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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1994 No. 428**

**COMPANIES  
INSURANCE**

**Companies (1986 Order) (Insurance Companies  
Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994**

*Made - - - - 2nd November 1994  
To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of  
Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974.*

*Coming into operation 16th December 1994*

The Department of Economic Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 2(3)(1) and 265(1) and (3) of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(2) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Companies (1986 Order) (Insurance Companies Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994, and shall come into operation on 16th December 1994.

(2) In these Regulations “the 1986 Order” means the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.

**Insurance companies**

2.—(1) In paragraph (2) of Article 263 of the 1986 Order(3) (special provisions for banking and insurance companies), for the word “may” there shall be substituted the word “shall”.

(2) Paragraph (5) of that Article shall be omitted.

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(1) See the definition of “the Department”

(2) S.I.1986/1032 (N.I. 6); Article 265 was inserted into the 1986 Order by Article 22 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5)) in place of an existing Article of that number

(3) Article 263 was inserted into the 1986 Order (in place of that inserted by Article 20 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990) by regulation 3 of the Companies (1986 Order) (Bank Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 (S.R. 1992 No. 258)

### **Insurance groups**

3.—(1) In paragraph (2) of Article 263A of the 1986 Order(4) (special provisions for banking and insurance groups), for the word “may” there shall be substituted the word “shall”.

(2) For paragraphs (4) and (5) of that Article there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

“(4) References in this Part to a banking group are to a group where the parent company is a banking company or where—

- (a) the parent company’s principal subsidiary undertakings are wholly or mainly credit institutions, and
- (b) the parent company does not itself carry on any material business apart from the acquisition, management and disposal of interests in subsidiary undertakings.

(5) References in this Part to an insurance group are to a group where the parent company is an insurance company or where—

- (a) the parent company’s principal subsidiary undertakings are wholly or mainly insurance companies, and
- (b) the parent company does not itself carry on any material business apart from the acquisition, management and disposal of interests in subsidiary undertakings.

(5A) For the purposes of paragraphs (4) and (5)—

- (a) a parent company’s principal subsidiary undertakings are the subsidiary undertakings of the company whose results or financial position would principally affect the figures shown in the group accounts, and
- (b) the management of interests in subsidiary undertakings includes the provision of services to such undertakings.”.

(3) At the end of paragraph (6)(b) of that Article there shall be inserted the words, “and as a reference to paragraphs 73, 74, 79 and 80 of Part I of Schedule 9A, in the case of the group accounts of an insurance group”.

(4) Paragraph (7) of that Article shall be omitted.

### **Form and content of accounts**

4. For Schedule 9A to the 1986 Order(5) there shall be substituted Schedule 1 to these Regulations (form and content of accounts of insurance companies and groups).

### **Minor and consequential amendments**

5. The 1986 Order shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in Schedule 2 to these Regulations (being minor amendments and amendments consequential on the provisions of these Regulations).

### **Exempted companies**

6.—(1) A company to which paragraph (2) applies may, with respect to any financial year prepare such annual accounts as it would have been required to prepare had the modifications to the 1986 Order effected by these Regulations not been made.

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(4) Article 263A was inserted into the 1986 Order (in place of that inserted by Article 20 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990) by regulation 3 of the Companies (1986 Order) (Bank Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992. Article 263A was amended by regulation 4 of the Companies (1986 Order) (Disclosure of Branches and Bank Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 (S.R. 1993 No. 199)

(5) Parts I and II of Schedule 9 to the 1986 Order were formed into a new Schedule numbered 9A by regulation 5(l) of the Companies (1986 Order) (Bank Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

- (2) This paragraph applies to—
- (a) any company which is excluded from the scope of Council Directive [73/239/EEC](#)(6) by Article 3 of that Directive, and
  - (b) any company referred to in Article 2(2) or (3) or 3 of Council Directive [79/267/EEC](#)(7).
- (3) The modifications effected by regulations 2 to 5 shall, where a company prepares accounts under paragraph (1), be treated (as regards that company) as not having been made.

### **Transitional provisions**

7.—(1) A company (including any body corporate to which Part VIII of the 1986 Order is applied by any statutory provision) may, with respect to a financial year of the company commencing before 23rd December 1994, prepare such annual accounts as it would have been required to prepare had the modifications to the 1986 Order effected by these Regulations not been made.

(2) The modifications effected by regulations 2 to 5 shall, where a company prepares accounts under paragraph (1), be treated (as regards that company) as not having been made.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 2nd November 1994.

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Assistant Secretary

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(6) Official Journal No. L228 of 16.8.73, page 3, as amended by Council Directive [84/641/EEC](#), Official Journal No. L339 of 27.12.84, page 21

(7) Official Journal No. L63 of 13.3.79, page 1

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SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 4

**Form and Content of Accounts of Insurance Companies and Groups**  
Articles 263, 263A

**Part 1**

**INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS**

**CHAPTER 1**

*GENERAL RULES AND FORMATS*

*SECTION A*

*GENERAL RULES*

1.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Part—

- (a) every balance sheet of a company shall show the items listed in the balance sheet format set out in section B of this Chapter; and
- (b) every profit and loss account of a company shall show the items listed in the profit and loss account format so set out,

in either case in the order and under the headings and sub-headings given in the format.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) is not to be read as requiring the heading or sub-heading for any item to be distinguished by any letter or number assigned to that item in the format.

2.—(1) Any item required in accordance with paragraph 1 to be shown in a company's balance sheet or profit and loss account may be shown in greater detail than so required.

(2) A company's balance sheet or profit and loss account may include an item representing or covering the amount of any asset or liability, income or expenditure not specifically covered by any of the items listed in the balance sheet or profit and loss account format set out in section B, but the following shall not be treated as assets in any company's balance sheet—

- (a) preliminary expenses;
- (b) expenses of and commission on any issue of shares or debentures; and
- (c) costs of research.

