 35 (application by party to lease for variation of lease)—
  - (a) in subsection (1), for “the court” substitute “ a leasehold valuation tribunal ”, and
  - (b) in subsection (5), for “Rules of court” substitute “ Procedure regulations under Schedule 12 to the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002 ”.
- (3) In section 36(1) (application by respondent for variation of other leases), for “court” substitute “ tribunal ”.

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- (4) In section 37(1) (application by majority of parties for variation of leases), for “the court” substitute “ a leasehold valuation tribunal ”.
- (5) In section 38 (orders varying leases)—
- (a) in subsections (1) to (5), for “court” (in each place) substitute “ tribunal ”,
  - (b) in subsection (6)—
    - (i) for “The court” substitute “ A tribunal ”, and
    - (ii) for “the court” substitute “ the tribunal ”,
  - (c) in subsections (7) to (9), for “The court” substitute “ A tribunal ”, and
  - (d) in subsection (10)—
    - (i) for “the court”, in the first place, substitute “ a tribunal ”, and
    - (ii) for “the court”, in the other two places, substitute “ the tribunal ”.
- (6) In section 39 (applications by third parties for orders varying leases)—
- (a) in subsection (3)(b), for “the court” substitute “ a leasehold valuation tribunal ”,
  - (b) in subsection (4), for “The court” substitute “ A tribunal ”, and
  - (c) in subsection (5)(b), for “court” substitute “ tribunal ”.
- (7) In section 40(1) (variation of insurance provisions of dwelling other than flat), for “the court” substitute “ a leasehold valuation tribunal ”.
- (8) In consequence of the preceding provisions, in section 52(2)(a) of the 1987 Act (jurisdiction of county courts), for “, 3 and 4” substitute “ and 3 ”.

#### Commencement Information

**I91** S. 163 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 163 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 163 in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 163 in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### Insurance

#### 164 Insurance otherwise than with landlord’s insurer

- (1) This section applies where a long lease of a house requires the tenant to insure the house with an insurer nominated or approved by the landlord (“the landlord’s insurer”).
- (2) The tenant is not required to effect the insurance with the landlord’s insurer if—
- (a) the house is insured under a policy of insurance issued by an authorised insurer,
  - (b) the policy covers the interests of both the landlord and the tenant,
  - (c) the policy covers all the risks which the lease requires be covered by insurance provided by the landlord’s insurer,
  - (d) the amount of the cover is not less than that which the lease requires to be provided by such insurance, and
  - (e) the tenant satisfies subsection (3).
- (3) To satisfy this subsection the tenant—



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- (a) must have given a notice of cover to the landlord before the end of the period of fourteen days beginning with the relevant date, and
  - (b) if (after that date) he has been requested to do so by a new landlord, must have given a notice of cover to him within the period of fourteen days beginning with the day on which the request was given.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3)—
- (a) if the policy has not been renewed the relevant date is the day on which it took effect and if it has been renewed it is the day from which it was last renewed, and
  - (b) a person is a new landlord on any day if he acquired the interest of the previous landlord under the lease on a disposal made by him during the period of one month ending with that day.
- (5) A notice of cover is a notice specifying—
- (a) the name of the insurer,
  - (b) the risks covered by the policy,
  - (c) the amount and period of the cover, and
  - (d) such further information as may be prescribed.
- (6) A notice of cover—
- (a) must be in the prescribed form, and
  - (b) may be sent by post.
- (7) If a notice of cover is sent by post, it may be addressed to the landlord at the address specified in subsection (8).
- (8) That address is—
- (a) the address last furnished to the tenant as the landlord’s address for service in accordance with section 48 of the 1987 Act (notification of address for service of notices on landlord), or
  - (b) if no such address has been so furnished, the address last furnished to the tenant as the landlord’s address in accordance with section 47 of the 1987 Act (landlord’s name and address to be contained in demands for rent).
- (9) But the tenant may not give a notice of cover to the landlord at the address specified in subsection (8) if he has been notified by the landlord of a different address in England and Wales at which he wishes to be given any such notice.
- (10) In this section—
- “authorised insurer”, in relation to a policy of insurance, means a person who may carry on in the United Kingdom the business of effecting or carrying out contracts of insurance of the sort provided under the policy without contravening the prohibition imposed by section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (c. 8),
  - “house” has the same meaning as for the purposes of Part 1 of the 1967 Act,
  - “landlord” and “tenant” have the same meanings as in Chapter 1 of this Part,
  - “long lease” has the meaning given by sections 76 and 77 of this Act, and
  - “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the appropriate national authority.

