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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1989 No. 2405**

**The Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989**

**PART V**

**WINDING UP OF COMPANIES REGISTERED  
UNDER [<sup>F1</sup>the Companies Act 2006]**

**CHAPTER VII**

**LIQUIDATORS**

*Liquidator's powers and duties*

**Voluntary winding up**

**140.**—(1) This Article has effect where a company is being wound up voluntarily, but subject to Article 141 in the case of a creditors' voluntary winding up.

(2) The liquidator may—

- (a) <sup>F1</sup> in the case of a members' voluntary winding up, with the sanction of an [<sup>F2</sup>special resolution] of the company, and
- (b) in the case of a creditor's voluntary winding up, with the sanction of the High Court or the liquidation committee (or, if there is no such committee, a meeting of the company's creditors),

exercise any of the powers specified in Part I of Schedule 2 (payment of debts, compromise of claims, etc.).

(3) The liquidator may, without sanction, exercise either of the powers specified in Part II of Schedule 2 (institution and defence of proceedings; carrying on the business of the company) and any of the general powers specified in Part III of Schedule 2.

(4) The liquidator may—

- (a) exercise the High Court's power of settling a list of contributories (which list is prima facie evidence of the liability of the persons named in it to be contributories),
- (b) exercise the Court's power of making calls,
- (c) <sup>F1</sup> summon general meetings of the company for the purpose of obtaining its sanction by [<sup>F3</sup>special resolution] or for any other purpose he may think fit.

<sup>F1</sup>(5) The liquidator shall pay the company's debts and adjust the rights of the contributories among themselves.

(6) Where the liquidator in exercise of the powers conferred on him by this Order disposes of any property of the company to a person who is connected with the company (within the meaning given by Article 7), he shall, if there is for the time being a liquidation committee, give notice to the committee of that exercise of his powers.

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- F1** mod. by SR 2004/307
- F2** Words in [art. 140\(2\)\(a\)](#) substituted (1.10.2007 with application as mentioned in Sch. 4 para. 60(2) of the amending S.I.) by [Companies Act 2006 \(Commencement No. 3, Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2194\)](#), arts. 1(3)(a), 10(1), **Sch. 4 para. 60(1)(a)** (with art. 12)
- F3** Words in [art. 140\(4\)\(c\)](#) substituted (1.10.2007 with application as mentioned in Sch. 4 para. 60(2) of the amending S.I.) by [Companies Act 2006 \(Commencement No. 3, Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2194\)](#), arts. 1(3)(a), 10(1), **Sch. 4 para. 60(1)(b)** (with art. 12)

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** [Pts. 1-5](#) applied (with modifications) (4.1.2024) by [S.I. 2021/716](#), **Sch. 1A para. 3** (as inserted by [The Payment and Electronic Money Institution Insolvency \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1399\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1**)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Instrument amended by [1998 c. 11 s. 23 Sch. 5 Pt.1 Ch. 3 para. 40](#)
- Instrument amended (prosp) by [S.I. 1994/279 \(N.I.\) art. 26\(1\)Sch. 2 para. 15](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 9 Pt. 2 para. 66 revoked by [1996 c. 23 s. 107\(2\)Sch. 4](#) (Amendment could not be applied. The relevant affected text is not available on [legislation.gov.uk](#))
- art. 2B inserted by [2016 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 2\(1\)](#)
- art. 208ZA applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2021/716, reg. 37A (as inserted) by [S.I. 2023/1399 reg. 12](#) (This amendment not applied to [Legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 208ZA is inserted by the Insolvency (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 2), s. 1(1) which is currently prospective.)
- art. 208ZA-208ZB inserted by [2016 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 1\(1\)](#)
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- art. 345A-345B inserted by [2016 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 1\(2\)](#)