(3) Items to which Arabic numbers are assigned in the balance sheet format set out in section B (except for items concerning technical provisions and the reinsurers' share of technical provisions), and items to which lower case letters in parentheses are assigned in the profit and loss account format so set out (except for items within items I.1 and 4 and II.1, 5 and 6) may be combined in a company's accounts for any financial year if either—

- (a) their individual amounts are not material for the purpose of giving a true and fair view; or
- (b) the combination facilitates the assessment of the state of affairs or profit or loss of the company for that year;

but in a case within paragraph (b) the individual amounts of any items so combined shall be disclosed in a note to the accounts and any notes required by this Schedule to the items so combined under that paragraph shall, notwithstanding the combination, be given.

(4) Subject to paragraph 3(3), a heading or sub-heading corresponding to an item listed in the format adopted in preparing a company's balance sheet or profit and loss account shall not be

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included if there is no amount to be shown for that item in respect of the financial year to which the balance sheet or profit and loss account relates.

3.—(1) In respect of every item shown in the balance sheet or profit and loss account, there shall be shown or stated the corresponding amount for the financial year immediately preceding that to which the accounts relate.

(2) Where the corresponding amount is not comparable with the amount to be shown for the item in question in respect of the financial year to which the balance sheet or profit and loss account relates, the former amount shall be adjusted and particulars of the adjustment and the reasons for it shall be given in a note to the accounts.

(3) Paragraph 2(4) does not apply in any case where an amount can be shown for the item in question in respect of the financial year immediately preceding that to which the balance sheet or profit and loss account relates, and that amount shall be shown under the heading or sub-heading required by paragraph 1 for that item.

4. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, amounts in respect of items representing assets or income may not be set off against amounts in respect of items representing liabilities or expenditure (as the case may be), or vice versa.

5. Every profit and loss account of a company shall show separately as additional items

- (a) any amount set aside or proposed to be set aside to, or withdrawn or proposed to be withdrawn from, reserves; and
- (b) the aggregate amount of any dividends paid and proposed.

6. The provisions of this Schedule which relate to long term business shall apply, with necessary modifications, to business within Classes 1 and 2 of Schedule 2 to the 1982 Act which—

- (a) is transacted exclusively or principally according to the technical principles of long term business, and
- (b) is a significant amount of the business of the company.

## SECTION B

### THE REQUIRED FORMATS FOR ACCOUNTS

#### Preliminary

7.—(1) References in this Part to the balance sheet format or profit and loss account format are to the balance sheet format or profit and loss account format set out below, and references to the items listed in either of the formats are to those items read together with any of the notes following the formats which apply to any of those items.

(2) The requirement imposed by paragraph 1 to show the items listed in either format in the order adopted in the format is subject to any provision in the notes following the format for alternative positions for any particular items.

(3) Where in respect of any item to which an Arabic number is assigned in either format, the gross amount and reinsurance amount or reinsurers' share are required to be shown, a sub-total of those amounts shall also be given.

(4) Where in respect of any item to which an Arabic number is assigned in the profit and loss account format, separate items are required to be shown, then a separate sub-total of those items shall also be given in addition to any sub-total required by sub-paragraph (3).

8. A number in brackets following any item in either of the formats set out below is a reference to the note of that number in the notes following the format.

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9. In the profit and loss account format set out below—
- (a) the heading “Technical account—General business” is for business within the classes of insurance specified in Schedule 2 to the 1982 Act; and
  - (b) the heading “Technical account—Long term business” is for business within the classes of insurance specified in Schedule 1 to that Act.

### **Balance Sheet Format**

#### **ASSETS**

- A. Called up share capital not paid (1)
- B. Intangible assets
  - (1) Development costs
  - (2) Concessions, patents, licences, trade marks and similar rights and assets (2)
  - (3) Goodwill (3)
  - (4) Payments on account
- C. Investments
  - I. Land and buildings (4)
  - II. Investments in group undertakings and participating interests
    - (1) Shares in group undertakings
    - (2) Debt securities issued by, and loans to, group undertakings
    - (3) Participating interests
    - (4) Debt securities issued by, and loans to, undertakings in which the company has a participating interest
  - III. Other financial investments
    - (1) Shares and other variable-yield securities and units in unit trusts
    - (2) Debt securities and other fixed income securities (5)
    - (3) Participation in investment pools (6)
    - (4) Loans secured by mortgages (7)
    - (5) Other loans (7)
    - (6) Deposits with credit institutions (8)
    - (7) Other (9)
  - IV. Deposits with ceding undertakings (10)
- D. Assets held to cover linked liabilities (11)
- Da. Reinsurers' share of technical provisions (12)
  - (1) Provision for unearned premiums
  - (2) Long-term business provision
  - (3) Claims outstanding
  - (4) Provisions for bonuses and rebates
  - (5) Other technical provisions
  - (6) Technical provisions for unit-linked liabilities
- E. Debtors (13)

- I. Debtors arising out of direct insurance operations
  - (1) Policy holders
  - (2) Intermediaries
- II. Debtors arising out of reinsurance operations
- III. Other debtors
- IV. Called up share capital not paid (1)
- F. Other assets
  - I. Tangible assets
    - (1) Plant and machinery
    - (2) Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment
    - (3) Payments on account (other than deposits paid on land and buildings) and assets (other than buildings) in course of construction
  - II. Stocks
    - (1) Raw materials and consumables
    - (2) Work in progress
    - (3) Finished goods and goods for resale
    - (4) Payments on account
  - III. Cash at bank and in hand
  - IV. Own shares (14)
  - V. Other (15)
- G. Prepayments and accrued income
  - I. Accrued interest and rent (16)
  - II. Deferred acquisition costs (17)
  - III. Other prepayments and accrued income