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### 165 Extension of right to challenge landlord’s choice of insurer

- (1) Paragraph 8 of the Schedule to the 1985 Act (right to challenge landlord’s nomination of insurer) is amended as follows.
- (2) In sub-paragraphs (1) and (2), after “nominated” insert “ or approved ”.
- (3) In sub-paragraph (4), after “nominate” (in both places) insert “ or approve ”.

#### Commencement Information

**I93** S. 165 wholly in force at 31.5.2005; s. 165 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 165 in force at 28.2.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2004/3056](#), [art. 3\(d\)](#); s. 165 in force at 31.5.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/1353](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

### *Ground rent*

### 166 Requirement to notify long leaseholders that rent is due

- (1) A tenant under a long lease of a dwelling is not liable to make a payment of rent under the lease unless the landlord has given him a notice relating to the payment; and the date on which he is liable to make the payment is that specified in the notice.
- (2) The notice must specify—
  - (a) the amount of the payment,
  - (b) the date on which the tenant is liable to make it, and
  - (c) if different from that date, the date on which he would have been liable to make it in accordance with the lease,
 and shall contain any such further information as may be prescribed.
- (3) The date on which the tenant is liable to make the payment must not be—
  - (a) either less than 30 days or more than 60 days after the day on which the notice is given, or
  - (b) before that on which he would have been liable to make it in accordance with the lease.
- (4) If the date on which the tenant is liable to make the payment is after that on which he would have been liable to make it in accordance with the lease, any provisions of the lease relating to non-payment or late payment of rent have effect accordingly.
- (5) The notice—
  - (a) must be in the prescribed form, and
  - (b) may be sent by post.

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- (6) If the notice is sent by post, it must be addressed to a tenant at the dwelling unless he has notified the landlord in writing of a different address in England and Wales at which he wishes to be given notices under this section (in which case it must be addressed to him there).
- (7) In this section “rent” does not include—
- (a) a service charge (within the meaning of section 18(1) of the 1985 Act), or
  - (b) an administration charge (within the meaning of Part 1 of Schedule 11 to this Act).
- (8) In this section “long lease of a dwelling” does not include—
- (a) a tenancy to which Part 2 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (c. 56) (business tenancies) applies,
  - (b) a tenancy of an agricultural holding within the meaning of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 (c. 5) in relation to which that Act applies, or
  - (c) a farm business tenancy within the meaning of the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995 (c. 8).
- (9) In this section—
- “dwelling” has the same meaning as in the 1985 Act,
- “landlord” and “tenant” have the same meanings as in Chapter 1 of this Part,
- “long lease” has the meaning given by sections 76 and 77 of this Act, and
- “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the appropriate national authority.

#### Commencement Information

**194** S. 166 wholly in force at 31.5.2005; s. 166 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 166 in force for specified purposes at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 166 in force for specified purposes at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#); s. 166 in force so far as not already in force at 28.2.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2004/3056](#), [art. 3\(e\)](#); s. 166 in force so far as not already in force at 31.5.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/1353](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

### *Forfeiture of leases of dwellings*

#### **167 Failure to pay small amount for short period**

- (1) A landlord under a long lease of a dwelling may not exercise a right of re-entry or forfeiture for failure by a tenant to pay an amount consisting of rent, service charges or administration charges (or a combination of them) (“the unpaid amount”) unless the unpaid amount—
- (a) exceeds the prescribed sum, or
  - (b) consists of or includes an amount which has been payable for more than a prescribed period.
- (2) The sum prescribed under subsection (1)(a) must not exceed £500.
- (3) If the unpaid amount includes a default charge, it is to be treated for the purposes of subsection (1)(a) as reduced by the amount of the charge; and for this purpose “default

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charge” means an administration charge payable in respect of the tenant’s failure to pay any part of the unpaid amount.

