

SCHEDULE 1

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS RULES

PART 2

STAGES COMMON TO CONTESTED AND UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS

Nomination papers: name of registered political party at a general election

6.—(1) A registered party which is to stand for election in the electoral region shall be nominated by a nomination paper delivered, to the returning officer at the place which he has fixed for the purpose, by the party's nominating officer or a person authorised in writing by him.

(2) The nomination paper shall state the name by which the registered party is to stand for election; and that name need not be the party's registered name but must not be such as would be likely to lead voters to associate that party with another registered party.

(3) That name shall not exceed 6 words in length.

(4) The nomination paper shall be accompanied by a list of candidates which complies with rule 7.

(5) The nomination paper shall include a statement that the party is nominated by or on behalf of the nominating officer of the registered party in question and shall be signed by the person making it.

(6) Where a nomination paper and list of candidates are delivered in respect of the same registered party after an earlier paper and list have been so delivered, that later paper and list shall be deemed to supersede the earlier ones.

(7) A person shall be guilty of a corrupt practice if he fraudulently purports to be authorised to make the statement required by paragraph (5) on behalf of a registered party's nominating officer.

(8) In the application of this rule in relation to an election "registered party" means a party which was registered under Part 2 of the 2000 Act at the time by which the notice of election is required to be published.