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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 3186**

**BUILDING SOCIETIES**

**The Building Societies (Business Names) Regulations 1998**

*Made* - - - - *23rd December 1998*  
*Laid before Parliament* *24th December 1998*  
*Coming into force* - - *1st March 1999*

The Building Societies Commission, with the consent of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by paragraphs 10A(3) and 10C(6) of Schedule 2 to the Building Societies Act 1986(1), hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Building Societies (Business Names) Regulations 1998 and shall come into force on 1st March 1999.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Regulations “the Act” means the Building Societies Act 1986 and “the Schedule” means the Schedule to these Regulations.

(2) Where a word or expression is specified in the Schedule, plural and possessive forms of that word or expression shall be taken to be similarly specified.

**Words and expressions for which the Commission’s approval is required**

3. The words and expressions stated in column (1) of the Schedule are hereby specified as words and expressions for the use of which as or as part of a building society’s business name the approval of the Commission is required by paragraph 10A(2) of Schedule 2 to the Act.

**Words and expressions in which Government departments or other bodies may have an interest**

4. Subject to regulation 5, each Government department or other body stated in column (2) of the Schedule is hereby specified as the relevant body for the purposes of paragraph 10A(4) of Schedule 2 to the Act in relation to the word or expression opposite to it in column (1) of the Schedule.

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(1) 1986 c. 53; paragraphs 10A and 10C of Schedule 2 were inserted by section 36(4) of the Building Societies Act 1997 (c. 32).

## Scotland and Northern Ireland

5. Where an entry in column (2) of the Schedule names more than one Government department or other body—

- (a) in the case of a building society whose principal office is in Scotland, any department or body before whose name the words “(in Scotland)” appear shall be taken to be specified to the exclusion of any other department or body named in the entry;
- (b) in the case of a building society whose principal office is in Northern Ireland,
  - (i) any department or body before whose name the words “(in Northern Ireland)” appear shall be taken to be specified to the exclusion of any other department or body named in the entry; and
  - (ii) where there is no department or body before whose name the words “(in Northern Ireland)” appear, the department or body named in the entry other than one preceded by the words “(in Scotland)” in the entry shall be taken to be specified to the exclusion of such other department or body named in the entry; and
- (c) in the case of a building society whose principal office is in England or Wales, the department or body named in the entry other than one preceded by the words “(in Scotland)” or “(in Northern Ireland)” shall be taken to be specified to the exclusion of any such department or body named in the entry.

In witness whereof the common seal of the Building Societies Commission is hereto fixed, and is authenticated by me, a person authorised under paragraph 14 of Schedule 1 to the Building Societies Act 1986, on

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18th December 1998.

*G.S. Johnson*  
Secretary to the Commission

We consent to these Regulations.

23rd December 1998

*Clive Betts*  
*Jim Dowd*  
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her  
Majesty’s Treasury

## SCHEDULE

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## SPECIFICATION OF WORDS, EXPRESSIONS AND RELEVANT BODIES

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Word or expression</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Relevant body</i>
Abortion	Department of Health
Apothecary	Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London or Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Association	
Assurance	
Assurer	
Authority	
Benevolent	
Board	
British	
Chamber of Commerce	
Chamber of Commerce, Training and Enterprise	
Chamber of Industry	
Chamber of Trade	
Charitable	The Charity Commission or (in Scotland) the Scottish Office Home Department or (in Northern Ireland) the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland
Charity	
Charter	
Chartered	
Contact Lens	General Optical Council
Co-operative	
Council	
Dental	General Dental Council
Dentistry	
District Nurse	The United Kingdom Central Council for Nursery, Midwifery and Health Visiting or the National Boards for Nursery, Midwifery and Health Visiting
Duke	The Home Office or (in Scotland) the Scottish Office Home Department
England	
English	

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<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Word or expression</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Relevant body</i>
European	
Federation	
Friendly Society	
Foundation	
Fund	
Giro	
Great Britain	
Group	
Health Centre	Department of Health
Health Service	
Health Visitor	The United Kingdom Central Council for Nursery, Midwifery and Health Visiting or the National Boards for Nursery, Midwifery and Health Visiting
Her Majesty	The Home Office or (in Scotland) the Scottish Office Home Department
His Majesty	
Holding	
Industrial and Provident Society	
Institute	
Institution	
Insurance	
Insurer	
International	
Ireland	
Irish	
King	The Home Office or (in Scotland) the Scottish Office Home Department
Midwife	The United Kingdom Central Council for Nursery, Midwifery and Health Visiting or the National Boards for Nursery, Midwifery and Health Visiting
Midwifery	
National	
Northern Ireland	
Northern Irish	
Nurse	The United Kingdom Central Council for Nursery, Midwifery and Health Visiting or the

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Word or expression</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Relevant body</i>
Nursing	National Boards for Nursery, Midwifery and Health Visiting
Patent	
Patentee	
Police	The Home Office or (in Scotland) the Scottish Office Home Department
Polytechnic	The Department for Education and Employment or (in Scotland) the Scottish Office Education and Industry Department or (in Northern Ireland) the Department of Education for Northern Ireland
Post Office	
Pregnancy Termination	The Department of Health
Prince	The Home Office or (in Scotland) the Scottish Office Home Department
Princess	
Queen	
Reassurance	
Reassurer	
Register	
Registered	
Reinsurance	
Reinsurer	
Royal	The Home Office or (in Scotland) the Scottish Office Home Department
Royale	
Royalty	
School	The Department for Education and Employment or (in Scotland) the Scottish Office Education and Industry Department or (in Northern Ireland) the Department of Education for Northern Ireland
Scotland	
Scottish	
Society	
Stock Exchange	
Trade Union	
Trust	

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<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Word or expression</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Relevant body</i>
United Kingdom	
University	The Privy Council
Wales	
Welsh	
Windsor	The Home Office or (in Scotland) the Scottish Office Home Department

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations specify certain words and expressions for the purposes of paragraph 10A of Schedule 2 to the Building Societies Act 1986 (which relates to the use of business names by building societies). Under the provisions of that paragraph the approval of the Building Societies Commission is required for the use of words and expressions so specified in a building society's business name. The Regulations also specify government departments and other bodies who must be given an opportunity to comment in accordance with that paragraph before approval for the use of certain names can be given.