## **LIABILITIES**

- A. Capital and reserves
  - I. Called up share capital or equivalent funds
  - II. Share premium account
  - III. Revaluation reserve
  - IV. Reserves
    - (1) Capital redemption reserves
    - (2) Reserve for own shares
    - (3) Reserves provided for by the articles of association
    - (4) Other reserves
  - V. Profit and loss account
- B. Subordinated liabilities (18)
  - Ba. Fund for future appropriations (19)

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- C. Technical provisions
    - (1) Provision for unearned premiums (20)
      - (a) gross amount
      - (b) reinsurance amount (12)
    - (2) Long-term business provision (20) (21) (26)
      - (a) gross amount
      - (b) reinsurance amount (12)
    - (3) Claims outstanding (22)
      - (a) gross amount
      - (b) reinsurance amount (12)
    - (4) Provision for bonuses and rebates (23)
      - (a) gross amount
      - (b) reinsurance amount (12)
    - (5) Equalisation provision (24)
    - (6) Other technical provisions (25)
      - (a) gross amount
      - (b) reinsurance amount (12)
  - D. Technical provisions for linked liabilities (26)
    - (a) gross amount
    - (b) reinsurance amount (12)
  - E. Provisions for other risks and charges
    - (1) Provisions for pensions and similar obligations
    - (2) Provisions for taxation
    - (3) Other provisions
  - F. Deposits received from reinsurers (27)
  - G. Creditors (28)
  - I. Creditors arising out of direct insurance operations
  - II. Creditors arising out of reinsurance operations
  - III. Debenture loans (29)
  - IV. Amounts owed to credit institutions
  - V. Other creditors including taxation and social security
  - H. Accruals and deferred income
- Notes on the Balance Sheet Format**
- 1) Called up share capital not paid
- Assets items A and E.IV)
- This item may be shown in either of the positions given in the format.
- 2) Concessions, patents, licences, trade marks and similar rights and assets
- Assets item 8.2)



Amounts in respect of assets shall only be included in a company's balance sheet under this item if either—

- (a) the assets were acquired for valuable consideration and are not required to be shown under goodwill; or
- (b) the assets in question were created by the company itself.

3) Goodwill

(Assets item B.3)

Amounts representing goodwill shall only be included to the extent that the goodwill was acquired for valuable consideration.

4) Land and Buildings

Assets item C.1)

The amount of any land and buildings occupied by the company for its own activities shall be shown separately in the notes to the accounts.

5) Debt securities and other fixed income securities

(Assets item C.III.2)

This item shall comprise transferable debt securities and any other transferable fixed income securities issued by credit institutions, other undertakings or public bodies, in so far as they are not covered by Assets item C.II.2 or C.II.4.

Securities bearing interest rates that vary in accordance with specific factors, for example the interest rate on the inter-bank market or on the Euromarket, shall also be regarded as debt securities and other fixed income securities and so be included under this item.

6) Participation in investment pools

(Assets item C.III.3)

This item shall comprise shares held by the company in joint investments constituted by several undertakings or pension funds, the management of which has been entrusted to one of those undertakings or to one of those pension funds.

7) Loans secured by mortgages and other loans

(Assets items C.III.4 and C.III.5)

Loans to policy holders for which the policy is the main security shall be included under "Other loans" and their amount shall be disclosed in the notes to the accounts. Loans secured by mortgage shall be shown as such even where they are also secured by insurance policies. Where the amount of "Other loans" not secured by policies is material, an appropriate breakdown shall be given in the notes to the accounts.

8) Deposits with credit institutions

(Assets item C.III.6)

This item shall comprise sums the withdrawal of which is subject to a time restriction. Sums deposited with no such restriction shall be shown under Assets item F.III even if they bear interest.

9) Other

(Assets item C.III.7)

This item shall comprise those investments which are not covered by Assets items C.III.1 to 6. Where the amount of such investments is significant, they must be disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

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10) Deposits with ceding undertakings

(Assets item C.IV)

Where the company accepts reinsurance this item shall comprise amounts, owed by the ceding undertakings and corresponding to guarantees, which are deposited with those ceding undertakings or with third parties or which are retained by those undertakings.

These amounts may not be combined with other amounts owed by the ceding insurer to the reinsurer or set off against amounts owed by the reinsurer to the ceding insurer.

Securities deposited with ceding undertakings or third parties which remain the property of the company shall be entered in the company's accounts as an investment, under the appropriate item.

11) Assets held to cover linked liabilities

(Assets item D)

In respect of long-term business, this item shall comprise investments made pursuant to long-term policies under which the benefits payable to the policy holder are wholly or partly to be determined by reference to the value of, or the income from, property of any description (whether or not specified in the contract) or by reference to fluctuations in, or in an index of, the value of property of any description (whether or not so specified).

This item shall also comprise investments which are held on behalf of the members of a tontine and are intended for distribution among them.

12) Reinsurance amounts

(Assets item Da: Liabilities items C.1(b), 2(b), 3(b), 4(b) and 6(b) and D(b))

The reinsurance amounts may be shown either under Assets item Da or under Liabilities items C. 1(0), 2(b), 3(b), 4(b) and 6(b) and D(b).

The reinsurance amounts shall comprise the actual or estimated amounts which, under contractual reinsurance arrangements, are deducted from the gross amounts of technical provisions.

As regards the provision for unearned premiums, the reinsurance amounts shall be calculated according to the methods referred to in paragraph 44 or in accordance with the terms of the reinsurance policy.

13) Debtors

(Assets item E)

Amounts owed by group undertakings and undertakings in which the company has a participating interest shall be shown separately as sub-items of Assets items E.I, II and III.

14) Own shares

(Assets item F.IV)

The nominal value of the shares shall be shown separately under this item.

15) Other

(Assets item F.V)

This item shall comprise those assets which are not covered by Assets items F. I to IV. Where such assets are material they must be disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

16) Accrued interest and rent

(Assets item G.I)

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This item shall comprise those items that represent interest and rent that have been earned up to the balance-sheet date but have not yet become receivable.