- (4) In this section “long lease of a dwelling” does not include—
- (a) a tenancy to which Part 2 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (c. 56) (business tenancies) applies,
  - (b) a tenancy of an agricultural holding within the meaning of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 (c. 5) in relation to which that Act applies, or
  - (c) a farm business tenancy within the meaning of the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995 (c. 8).
- (5) In this section—
- “administration charge” has the same meaning as in Part 1 of Schedule 11,
  - “dwelling” has the same meaning as in the 1985 Act,
  - “landlord” and “tenant” have the same meaning as in Chapter 1 of this Part,
  - “long lease” has the meaning given by sections 76 and 77 of this Act, except that a shared ownership lease is a long lease whatever the tenant’s total share,
  - “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the appropriate national authority, and
  - “service charge” has the meaning given by section 18(1) of the 1985 Act.

#### Commencement Information

**195** S. 167 wholly in force at 31.5.2005; s. 167 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 167 in force for specified purposes at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 167 in force for specified purposes at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 167 in force so far as not already in force at 28.2.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2004/3056](#), [art. 3\(e\)](#); s. 167 in force so far as not already in force at 31.5.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/1353](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

#### 168 No forfeiture notice before determination of breach

- (1) A landlord under a long lease of a dwelling may not serve a notice under section 146(1) of the Law of Property Act 1925 (c. 20) (restriction on forfeiture) in respect of a breach by a tenant of a covenant or condition in the lease unless subsection (2) is satisfied.
- (2) This subsection is satisfied if—
- (a) it has been finally determined on an application under subsection (4) that the breach has occurred,
  - (b) the tenant has admitted the breach, or
  - (c) a court in any proceedings, or an arbitral tribunal in proceedings pursuant to a post-dispute arbitration agreement, has finally determined that the breach has occurred.
- (3) But a notice may not be served by virtue of subsection (2)(a) or (c) until after the end of the period of 14 days beginning with the day after that on which the final determination is made.
- (4) A landlord under a long lease of a dwelling may make an application to <sup>[F80]</sup>the appropriate tribunal] for a determination that a breach of a covenant or condition in the lease has occurred.

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(5) But a landlord may not make an application under subsection (4) in respect of a matter which—

- (a) has been, or is to be, referred to arbitration pursuant to a post-dispute arbitration agreement to which the tenant is a party,
- (b) has been the subject of determination by a court, or
- (c) has been the subject of determination by an arbitral tribunal pursuant to a post-dispute arbitration agreement.

[<sup>F81</sup>(6) For the purposes of subsection (4), “appropriate tribunal” means—

- (a) in relation to a dwelling in England, the First-tier Tribunal or, where determined by or under Tribunal Procedure Rules, the Upper Tribunal; and
- (b) in relation to a dwelling in Wales, a leasehold valuation tribunal.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F80** Words in s. 168(4) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 141\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 3](#))

**F81** S. 168(6) inserted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 141\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 3](#))

#### Commencement Information

**I96** S. 168 wholly in force at 31.5.2005; s. 168 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 168 in force at 28.2.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2004/3056](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#) (with [art. 4\(2\)](#)); s. 168 in force at 31.5.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/1353](#), [art. 2\(f\)](#) (with [art. 3\(3\)](#))

## 169 Section 168: supplementary

(1) An agreement by a tenant under a long lease of a dwelling (other than a post-dispute arbitration agreement) is void in so far as it purports to provide for a determination—

- (a) in a particular manner, or
- (b) on particular evidence,

of any question which may be the subject of an application under section 168(4).

