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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1990 No. 593**

**The Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990**

**PART III**

**ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMPANY AUDITOR**

*Supplementary provisions*

**Meaning of “associate”**

- 54.**—(1) In this Part “associate”, in relation to a person, shall be construed as follows.
- (2) In relation to an individual “associate” means—
- (a) that individual’s spouse or minor child or step-child,
  - (b) any body corporate of which that individual is a director, and
  - (c) any employee or partner of that individual.
- (3) In relation to a body corporate “associate” means—
- (a) any body corporate of which that body is a director,
  - (b) any body corporate in the same group as that body, and
  - (c) any employee or partner of that body or of any body corporate in the same group.
- (4) In relation to a Scottish firm, or a partnership constituted under the law of any other country or territory in which a partnership is a legal person, “associate” means—
- (a) any body corporate of which the firm is a director,
  - (b) any employee of or partner in the firm, and
  - (c) any person who is an associate of a partner in the firm.
- (5) In relation to a partnership constituted under the law of England and Wales or Northern Ireland, or the law of any other country or territory in which a partnership is not a legal person, “associate” means any person who is an associate of any of the partners.