17) Deferred acquisition costs

(Assets item G.II)

This item shall comprise the costs of acquiring insurance policies which are incurred during a financial year but relate to a subsequent financial year (“deferred acquisition costs”), except in so far as—

- (a) allowance has been made in the computation of the long term business provision made under paragraph 46 and shown under Liabilities item C2 or D in the balance sheet, for—
  - (i) the explicit recognition of such costs, or
  - (ii) the implicit recognition of such costs by virtue of the anticipation of future income from which such costs may prudently be expected to be recovered, or
- (b) allowance has been made for such costs in respect of general business policies by a deduction from the provision for unearned premiums made under paragraph 44 and shown under Liabilities item C.I in the balance sheet.

Deferred acquisition costs arising in general business shall be distinguished from those arising in long term business.

In the case of general business, the amount of any deferred acquisition costs shall be established on a basis compatible with that used for unearned premiums.

There shall be disclosed in the notes to the accounts—

- (a) how the deferral of acquisition costs has been treated (unless otherwise expressly stated in the accounts), and
- (b) where such costs are included as a deduction from the provisions at Liabilities item C.I, the amount of such deduction, or
- (c) where the actuarial method used in the calculation of the provisions at Liabilities item C.2 or D has made allowance for the explicit recognition of such costs, the amount of the costs so recognised.

18) Subordinated liabilities

(Liabilities item B)

This item shall comprise all liabilities in respect of which there is a contractual obligation that, in the event of winding up or of bankruptcy, they are to be repaid only after the claims of all other creditors have been met (whether or not they are represented by certificates).

19) Fund for future appropriations

(Liabilities item Ba)

This item shall comprise all funds the allocation of which either to policy holders or to shareholders has not been determined by the end of the financial year.

Transfers to and from this item shall be shown in item II. 12a in the profit and loss account.

20) Provision for unearned premiums

(Liabilities item C.1)

In the case of long-term business the provision for unearned premiums may be included in Liabilities item C.2 rather than in this item.

The provision for unearned premiums shall comprise the amount representing that part of gross premiums written which is estimated to be earned in the following financial year or to subsequent financial years.

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21) Long term business provision

(Liabilities item C.2)

This item shall comprise the actuarially estimated value of the company's liabilities (excluding technical provisions included in Liabilities item D), including bonuses already declared and after deducting the actuarial value of future premiums.

This item shall also comprise claims incurred but not reported, plus the estimated costs of settling such claims.

22) Claims outstanding

(Liabilities item C.3)

This item shall comprise the total estimated ultimate cost to the company of settling all claims arising from events which have occurred up to the end of the financial year (including, in the case of general business, claims incurred but not reported) less amounts already paid in respect of such claims.

23) Provision for bonuses and rebates

(Liabilities item C.4)

This item shall comprise amounts intended for policy holders or contract beneficiaries by way of bonuses and rebates as defined in Note (5) on the profit and loss account format to the extent that such amounts have not been credited to policy holders or contract beneficiaries or included in Liabilities item Ba or in Liabilities item C.2.

24) Equalisation provision

(Liabilities item C.5)

This item shall comprise any amounts which, in accordance with Council Directive [87/343/EEC](#), are required to be set aside by a company to equalise fluctuations in loss ratios in future years or to provide for special risks.

A company which otherwise constitutes reserves to equalise fluctuations in loss ratios in future years or to provide for special risks shall disclose that fact in the notes to the accounts.

25) Other technical provisions

(Liabilities item C.6)

This item shall comprise, inter alia, the provision for unexpired risks as defined in paragraph 81. Where the amount of the provision for unexpired risks is significant, it shall be disclosed separately either in the balance sheet or in the notes to the accounts.

26) Technical provisions for linked liabilities

(Liabilities item D)

This item shall comprise technical provisions constituted to cover liabilities relating to investment in the context of long-term policies under which the benefits payable to policy holders are wholly or partly to be determined by reference to the value of, or the income from, property of any description (whether or not specified in the contract) or by reference to fluctuations in, or in an index of, the value of property of any description (whether or not so specified).

Any additional technical provisions constituted to cover death risks, operating expenses or other risks (such as benefits payable at the maturity date or guaranteed surrender values) shall be included under Liabilities item C.2.

This item shall also comprise technical provisions representing the obligations of a tontine's organiser in relation to its members.

27) Deposits received from reinsurers

(Liabilities item F)

Where the company cedes reinsurance, this item shall comprise amounts deposited by or withheld from other insurance undertakings under reinsurance contracts. These amounts may not be merged with other amounts owed to or by those other undertakings.

Where the company cedes reinsurance and has received as a deposit securities which have been transferred to its ownership, this item shall comprise the amount owed by the company by virtue of the deposit.

28) Creditors

(Liabilities item G)

Amounts owed to group undertakings and undertakings in which the company has a participating interest shall be shown separately as sub-items.

29) Debenture loans

(Liabilities item G.III)

The amount of any convertible loans shall be shown separately.

**Special Rules for Balance Sheet Format**

**Additional Items**

10.—(1) Every balance sheet of a company which carries on long term business shall show separately as an additional item the aggregate of any amounts included in Liabilities item A (capital and reserves) which are required not to be treated as realised profits under Article 276.

(2) A company which carries on long term business shall show separately, in the balance sheet or in the notes to the accounts, the total amount of assets representing the long term fund valued in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule.

**Managed funds**

11.—(1) For the purposes of this paragraph “managed funds” are funds of a group pension fund—

- (a) which fall within Class VII of Schedule 1 to the 1982 Act, and
- (b) which the company administers in its own name but on behalf of others, and
- (c) to which it has legal title.

