### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# **PENSIONS**

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# THE OCCUPATIONAL PENSION SCHEMES (MINIMUM FUNDING REQUIREMENT AND ACTUARIAL VALUATIONS) REGULATIONS 1996

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# SCHEDULE 1 — MINIMUM FUNDING VALUATION STATEMENTS PART I — THE ACTUARY'S STATEMENT

- 1. Each minimum funding valuation must contain a statement made by...
- 2. Subject to the following paragraphs, such a statement must be...
- 3. If the actuary is of the opinion that on the...
- 4. If the actuary is of the opinion that on the...
- 5. If the actuary is of the opinion that on the...
- 6. At any time when section 73(3) has effect in relation...

# SCHEDULE 2 — CERTIFICATION OF SCHEDULES OF CONTRIBUTIONS PART I — CERTIFICATION

- 1. A certificate given in the case mentioned in section 58(6)(a)...
- 2. A certificate given in the case mentioned in section 58(6)(b)...
- 3. Where a certificate is given in a case where section...
- 4. Where a certificate is given in a case where section...

# SCHEDULE 3 — PERIODICAL CERTIFICATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS PART I — CERTIFICATION

- 1. A certificate given under regulation 18(1)(a)(i) in a case where...
- 2. A certificate given under regulation 18(1)(a)(ii) in a case where...
- 3. A certificate given under regulation 18(1)(a) in a case where...
- 4. If the actuary is of the opinion that no changes...
- 5. The statement mentioned in regulation 12(1) (duty to obtain minimum...

# SCHEDULE 4 — METHODS OF SECURING SHORTFALL IN CASES OF SERIOUS UNDERPROVISION

- Preliminary
- 1. (1) In this Schedule— "relevant institution" means—
  - Appropriate letters of credit
- 2. (1) The employer may secure the whole or part of...
  - Designated deposit accounts
- 3. (1) The employer may secure the whole or part of...
  - Charges over unencumbered assets
- 4. (1) The employer may secure the whole or part of...
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- 5. Expenses incurred by the trustees or managers in connection with...
  - Valuation of increases secured as mentioned in this Schedule
- 6. (1) An increase in value secured by the method specified...

### SCHEDULE 5 — MODIFICATIONS

- Multi-employer schemes
- 1. (1) Where a scheme in relation to which there is...
- 2. (1) In the application of section 58(4) to a scheme...
  - Frozen or paid-up schemes
- 3. In the application of sections 56 to 60 and these...
  - Schemes covering United Kingdom and foreign employment
- 4. (1) This paragraph applies where a scheme which applies to...
- 5. (1) This paragraph applies in any case where a scheme...
  - Schemes with partial government guarantee
- 6. Where such a guarantee has been given or such arrangements...

# SCHEDULE 6 — FORM OF ACTUARY'S STATEMENT: ONGOING VALUATIONS

**Explanatory Note**