(2) For the purposes of section 168 it is finally determined that a breach of a covenant or condition in a lease has occurred—

- (a) if a decision that it has occurred is not appealed against or otherwise challenged, at the end of the period for bringing an appeal or other challenge, or
- (b) if such a decision is appealed against or otherwise challenged and not set aside in consequence of the appeal or other challenge, at the time specified in subsection (3).

(3) The time referred to in subsection (2)(b) is the time when the appeal or other challenge is disposed of—

- (a) by the determination of the appeal or other challenge and the expiry of the time for bringing a subsequent appeal (if any), or
- (b) by its being abandoned or otherwise ceasing to have effect.

(4) In section 168 and this section “long lease of a dwelling” does not include—

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- (a) a tenancy to which Part 2 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (c. 56) (business tenancies) applies,
  - (b) a tenancy of an agricultural holding within the meaning of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 (c. 5) in relation to which that Act applies, or
  - (c) a farm business tenancy within the meaning of the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995 (c. 8).
- (5) In section 168 and this section—
- “arbitration agreement” and “arbitral tribunal” have the same meaning as in Part 1 of the Arbitration Act 1996 (c. 23) and “post-dispute arbitration agreement”, in relation to any breach (or alleged breach), means an arbitration agreement made after the breach has occurred (or is alleged to have occurred),
  - “dwelling” has the same meaning as in the 1985 Act,
  - “landlord” and “tenant” have the same meaning as in Chapter 1 of this Part, and
  - “long lease” has the meaning given by sections 76 and 77 of this Act, except that a shared ownership lease is a long lease whatever the tenant’s total share.
- (6) Section 146(7) of the Law of Property Act 1925 (c. 20) applies for the purposes of section 168 and this section.
- (7) Nothing in section 168 affects the service of a notice under section 146(1) of the Law of Property Act 1925 in respect of a failure to pay—
- (a) a service charge (within the meaning of section 18(1) of the 1985 Act), or
  - (b) an administration charge (within the meaning of Part 1 of Schedule 11 to this Act).

#### Commencement Information

**197** S. 169 wholly in force at 31.5.2005; s. 169 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 169 in force at 28.2.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2004/3056](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#); s. 169 in force at 31.5.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/1353](#), [art. 2\(f\)](#)

#### 170 Forfeiture for failure to pay service charge etc

- (1) Section 81 of the Housing Act 1996 (c. 52) (restriction on forfeiture for failure to pay service charge) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1), for the words from “to pay” to the end substitute “by a tenant to pay a service charge or administration charge unless—
  - (a) it is finally determined by (or on appeal from) a leasehold valuation tribunal or by a court, or by an arbitral tribunal in proceedings pursuant to a post-dispute arbitration agreement, that the amount of the service charge or administration charge is payable by him, or
  - (b) the tenant has admitted that it is so payable.”
- (3) For subsection (2) substitute—
  - “(2) The landlord may not exercise a right of re-entry or forfeiture by virtue of subsection (1)(a) until after the end of the period of 14 days beginning with the day after that on which the final determination is made.”

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(4) For subsection (3) substitute—

“(3) For the purposes of this section it is finally determined that the amount of a service charge or administration charge is payable—

- (a) if a decision that it is payable is not appealed against or otherwise challenged, at the end of the time for bringing an appeal or other challenge, or
- (b) if such a decision is appealed against or otherwise challenged and not set aside in consequence of the appeal or other challenge, at the time specified in subsection (3A).

(3A) The time referred to in subsection (3)(b) is the time when the appeal or other challenge is disposed of—

- (a) by the determination of the appeal or other challenge and the expiry of the time for bringing a subsequent appeal (if any), or
- (b) by its being abandoned or otherwise ceasing to have effect.”

(5) After subsection (4) insert—

“(4A) References in this section to the exercise of a right of re-entry or forfeiture include the service of a notice under section 146(1) of the Law of Property Act 1925 (restriction on re-entry or forfeiture).”