(2) The company shall, in any case where assets and liabilities arising in respect of managed funds fall to be treated as assets and liabilities of the company, adopt the following accounting treatment: assets and liabilities representing managed funds are to be included in the company’s balance sheet, with the notes to the accounts disclosing the total amount included with respect to such assets and liabilities in the balance sheet and showing the amount included under each relevant balance sheet item in respect of such assets or (as the case may be) liabilities.

**Deferred acquisition costs**

12. The costs of acquiring insurance policies which are incurred during a financial year but which relate to a subsequent financial year shall be deferred in a manner specified in Note (17) on the balance sheet format.

**Profit and loss account format**

I. Technical account—General business

- (1) Earned premiums, net of reinsurance

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- (a) gross premiums written (1)
  - (b) outward reinsurance premiums (2)
  - (c) change in the gross provision for unearned premiums
  - (d) change in the provision for unearned premiums, reinsurers' share
  - (2) Allocated investment return transferred from the non-technical account (item III.6) (10)
  - (2a) Investment income (8) (10)
    - (a) income from participating interests, with a separate indication of that derived from group undertakings
    - (b) income from other investments, with a separate indication of that derived from group undertakings
      - (aa) income from land and buildings
      - (bb) income from other investments
    - (c) value re-adjustments on investments
    - (d) gains on the realisation of investments
  - (3) Other technical income, net of reinsurance
  - (4) Claims incurred, net of reinsurance (4)
    - (a) claims paid
      - (aa) gross amount
      - (bb) reinsurers' share
    - (b) change in the provision for claims
      - (aa) gross amount
      - (bb) reinsurers' share
  - (5) Changes in other technical provisions, net of reinsurance, not shown under other headings
  - (6) Bonuses and rebates, net of reinsurance (5)
  - (7) Net operating expenses
    - (a) acquisition costs (6)
    - (b) change in deferred acquisition costs
    - (c) administrative expenses (7)
    - (d) reinsurance commissions and profit participation
  - (8) Other technical charges, net of reinsurance
  - (8a) Investment expenses and charges (8)
    - (a) investment management expenses, including interest
    - (b) value adjustments on investments
    - (c) losses on the realisation of investments
  - (9) Change in the equalisation provision
  - (10) Sub-total (balance on the technical account for general business) (item III. 1)
- II. Technical account—long term business
- (1) Earned premiums, net of reinsurance
    - (a) gross premiums written (1)
    - (b) outward reinsurance premiums (2)

- (c) change in the provision for unearned premiums, net of reinsurance (3)
- (2) Investment income (8) (10)
  - (a) income from participating interests, with a separate indication of that derived from group undertakings
  - (b) income from other investments, with a separate indication of that derived from group undertakings
    - (aa) income from land and buildings
    - (bb) income from other investments
  - (c) value re-adjustments on investments
  - (d) gains on the realisation of investments
- (3) Unrealised gains on investments (9)
- (4) Other technical income, net of reinsurance
- (5) Claims incurred, net of reinsurance (4)
  - (a) claims paid
    - (aa) gross amount
    - (bb) reinsurers' share
  - (b) change in the provision for claims
    - (aa) gross amount
    - (bb) reinsurers' share
- (6) Change in other technical provisions, net of reinsurance, not shown under other headings
  - (a) long-term business provision, net of reinsurance (3)
    - (aa) gross amount
    - (bb) reinsurers' share
  - (b) other technical provisions, net of reinsurance
- (7) Bonuses and rebates, net of reinsurance (5)
- (8) Net operating expenses
  - (a) acquisition costs (6)
  - (b) change in deferred acquisition costs
  - (c) administrative expenses (7)
  - (d) reinsurance commissions and profit participation
- (9) Investment expenses and charges (8)
  - (a) investment management expenses, including interest
  - (b) value adjustments on investments
  - (c) losses on the realisation of investments
- (10) Unrealised losses on investment (9)
- (11) Other technical charges, net of reinsurance
- (11a) Tax attributable to the long-term business
- (12) Allocated investment return transferred to the non-technical account (item III.4)
- (12a) Transfers to or from the fund for future appropriations
- (13) Sub-total (balance on the technical account — long term business) (item III.2)

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### III. Non-technical account

- (1) Balance on the general business technical account — (item I.10)
- (2) Balance on the long-term business technical account — (item II.13)
- (3) Investment income (8)
  - (a) income from participating interests, with a separate indication of that derived from group undertakings
  - (b) income from other investments, with a separate indication of that derived from group undertakings
    - (aa) income from land and buildings
    - (bb) income from other investments
  - (c) value re-adjustments on investments
  - (d) gains on the realisation of investments
- (3a) Unrealised gains on investments (9)
- (4) Allocated investment return transferred from the long-term business technical account (item II.12) (10)
- (5) Investment expenses and charges (8)
  - (a) investment management expenses, including interest
  - (b) value adjustments on investments
  - (c) losses on the realisation of investments
- (5a) Unrealised losses on investments (9)
- (6) Allocated investment return transferred to the general business technical account (item I.2) (10)
- (7) Other income
- (8) Other charges, including value adjustments
- (8a) Profit or loss on ordinary activities before tax
- (9) Tax on profit or loss on ordinary activities
- (10) Profit or loss on ordinary activities after tax
- (11) Extraordinary income
- (12) Extraordinary charges
- (13) Extraordinary profit or loss
- (14) Tax on extraordinary profit or loss
- (15) Other taxes not shown under the preceding items
- (16) Profit or loss for the financial year

#### **Notes on the profit and loss account format**

##### 1) Gross Premiums Written

(General business technical account: item I.1(a))

Long-term business technical account: item II.1(a))

This item shall comprise all amounts due during the financial year in respect of insurance contacts entered into regardless of the fact that such amounts may relate in whole or in part to a later financial year, and shall include inter alia—

- (i) premiums yet to be determined, where the premium calculation can be done only at the end of the year;



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- (ii) single premiums, including annuity premiums, and, in long-term business, single premiums resulting from bonus and rebate provisions in so far as they must be considered as premiums under the terms of the contract;
- (iii) additional premiums in the case of half-yearly, quarterly or monthly payments and additional payments from policy holders for expenses borne by the company;
- (iv) in the case of co-insurance, the company's portion of total premiums;
- (v) reinsurance premiums due from ceding and retroceding insurance undertakings, including portfolio entries,

after deduction of cancellations and portfolio withdrawals credited to ceding and retroceding insurance undertakings.

