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PART 1

COMPANY VOLUNTARY ARRANGEMENTS

CHAPTER 5

**PROCEEDINGS ON A PROPOSAL MADE BY THE DIRECTORS,
OR BY THE ADMINISTRATOR, OR BY THE LIQUIDATOR**

SECTION C: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARRANGEMENT

Resolutions to follow approval

1.22.—(1) If the voluntary arrangement is approved (with or without modifications) by the two meetings, a resolution may be taken by the creditors, where two or more insolvency practitioners are appointed to act as supervisor, on the question whether acts to be done in connection with the arrangement may be done by any one of them, or must be done by both or all.

(2) A resolution under paragraph (1) may be passed in anticipation of the approval of the voluntary arrangement by the company meeting if that meeting has not then been concluded.

(3) If at either meeting a resolution is moved for the appointment of some person other than the nominee to be supervisor of the arrangement, there must be produced to the chairman, at or before the meeting—

- (a) that person's written consent to act (unless he is present and then and there signifies his consent), and
- (b) his written confirmation that he is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the company.

[E.R.1.22]

Hand-over of property, etc. to supervisor

1.23.—(1) After the approval of the voluntary arrangement—

- (a) the directors, or
- (b) where the company is in liquidation or is subject to an administration order, and a person other than the responsible insolvency practitioner is appointed as supervisor of the voluntary arrangement, the insolvency practitioner,

shall forthwith do all that is required for putting the supervisor into possession of the assets included in the arrangement.

(2) Where the company is in liquidation or is subject to an administration order, the supervisor shall on taking possession of the assets discharge any balance due to the insolvency practitioner by way of remuneration or on account of—

- (a) costs properly incurred and payable under the Order or the Rules, and
- (b) any advances made in respect of the company, together with interest on such advances at the rate applicable to a money judgment of the High Court at the date on which the company went into liquidation or (as the case may be) became subject to the administration order.

(3) Alternatively, the supervisor must, before taking possession, give the responsible insolvency practitioner a written undertaking to discharge any such balance out of the first realisation of assets.

(4) The responsible insolvency practitioner has a charge on the assets included in the voluntary arrangement in respect of any sums due under paragraph (2) until they have been discharged, subject only to the deduction from realisations by the supervisor of the proper costs of such realisations.

(5) The supervisor shall from time to time out of the realisation of assets discharge all guarantees properly given by the responsible insolvency practitioner for the benefit of the company, and shall pay all the responsible insolvency practitioner's expenses.

(6) References in this Rule to the responsible insolvency practitioner include, where a company is being wound up by the court, the official receiver, whether or not in his capacity as liquidator; and any sums due to the official receiver take priority over those due to a liquidator.

[E.R.1.23]

Report of meetings

1.24.—(1) A report of the meetings shall be prepared by the person who was chairman of them.

(2) The report shall—

- (a) state whether the proposal for a voluntary arrangement was approved or rejected and, if approved, with what (if any) modifications;
- (b) set out the resolutions which were taken at each meeting, and the decision on each one;
- (c) list the creditors and members of the company (with their respective values) who were present or represented at the meetings, and how they voted on each resolution; and
- (d) include such further information (if any) as the chairman thinks it appropriate to make known to the court.

(3) A copy of the chairman's report shall, within 4 days of the meetings being held, be filed in court; and the court shall cause that copy to be endorsed with the date of filing.

(4) In respect of each of the meetings, the persons to whom notice of its result is to be sent by the chairman under Article 17(6) are all those who were sent notice of the meeting under this Part.

(5) The notice under Article 17(6) shall be sent immediately after a copy of the chairman's report is filed in court under paragraph (3).

(6) If the voluntary arrangement has been approved by the meetings (whether or not in the form proposed), the supervisor shall forthwith send a copy of the chairman's report to the registrar.

[E.R.1.24]

Revocation or suspension of the arrangement

1.25.—(1) This Rule applies where the court makes an order of revocation or suspension under Article 19.