(6) In subsection (5), after “this section” insert—

- “(a) “administration charge” has the meaning given by Part 1 of Schedule 11 to the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002,
- (b) “arbitration agreement” and “arbitral tribunal” have the same meaning as in Part 1 of the Arbitration Act 1996 (c. 23) and “post-dispute arbitration agreement”, in relation to any matter, means an arbitration agreement made after a dispute about the matter has arisen,
- (c) “dwelling” has the same meaning as in the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 (c. 70), and
- (d)”.

#### Commencement Information

**198** S. 170 wholly in force at 31.5.2005; s. 170 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 170 in force at 28.2.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2004/3056](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#) (with [art. 4\(3\)](#)); s. 170 in force at 31.5.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/1353](#), [art. 2\(f\)](#) (with [art. 3\(4\)](#))

## 171 Power to prescribe additional or different requirements

- (1) The appropriate national authority may by regulations prescribe requirements which must be met before a right of re-entry or forfeiture may be exercised in relation to a breach of a covenant or condition in a long lease of an unmortgaged dwelling.
- (2) The regulations may specify that the requirements are to be in addition to, or instead of, requirements imposed otherwise than by the regulations.
- (3) In this section “long lease of a dwelling” does not include—
  - (a) a tenancy to which Part 2 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (c. 56) (business tenancies) applies,



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- (b) a tenancy of an agricultural holding within the meaning of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 (c. 5) in relation to which that Act applies, or
  - (c) a farm business tenancy within the meaning of the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995 (c. 8).
- (4) For the purposes of this section a dwelling is unmortgaged if it is not subject to a mortgage, charge or lien.
- (5) In this section—
- “dwelling” has the same meaning as in the 1985 Act, and
  - “long lease” has the meaning given by sections 76 and 77 of this Act, except that a shared ownership lease is a long lease whatever the tenant’s total share.

#### Commencement Information

**199** S. 171 wholly in force at 31.5.2005; s. 171 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 171 in force for specified purposes at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 171 in force for specified purposes at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 171 in force so far as not already in force at 28.2.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2004/3056](#), [art. 3\(g\)](#); s. 171 in force so far as not already in force at 31.5.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/1353](#), [art. 2\(g\)](#)

### *Crown application*

## 172 Application to Crown

- (1) The following provisions apply in relation to Crown land (as in relation to other land)
- (a) sections 18 to [<sup>F82</sup>30I] of (and the Schedule to) the 1985 Act (service charges, insurance and managing agents [<sup>F83</sup>and building safety]),
  - (b) Part 2 of the 1987 Act (appointment of manager by [<sup>F84</sup>the appropriate tribunal] ),
  - (c) Part 4 of the 1987 Act (variation of leases),
  - (d) sections 46 to [<sup>F85</sup>49A] of the 1987 Act (information to be furnished to tenants),
  - (e) Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the 1993 Act (management audit),
  - (f) section 81 of the Housing Act 1996 (c. 52) (restriction on termination of tenancy for failure to pay service charge etc.),
  - (g) section 84 of (and Schedule 4 to) that Act (right to appoint surveyor), and
  - (h) in this Chapter, the provisions relating to any of the provisions within paragraphs (a) to (g), Part 1 of Schedule 11 and sections 164 to 171.
- (2) Land is Crown land if there is or has at any time been an interest or estate in the land—
- (a) comprised in the Crown Estate,
  - (b) belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Duchy of Lancaster,
  - (c) belonging to the Duchy of Cornwall, or
  - (d) belonging to a government department or held on behalf of Her Majesty for the purposes of a government department.
- (3) No failure by the Crown to perform a duty imposed by or by virtue of any of sections 21 to 23A of, or any of paragraphs 2 to 4A of the Schedule to, the 1985 Act makes



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the Crown criminally liable; but the High Court may declare any such failure without reasonable excuse to be unlawful.