The above amounts shall not include the amounts of taxes or duties levied with premiums.

2) Outward reinsurance premiums

(General business technical account: item I.1(b))

Long-term business technical account: item II.1(b))

This item shall comprise all premiums paid or payable in respect of outward reinsurance contacts entered into by the company. Portfolio entries payable on the conclusion or amendment of outward reinsurance contracts shall be added; portfolio withdrawals receivable must be deducted.

3) Change in the provision for unearned premiums, net of reinsurance

(Long-term business technical account: items II.1c) and 11.6(a))

In the case of long-term business, the change in unearned premiums may be included either in item II. 1c) or in item II.6(a) of the long-term business technical account.

4) Claims incurred, net of reinsurance

(General business technical account: item I.4

Long-term business technical account: item II.5)

This item shall comprise all payments made in respect of the financial year with the addition of the provision for claims (but after deducting the provision for claims for the preceding financial year).

These amounts shall include annuities, surrenders, entries and withdrawals of loss provisions to and from ceding insurance undertakings and reinsurers and external and internal claims management costs and charges for claims incurred but not reported such as are referred to in paragraphs 47(2) and 49.

Sums recoverable on the basis of subrogation and salvage (within the meaning of paragraph 47) shall be deducted.

Where the difference between—

- (a) the loss provision made at the beginning of the year for outstanding claims incurred in previous years, and
- (b) the payments made during the year on account of claims incurred in previous years and the loss provision shown at the end of the year for such outstanding claims,

is material, it shall be shown in the notes to the accounts, broken down by category and amount.

5) bonuses and rebates, net of reinsurance

(General business technical account: item I.6

Long-term business technical account: item II.7)

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Bonuses shall comprise all amounts chargeable for the financial year which are paid or payable to policy holders and other insured parties or provided for their benefit, including amounts used to increase technical provisions or applied to the reduction of future premiums, to the extent that such amounts represent an allocation of surplus or profit arising on business as a whole or a section of business, after deduction of amounts provided in previous years which are no longer required.

Rebates shall comprise such amounts to the extent that they represent a partial refund of premiums resulting from the experience of individual contracts.

Where material, the amount charged for bonuses and that charged for rebates shall be disclosed separately in the notes to the accounts.

6) Acquisition costs

(General business technical account: item I.7(a))

Long-term business technical account: item II. 8(a))

This item shall comprise the costs arising from the conclusion of insurance contracts. They shall cover both direct costs, such as acquisition commissions or the cost of drawing up the insurance document or including the insurance contract in the portfolio, and indirect costs, such as advertising costs or the administrative expenses connected with the processing of proposals and the issuing of policies.

In the case of long-term business, policy renewal commissions shall be included under item II.8c) in the long term business technical account.

7) Administrative expenses

(General business technical account: item I.7c)

Long-term business technical account: item II.8c))

This item shall include the costs arising from premium collection, portfolio administration, handling of bonuses and rebates, and inward and outward reinsurance. They shall in particular include staff costs and depreciation provisions in respect of office furniture and equipment in so far as these need not be shown under acquisition costs, claims incurred or investment charges.

Item II.8c) shall also include policy renewal commissions.

8) Investment income, expenses and charges

(General business technical account: items I.2a and 8a

Long-term business technical account: items II.2 and 9

Non-technical account: items III.3 and 5)

Investment income, expenses and charges shall, to the extent that they arise in the long-term fund, be disclosed in the long-term business technical account. Other investment income, expenses and charges shall either be disclosed in the non-technical account or attributed between the appropriate technical and non-technical accounts. Where the company makes such an attribution it shall disclose the basis for it in the notes to the accounts.

9) Unrealised gains and losses on investments

(Long-term business technical account: items II.3 and 10

Non-technical account: items III.3a and 5a)

In the case of investments attributed to the long-term fund, the difference between the valuation of the investments and their purchase price or, if they have previously been valued, their valuation as at the last balance sheet date, may be disclosed (in whole or in part) in item II.3 or II.10 (as the case may be) of the long-term business technical account, and in the case of

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investments shown as assets under Assets item D (assets held to cover linked liabilities) shall be so disclosed.

In the case of other investments, the difference between the valuation of the investments and their purchase price or, if they have previously been valued, their valuation as at the last balance sheet date, may be disclosed (in whole or in part) in item III.3a or III.5a (as the case may require) of the non-technical account.

10) Allocated investment return

(General business technical account: items I.2 and 2a

Long-term business technical account: item II.2

Non-technical account: items III.4 and 6)

The allocated return may be transferred from one part of the profit and loss account to another.

Where part of the investment return is transferred to the general business technical account, the transfer from the non-technical account shall be deducted from item III.6 and added to item I.2.

Where part of the investment return disclosed in the long term business technical account is transferred to the non-technical account, the transfer to the non-technical account shall be deducted from item II.12 and added to item III.4.

The reasons for such transfers (which may consist of a reference to any relevant statutory requirement) and the bases on which they are made shall be disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

## CHAPTER II

### ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND RULES

#### SECTION A

#### ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

##### **Preliminary**

13. Subject to paragraph 19, the amounts to be included in respect of all items shown in a company's accounts shall be determined in accordance with the principles set out in paragraphs 14 to 18.

