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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 1990 No. 593

## The Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (repealed)

**F1** Order repealed by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16](#) and the repeal having been brought into operation on different dates, as to which, see individual provisions.

### PART I INTRODUCTORY

#### Title and commencement

1. <sup>F1</sup> .....

**F1** [Art. 1](#) repealed (1.10.2009) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300\(2\), Sch. 16; S.I. 2008/2860, art. 4, Sch. 1 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by [S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch;](#) [S.I. 2009/1941, arts. 3, 10](#) and [S.I. 2009/2476, reg. 2\(3\)\(4\)\)](#)

#### Interpretation

2. <sup>F2</sup> .....

**F2** [Art. 2](#) repealed (1.10.2009) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300\(2\), Sch. 16; S.I. 2008/2860, art. 4, Sch. 1 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by [S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch;](#) [S.I. 2009/1941, arts. 3, 10](#) and [S.I. 2009/2476, reg. 2\(3\)\(4\)\)](#)

### PART II

#### COMPANY ACCOUNTS

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3. <sup>F3</sup> .....

**F3** [Art. 3](#) repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

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### *Provisions applying to companies generally*

#### **Accounting records**

4. <sup>F4</sup> .....

**F4** Art. 4 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

#### **A company's financial year and accounting reference periods**

5. <sup>F5</sup> .....

**F5** Art. 5 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

#### **Individual company accounts**

6. <sup>F6</sup> .....

**F6** Art. 6 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

#### **Group accounts**

7. <sup>F7</sup> .....

**F7** Art. 7 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

#### **Additional disclosure required in notes to accounts**

8. <sup>F8</sup> .....

**F8** Art. 8 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

#### **Approval and signing of accounts**

9. <sup>F9</sup> .....

**F9** Art. 9 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

#### **Directors' report**

10. <sup>F10</sup> .....

**F10** Art. 10 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

## Auditors' report

**11.** <sup>F11</sup>.....

**F11** Art. 11 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

## Publication of accounts and reports

**12.** <sup>F12</sup>.....

**F12** Art. 12 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

## Laying and delivering of accounts and reports

**13.** <sup>F13</sup>.....

**F13** Art. 13 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

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**14.** <sup>F14</sup>.....

**F14** Art. 14 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

## *Exemptions and special provisions*

### Small and medium-sized companies and groups

**15.** <sup>F15</sup>.....

**F15** Art. 15 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

### Dormant companies

**16.** <sup>F16</sup>.....

**F16** Art. 16 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

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## Public listed companies: provision of summary financial statement

17. <sup>F17</sup>.....

**F17** Art. 17 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

## Private companies: election to dispense with laying of accounts and reports before general meeting

18. <sup>F18</sup>.....

**F18** Art. 18 repealed (1.10.2007) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/2194, arts. 1(3)(a), 8, Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with art. 12)

## Unlimited companies: exemption from requirement to deliver accounts and reports

19. <sup>F19</sup>.....

**F19** Art. 19 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

## Banking and insurance companies and groups: special provisions

20. <sup>F20</sup>.....

**F20** Art. 20 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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21. <sup>F21</sup>.....

**F21** Art. 21 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

### Power to alter accounting requirements

22. <sup>F22</sup>.....

**F22** Art. 22 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

### Parent and subsidiary undertakings

23. <sup>F23</sup>.....

**F23** Art. 23 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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**24.** F<sup>24</sup> .....

**F24** Art. 24 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

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### *Article 26—Repeals*

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### ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMPANY AUDITOR

**F25** mod. by SI 2005/18

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**27.** F<sup>26</sup> .....

**F26** Art. 27 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12)

#### *Eligibility for appointment*

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**28.** F<sup>27</sup> .....

**F27** Art. 28 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 37(2))

## E#ect of appointment of partnership

**29.** F<sup>28</sup> .....

**F28** Art. 29 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 37(2))

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## Ineligibility on ground of lack of independence

**30.** <sup>F29</sup>.....

**F29** Art. 30 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 37(2))

## E#ect of ineligibility

**31.** <sup>F30</sup>.....

**F30** Art. 31 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 37(2))

## Power of Department to require second audit

**32.** <sup>F31</sup>.....

**F31** Art. 32 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(2))

## *Recognition of supervisory bodies and professional qualifications*

### Supervisory bodies

**33.** <sup>F32</sup>.....

**F32** Art. 33 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 38(2))

### Meaning of “appropriate qualification”

**34.** <sup>F33</sup>.....

**F33** Art. 34 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 38(2))

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**35.** <sup>F34</sup>.....

**F34** Art. 35 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 38(2))

### Approval of overseas qualifications

**36.** <sup>F35</sup>.....

**F35** Art. 36 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 38(2))

### *Duties of recognised bodies*

#### The register of auditors

**37.** <sup>F36</sup>.....

**F36** Art. 37 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

#### Information about firms to be available to public

**38.** <sup>F37</sup>.....

**F37** Art. 38 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

#### Matters to be notified to the Department

**39.** <sup>F38</sup>.....

**F38** Art. 39 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 39)

#### Power to call for information

**40.** <sup>F39</sup>.....

**F39** Art. 40 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 39)

#### Compliance orders

**41.** <sup>F40</sup>.....

**F40** Art. 41 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

#### Directions to comply with international obligations

**42.** <sup>F41</sup>.....

**F41** Art. 42 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(2))

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## O#ences

### False and misleading statements

43. <sup>F42</sup> .....

F42 Art. 43 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(2))

### O#ences by bodies corporate, partnerships and unincorporated associations

44. <sup>F43</sup> .....

F43 Art. 44 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(2))

### Time limits for prosecution of o#ences

45. <sup>F44</sup> .....

F44 Art. 45 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(2))

### Jurisdiction and procedure in respect of o#ences

46. <sup>F45</sup> .....

F45 Art. 46 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(2))

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### Fees

47. <sup>F46</sup> .....

F46 Art. 47 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(2))

### Delegation of functions of Department

48. <sup>F47</sup> .....

F47 Art. 48 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 42(2))

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**F48** Art. 48A repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 42(2))

**F48** Art. 48A repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 42(2))

*Art. 49 rep. by 2004 c. 27*

### Exemption from liability for damages

**50.** F49 .....

**F49** Art. 50 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 38(2))

### Service of notices

**51.** F50 .....

**F50** Art. 51 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(2))

### Power to make consequential amendments

**52.** F51 .....

**F51** Art. 52 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12) (with saving by Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments etc) Order 2008 ([S.I. 2008/948, art. 10](#))

### Power to make provision in consequence of changes affecting accountancy bodies

**53.** F52 .....

**F52** Art. 53 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12)

### Meaning of “associate”

**54.** F53 .....

**F53** Art. 54 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8\(a\), Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#) (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(3))

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## Minor definitions

**55.** <sup>F54</sup> .....

**F54** Art. 55 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(3))

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**56.** <sup>F55</sup> .....

**F55** Art. 56 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 para. 41(3))

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