- (4) Any sum payable under any of the provisions mentioned in subsection (1) by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster may be raised and paid under section 25 of the Duchy of Lancaster Act 1817 (c. 97) as an expense incurred in improvement of land belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Duchy.
- (5) Any sum payable under any such provision by the Duke of Cornwall (or any other possessor for the time being of the Duchy of Cornwall) may be raised and paid under section 8 of the Duchy of Cornwall Management Act 1863 (c. 49) as an expense incurred in permanently improving the possessions of the Duchy.
- (6) In section 56 of the 1987 Act (Crown land)—
  - (a) in subsection (1), for “This Act” substitute “ Parts 1 and 3 and sections 42 to 42B (and so much of this Part as relates to those provisions) ”, and
  - (b) in subsection (3), for “this Act” substitute “ the provisions mentioned in subsection (1) ”.

#### Textual Amendments

- F82** Word in s. 172(1)(a) substituted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes) by [Building Safety Act 2022 \(c. 30\)](#), **ss. 112(7)(a)**, 170(2) (with s. 164)
- F83** Words in s. 172(1)(a) inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes) by [Building Safety Act 2022 \(c. 30\)](#), **ss. 112(7)(b)**, 170(2) (with s. 164)
- F84** Words in s. 172(1)(b) substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 1 para. 142** (with Sch. 3)
- F85** Word in s. 172(1)(d) substituted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes) by [Building Safety Act 2022 \(c. 30\)](#), **ss. 113(5)**, 170(2) (with s. 164)

#### Commencement Information

- I100** S. 172 partly in force; s. 172 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 172(1)-(5)(6) in force for specified purposes at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), **art. 2(c)(ii)(iii)** (with Sch. 2); s. 172(1)-(5) (6) in force for specified purposes at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), **art. 2(c)(ii)(iii)** (with Sch. 2); s. 172(1)-(5) in force for specified purposes. at 28.2.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2004/3056](#), **art. 3(h)**; s. 172(1)-(5) in force for specified purposes at 31.5.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/1353](#), **art. 2(h)**

## CHAPTER 6

### LEASEHOLD VALUATION TRIBUNALS

#### 173 Leasehold valuation tribunals

- (1) Any jurisdiction conferred on a leasehold valuation tribunal by or under any enactment is exercisable by a rent assessment committee constituted in accordance with Schedule 10 to the Rent Act 1977 (c. 42).
- (2) When so constituted for exercising any such jurisdiction a rent assessment committee is known as a leasehold valuation tribunal.

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**1101** S. 173 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 173 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 173 in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 173 in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

**174 Procedure**

Schedule 12 (leasehold valuation tribunals: procedure) has effect.

**Commencement Information**

**1102** S. 174 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 174 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 174 in force for specified purposes at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 174 in force for specified purposes at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 174 in force so far as not already in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#); s. 174 in force so far as not already in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

**175 Appeals**

- (1) A party to proceedings before a leasehold valuation tribunal may appeal to the [<sup>F86</sup>Upper Tribunal] from a decision of the leasehold valuation tribunal.
- (2) But the appeal may be made only with the permission of—
  - (a) the leasehold valuation tribunal, or
  - (b) the [<sup>F86</sup>Upper Tribunal].
- (3) <sup>F87</sup> .....
- (4) On the appeal the [<sup>F86</sup>Upper Tribunal] may exercise any power which was available to the leasehold valuation tribunal.
- (5) And a decision of the [<sup>F86</sup>Upper Tribunal] on the appeal may be enforced in the same way as a decision of the leasehold valuation tribunal.
- (6) <sup>F88</sup> .....
- (7) <sup>F88</sup> .....
- <sup>F89</sup>(8) .....
- <sup>F89</sup>(9) .....
- (10) <sup>F87</sup> .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F86** Words in s. 175(1)(2)(b)(4)(5)(6) substituted (1.6.2009) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions \(Lands Tribunal and Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1307\)](#), art. 5(2), [Sch. 1 para. 269\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 5](#))