##### **Accounting principles**

14. The company shall be presumed to be carrying on business as a going concern.

15. Accounting policies shall be applied consistently within the same accounts and from one financial year to the next.

16. The amount of any item shall be determined on a prudent basis, and in particular—

- (a) subject to note (9) on the profit and loss account format, only profits realised at the balance sheet date shall be included in the profit and loss account; and
- (b) all liabilities and losses which have arisen or are likely to arise in respect of the financial year to which the accounts relate or a previous financial year shall be taken into account, including those which only become apparent between the balance sheet date and the date on which it is signed on behalf of the board of directors in pursuance of Article 241.

17. All income and charges relating to the financial year to which the accounts relate shall be taken into account, without regard to the date of receipt or payment.

18. In determining the aggregate amount of any item the amount of each individual asset or liability that falls to be taken into account shall be determined separately.

##### **Departure from accounting principles**

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19. If it appears to the directors of a company that there are special reasons for departing from any of the principles stated above in preparing the company's accounts in respect of any financial year they may do so, but particulars of the departure, the reasons for it and its effect shall be given in a note to the accounts.

## SECTION B

### CURRENT VALUE ACCOUNTING RULES

#### Preliminary

20. Subject to paragraphs 27 to 29—

- (a) the amounts to be included in respect of assets of any description mentioned in paragraph 22 shall be determined in accordance with that paragraph; and
- (b) subject to paragraph 21, the amounts to be included in respect of assets of any description mentioned in paragraph 23 may be determined in accordance with that paragraph or the rules set out in paragraphs 30 to 41 (“the historical cost accounting rules”).

21. The same valuation method shall be applied to all investments included in any item in the balance sheet format which is denoted by an arabic number.

#### **Valuation of assets: general**

22.—(1) Subject to paragraph 24, investments falling to be included under Assets item C (investments) shall be included at their current value calculated in accordance with paragraphs 25 and 26.

(2) Investments falling to be included under Assets item D (assets held to cover linked liabilities) shall be shown at their current value calculated in accordance with paragraphs 25 and 26.

23.—(1) Intangible assets other than goodwill may be shown at their current cost.

(2) Assets falling to be included under Assets items F.I (tangible assets) and F.IV (own shares) in the balance sheet format may be shown at their current value calculated in accordance with paragraphs 25 and 26 or at their current cost.

(3) Assets falling to be included under Assets item F.II (stocks) maybe shown at current cost.

#### **Alternative valuation of fixed-income securities**

24.—(1) This paragraph applies to debt securities and other fixed-income securities shown as assets under Assets items C. II (investments in group undertakings and participating interests) and C.III (other financial investments).

(2) Securities to which this paragraph applies may either be valued in accordance with paragraph 22 or the amortised value may be shown in the balance sheet, in which case the provisions of this paragraph apply.

(3) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), where the purchase price of securities to which this paragraph applies exceeds the amount repayable at maturity, the amount of the difference—

- (a) shall be charged to the profit and loss account, and
- (b) shall be shown separately in the balance sheet or in the notes to the accounts.

(4) The amount of the difference referred to in sub-paragraph (3) may be written off in instalments so that it is completely written off when the securities are repaid, in which case there shall be shown separately in the balance sheet or in the notes to the accounts the difference between the purchase price (less the aggregate amount written off) and the amount repayable at maturity.

(5) Where the purchase price of securities to which this paragraph applies is less than the amount repayable at maturity, the amount of the difference shall be released to income in instalments over

the period remaining until repayment, in which case there shall be shown separately in the balance sheet or in the notes to the accounts the difference between the purchase price (plus the aggregate amount released to income) and the amount repayable at maturity.

(6) Both the purchase price and the current value of securities valued in accordance with this paragraph shall be disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

(7) Where securities to which this paragraph applies which are not valued in accordance with paragraph 22 are sold before maturity, and the proceeds are used to purchase other securities to which this paragraph applies, the difference between the proceeds of sale and their book value may be spread uniformly over the period remaining until the maturity of the original investment.

#### **Meaning of “current value”**

25.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (5), in the case of investments other than land and buildings, current value shall mean market value determined in accordance with this paragraph.

(2) In the case of listed investments, market value shall mean the value on the balance sheet date or, when the balance sheet date is not a stock exchange trading day, on the last stock exchange trading day before that date.

(3) Where a market exists for unlisted investments, market value shall mean the average price at which such investments were traded on the balance sheet date or, when the balance sheet date is not a trading day, on the last trading day before that date.

(4) Where, on the date on which the accounts are drawn up, listed or unlisted investments have been sold or are to be sold within the short-term, the market value shall be reduced by the actual or estimated realisation costs.

(5) Except where the equity method of accounting is applied, all investments other than those referred to in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) shall be valued on a basis which has prudent regard to the likely realisable value.

26.—(1) In the case of land and buildings, current value shall mean the market value on the date of valuation, where relevant reduced as provided in sub-paragraphs (4) and (5).

(2) Market value shall mean the price at which land and buildings could be sold under private contact between a willing seller and an arm’s length buyer on the date of valuation, it being assumed that the property is publicly exposed to the market, that market conditions permit orderly disposal and that a normal period, having regard to the nature of the property, is available for the negotiation of the sale.

(3) The market value shall be determined through the separate valuation of each land and buildings item, carried out at least every five years in accordance with generally recognised methods of valuation.

(4) Where the value of any land and buildings item has diminished since the preceding valuation under sub-paragraph (3), an appropriate value adjustment shall be made.

(5) The lower value arrived at under sub-paragraph (4) shall not be increased in subsequent balance sheets unless such increase results from a new determination of market value arrived at in accordance with sub-paragraphs (2) and (3).

(6) Where, on the date on which the accounts are drawn up, land and buildings have been sold or are to be sold within the short-term, the value arrived at in accordance with sub-paragraphs (2) and (4) shall be reduced by the actual or estimated realisation costs.

