

### SCHEDULE 3 CONDUCT RULES

#### *Publication of notice of the referendum*

- 1 (1) The counting officer must publish notice of the referendum not later than the twenty-fifth day before the date of the referendum.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), the following days are to be disregarded—
  - (a) a Saturday or Sunday,
  - (b) Christmas Eve or Christmas Day,
  - (c) a day which is a bank holiday in Scotland under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971,
  - (d) a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.
- (3) The notice must—
  - (a) be in the form prescribed, and
  - (b) set out—
    - (i) the date of the referendum,
    - (ii) the hours of polling,
    - (iii) a description of who is entitled to vote at each polling station, and
    - (iv) the situation of each polling station in the local government area.
- (4) The notice must also state the day by which—
  - (a) applications to register to vote,
  - (b) applications to vote by post or by proxy,
  - (c) other applications and notices about postal or proxy voting,must reach the registration officer in order that they may be effective for the referendum.
- (5) As soon as practicable after publishing the notice under paragraph (1), the counting officer must give a copy of it to each of the referendum agents appointed for the area.