**F87** S. 175(3)(10) omitted (1.6.2009) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions \(Lands Tribunal and Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1307\)](#), art. 5(2), [Sch. 1 para. 269\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 5](#))

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**F88** S. 175(6)(7) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), arts. 1(1), 5(1), [Sch. 2 para. 73](#) (with [Sch. 5](#))

**F89** S. 175(8)(9) omitted (1.7.2013) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. 1 para. 143](#) (with [Sch. 3](#))

#### Commencement Information

**I103** S. 175 wholly in force at 30.3.2004; s. 175 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 175 in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(c\)\(i\)](#) (with [Sch. 2](#)); s. 175 in force at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(c\)\(i\)](#) (with [Sch. 2](#))

## 176 Consequential amendments

Schedule 13 (minor and consequential amendments about leasehold valuation tribunals) has effect.

#### Commencement Information

**I104** S. 176 wholly in force at 31.5.2005; s. 176 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 176 in force at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(c\)\(i\)](#) (with [Sch. 2](#)); s. 176 in force for specified purposes at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(c\)\(i\)](#) (with [Sch. 2](#)); s. 176 in force so far as not already in force at 28.2.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2004/3056](#), [art. 3\(i\)](#); s. 176 in force so far as not already in force at 31.5.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/1353](#), [art. 2\(i\)](#)

## [<sup>F90</sup>CHAPTER 6A

### FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL AND UPPER TRIBUNAL

#### Textual Amendments

**F90** Pt. 2 Ch. 6A inserted (1.7.2013) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1036\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. 1 para. 144](#) (with [Sch. 3](#))

## 176A. Transfer from court to First-tier Tribunal

- (1) Where, in any proceedings before a court, there falls for determination a question which the First-tier Tribunal or the Upper Tribunal would have jurisdiction to determine under an enactment specified in subsection (2) on an appeal or application to the tribunal, the court—
  - (a) may by order transfer to the First-tier Tribunal so much of the proceedings as relate to the determination of that question;
  - (b) may then dispose of all or any remaining proceedings pending the determination of that question by the First-tier Tribunal or, where determined by or under Tribunal Procedure Rules, the Upper Tribunal, as it thinks fit.
- (2) The enactments specified for the purposes of subsection (1) are—
  - (a) this Act,
  - (b) the Leasehold Reform Act 1967,
  - (c) the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985,

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- (d) the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987,
  - (e) the Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993, and
  - (f) the Housing Act 1996.
- (3) Where the First-tier Tribunal or the Upper Tribunal has determined the question, the court may give effect to the determination in an order of the court.
- (4) Rules of court may prescribe the procedure to be followed in a court in connection with or in consequence of a transfer under this section.

#### **176B. Appeals from the First-tier Tribunal**

- (1) A person aggrieved by a decision of the First-tier Tribunal under or in connection with an enactment specified in section 176A(2) may appeal to the Upper Tribunal.
- (2) An appeal may not be brought under subsection (1) in relation to a decision on a point of law (as to which see instead section 11 of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (right of appeal to Upper Tribunal)).
- (3) An appeal may not be brought under subsection (1) if the decision is set aside under section 9 of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (review of decision of First-tier Tribunal).
- (4) An appeal may be brought under subsection (1) only if, on an application made by the person concerned, the First-tier Tribunal or Upper Tribunal has given its permission for the appeal to be brought.
- (5) In any case where the Upper Tribunal is determining an appeal under subsection (1), section 12(2) to (4) of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (proceedings on appeal to the Upper Tribunal) apply.

#### **176C. Enforcement**

Any decision of the First-tier Tribunal or Upper Tribunal under or in connection with an enactment specified in section 176A(2), other than a decision ordering the payment of a sum (as to which see section 27 (enforcement) of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007), is to be enforceable with the permission of a county court in the same way as orders of such a court.]