(2) The person who applied for the order shall serve sealed copies of it—

- (a) on the supervisor of the voluntary arrangement, and
 - (b) on the directors of the company or the administrator or liquidator (according to who made the proposal for the arrangement).
- (3) Service on the directors may be effected by service of a single copy of the order on the company at its registered office.
- (4) If the order includes a direction by the court under Article 19(4)(b) for any further meetings to be summoned, notice shall also be given (by the person who applied for the order) to whoever is, in accordance with the direction, required to summon the meetings.
- (5) The directors or (as the case may be) the administrator or liquidator shall—
- (a) forthwith after receiving a copy of the court's order, give notice of it to all persons who were sent notice of the creditors' and company meetings or who, not having been sent that notice, appear to be affected by the order;
 - (b) within 7 days of their receiving a copy of the order (or within such longer period as the court may allow), give notice to the court whether it is intended to make a revised proposal to the company and its creditors, or to invite re-consideration of the original proposal.
- (6) The person on whose application the order of revocation or suspension was made shall, within 7 days after the making of the order, deliver a copy of the order to the registrar.

[E.R.1.25]

Supervisor's accounts and reports

1.26.—(1) Where the voluntary arrangement authorises or requires the supervisor—

- (a) to carry on the business of the company or trade on its behalf or in its name, or
- (b) to realise assets of the company, or
- (c) otherwise to administer or dispose of any of its funds,

he shall keep accounts and records of his acts and dealings in and in connection with the arrangement, including in particular records of all receipts and payments of money.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the supervisor shall, not less often than once in every 12 months beginning with the date of his appointment, prepare an abstract of such receipts and payments, and send copies of it, accompanied by his comments on the progress and efficacy of the arrangement, to—

- (a) the court,
- (b) the registrar,
- (c) the company,
- (d) all those of the company's creditors who are bound by the arrangement,
- (e) subject to paragraph (5), the members of the company who are so bound, and
- (f) if the company is not in liquidation, the company's auditors for the time being.

(3) If in any period of 12 months he has made no payments and had no receipts, he shall at the end of that period send a statement to that effect to all those specified in paragraph (2)(a) to (f).

(4) An abstract provided under paragraph (2) shall relate to a period beginning with the date of the supervisor's appointment or (as the case may be) the day following the end of the last period for which an abstract was prepared under this Rule; and copies of the abstract shall be sent out, as required by paragraph (2), within the 2 months following the end of the period to which the abstract relates.

(5) If the supervisor is not authorised as mentioned in paragraph (1), he shall, not less often than once in every 12 months beginning with the date of his appointment, send to all those specified in paragraph (2)(a) to (f) a report on the progress and efficacy of the voluntary arrangement.

(6) The court may, on application by the supervisor—

(a) dispense with the sending under this Rule of abstracts or reports to members of the company, either altogether or on the basis that the availability of the abstract or report to members is to be advertised by the supervisor in a specified manner;

(b) vary the dates on which the obligation to send abstracts or reports arises.

[E.R.1.26]

Production of accounts and records to the Department

1.27.—(1) The Department may at any time during the course of the voluntary arrangement or after its completion require the supervisor to produce for inspection—

(a) his records and accounts in respect of the arrangement, and

(b) copies of abstracts and reports prepared in compliance with Rule 1.26.

(2) The Department may require production either at the premises of the supervisor or elsewhere; and it is the duty of the supervisor to comply with any requirement imposed on him under this Rule.

(3) The Department may cause any accounts and records produced to him under this Rule to be audited; and the supervisor shall give to the Department such further information and assistance as it needs for the purposes of its audit.

[E.R.1.27]

Costs

1.28. The costs that may be incurred for any of the purposes of the voluntary arrangement are—

(a) any disbursements made by the nominee prior to the approval of the arrangement, and any remuneration for his services as such agreed between himself and the company (or, as the case may be, the administrator or liquidator);

(b) any costs, which—

(i) are sanctioned by the terms of the arrangement, or

(ii) would be payable, or correspond to those which would be payable, in an administration or winding up.

[E.R.1.28]

Completion of the arrangement

1.29.—(1) Not more than 28 days after the final completion of the voluntary arrangement, the supervisor shall send to all the creditors and members of the company who are bound by it a notice that the voluntary arrangement has been fully implemented.

(2) With the notice there shall be sent to each creditor and member a copy of a report by the supervisor summarising all receipts and payments made by him in pursuance of the arrangement, and explaining any difference in the actual implementation of it as compared with the proposal as approved by the creditors' and company meetings.

(3) The supervisor shall, within the 28 days mentioned in paragraph (1), send to the registrar and to the court a copy of the notice to creditors and members under paragraph (1), together with a copy of the report under paragraph (2).

(4) The court may, on application by the supervisor, extend the period of 28 days under paragraphs (1) and (3).

[E.R.1.29]