## **CHAPTER 7**

### **GENERAL**

#### **177 Wales**

The references to the 1985 Act, the 1987 Act and the 1993 Act in Schedule 1 to the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I.1999/672) are to be treated as referring to those Acts as amended by this Part.

#### **178 Orders and regulations**

- (1) An order or regulations under any provision of this Part—

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- (a) may include incidental, supplementary, consequential and transitional provision,
  - (b) may make provision generally or only in relation to specified cases, and
  - (c) may make different provision for different purposes.
- (2) Regulations under Schedule 12 may make different provision for different areas.
- (3) Any power to make an order or regulations under this Part is exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (4) Regulations shall not be made by the Secretary of State under section 167 or 171 or paragraph 9(3)(b) or 10(3)(b) of Schedule 12 unless a draft of the instrument containing them has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (5) A statutory instrument containing an order or regulations made by the Secretary of State under this Part shall, if not so approved, be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

## 179 Interpretation

- (1) In this Part “the appropriate national authority” means—
- (a) the Secretary of State (as respects England), and
  - (b) the National Assembly for Wales (as respects Wales).
- (2) In this Part—
- “the 1967 Act” means the Leasehold Reform Act 1967 (c. 88),
  - “the 1985 Act” means the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 (c. 70),
  - “the 1987 Act” means the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987 (c. 31), and
  - “the 1993 Act” means the Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993 (c. 28).

## PART 3

### SUPPLEMENTARY

## 180 Repeals

Schedule 14 (repeals) has effect.

### Commencement Information

**I105** S. 180 partly in force; s. 180 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 181(1); s. 180 in force for specified purposes at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (with [Sch. 2](#)); s. 180 in force for specified purposes at 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (with [Sch. 2](#)); s. 180 in force for specified purposes at 30.9.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#), [art. 2\(c\)\(iv\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (with [Sch. 2](#)); s. 180 in force for specified purposes at 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#), [art. 2\(c\)\(iv\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (with [Sch. 2](#)); s. 180 in force for specified purposes at 17.11.2004 for E.W. and in force for specified purposes at 28.2.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2004/3056](#), [arts. 2, 3\(j\)](#); s. 180 in force for specified purposes at 31.5.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/1353](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

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## 181 Commencement etc

- (1) Apart from section 104 and sections 177 to 179, the preceding provisions (and the Schedules) come into force in accordance with provision made by order made by the appropriate authority.
- (2) The appropriate authority may by order make any transitional provisions or savings in connection with the coming into force of any provision in accordance with an order under subsection (1).
- (3) The power to make orders under subsections (1) and (2) is exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (4) In this section “the appropriate authority” means—
  - (a) in relation to any provision of Part 1 or section 180 and Schedule 14 so far as relating to section 104, the Lord Chancellor, and
  - (b) in relation to any provision of Part 2 or section 180 and Schedule 14 so far as otherwise relating, the Secretary of State (as respects England) and the National Assembly for Wales (as respects Wales).

### Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** S. 181 power partly exercised; different dates appointed for specified provisions and purposes as follows:
- 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/1912](#);
  - 1.1.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3012](#);
  - 29.9.2003 by [S.I. 2003/2377](#);
  - 30.9.2003 and 31.10.2003 for E. by [S.I. 2003/1986](#);
  - 30.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/669](#);
  - 27.9.2004 by [S.I. 2004/1832](#);
  - 17.11.2004 for E.W. and 28.2.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2004/3056](#);
  - 31.5.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/1353](#);
  - 1.10.2007 for E. by [S.I. 2007/1256](#);
  - 30.11.2007 for W. by [S.I. 2007/3161](#)

## 182 Extent

This Act extends to England and Wales only.

## 183 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 141 repealed by [2008 c. 17 Sch. 16](#)
- s. 156(2) repealed by [2008 c. 17 Sch. 16](#)
- Sch. 10 para. 6 and cross-heading repealed by [2008 c. 17 Sch. 16](#)
- Sch. 10 para. 7 repealed by [2008 c. 17 Sch. 16](#)