(7) Where it is impossible to determine the market value of a land and buildings item, the value arrived at on the basis of the principle of purchase price or production cost shall be deemed to be its current value.

#### **Application of the depreciation rules**

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27.—(1) Where—

- (a) the value of any asset of a company is determined in accordance with paragraph 22 or 23, and
- (b) in the case of a determination under paragraph 22, the asset falls to be included under Assets item C.I,

that value shall be, or (as the case may require) be the starting point for determining, the amount to be included in respect of that asset in the company's accounts, instead of its cost or any value previously so determined for that asset; and paragraphs 31 to 35 and 37 shall apply accordingly in relation to any such asset with the substitution for any reference to its cost of a reference to the value most recently determined for that asset in accordance with paragraph 22 or 23 (as the case may be).

(2) The amount of any provision for depreciation required in the case of any asset by paragraph 32 or 33 as it applies by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) is referred to in this paragraph as the "adjusted amount", and the amount of any provision which would be required by that paragraph in the case of that asset according to the historical cost accounting rules is referred to as the "historical cost amount".

(3) Where sub-paragraph (1) applies in the case of any asset the amount of any provision for depreciation in respect of that asset included in any item shown in the profit and loss account in respect of amounts written off assets of the description in question may be the historical cost amount instead of the adjusted amount, provided that the amount of any difference between the two is shown separately in the profit and loss account or in a note to the accounts.

**Additional information to be provided**

28.—(1) This paragraph applies where the amounts to be included in respect of assets covered by any items shown in a company's accounts have been determined in accordance with paragraph 22 or 23.

(2) The items affected and the basis of valuation adopted in determining the amounts of the assets in question in the case of each such item shall be disclosed in a note to the accounts.

(3) The purchase price of investments valued in accordance with paragraph 22 shall be disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

(4) In the case of each balance sheet item valued in accordance with paragraph 23 either—

- (a) the comparable amounts determined according to the historical cost accounting rules (without any provision for depreciation or diminution in value); or
- (b) the differences between those amounts and the corresponding amounts actually shown in the balance sheet in respect of that item,

shall be shown separately in the balance sheet or in a note to the accounts.

(5) In sub-paragraph (4), references in relation to any item to the comparable amounts determined as there mentioned are references to—

- (a) the aggregate amount which would be required to be shown in respect of that item if the amounts to be included in respect of all the assets covered by that item were determined according to the historical cost accounting rules; and
- (b) the aggregate amount of the cumulative provisions for depreciation or diminution in value which would be permitted or required in determining those amounts according to those rules.

**Revaluation reserve**

29.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (7), with respect to any determination of the value of an asset of a company in accordance with paragraph 22 or 23, the amount of any profit or loss arising from that determination (after allowing, where appropriate, for any provisions for depreciation or diminution

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in value made otherwise than by reference to the value so determined and any adjustments of any such provisions made in the light of that determination) shall be credited or (as the case may be) debited to a separate reserve (“the revaluation reserve”).

(2) The amount of the revaluation reserve shall be shown in the company’s balance sheet under Liabilities item A. III, but need not be shown under the name “revaluation reserve”.

(3) An amount may be transferred from the revaluation reserve—

(a) to the profit and loss account, if the amount was previously charged to that account or represents realised profit, or

(b) on capitalisation;

and the revaluation reserve shall be reduced to the extent that the amounts transferred to it are no longer necessary for the purposes of the valuation method used.

(4) In sub-paragraph (3)(b) “capitalisation”, in relation to an amount standing to the credit of the revaluation reserve, means applying it in wholly or partly paying up unissued shares in the company to be allotted to members of the company as fully or partly paid shares.

(5) The revaluation reserve shall not be reduced except as mentioned in this paragraph.

(6) The treatment for taxation purposes of amounts credited or debited to the revaluation reserve shall be disclosed in a note to the accounts.

(7) This paragraph does not apply to the difference between the valuation of investments and their purchase price or previous valuation shown in the long-term business technical account or the non-technical account in accordance with note (9) on the profit and loss account format.

## SECTION C

### HISTORICAL COST ACCOUNTING RULES

#### Preliminary

30. Subject to paragraphs 20 to 29, the amounts to be included in respect of all items shown in a company’s accounts shall be determined in accordance with the rules set out in paragraphs 31 to 41.

#### Valuation of assets

##### General rules

31. Subject to any provision for depreciation or diminution in value made in accordance with paragraph 32 or 33, the amount to be included in respect of any asset in the balance sheet format shall be its cost.

32. In the case of any asset included under Assets item B (intangible assets), C.I (land and buildings), F.I (tangible assets) or F.II (stocks) which has a limited useful economic life, the amount of—

(a) its cost; or

(b) where it is estimated that any such asset will have a residual value at the end of the period of its useful economic life, its cost less that estimated residual value,

shall be reduced by provisions for depreciation calculated to write off that amount systematically over the period of the asset’s useful economic life.

33.—(1) This paragraph applies to any asset included under Assets item B (intangible assets), C (Investments), F.I (tangible assets) or F.IV (own shares).

(2) Where an asset to which this paragraph applies has diminished in value, provisions for diminution in value may be made in respect of it and the amount to be included in respect of it may

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be reduced accordingly; and any such provisions which are not shown in the profit and loss account shall be disclosed (either separately or in aggregate) in a note to the accounts.

(3) Provisions for diminution in value shall be made in respect of any asset to which this paragraph applies if the reduction in its value is expected to be permanent (whether its useful economic life is limited or not), and the amount to be included in respect of it shall be reduced accordingly; and any such provisions which are not shown in the profit and loss account shall be disclosed (either separately or in aggregate) in a note to the accounts.

(4) Where the reasons for which any provision was made in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) or (2) have ceased to apply to any extent, that provision shall be written back to the extent that it is no longer necessary; and any amounts written back in accordance with this sub-paragraph which are not shown in the profit and loss account shall be disclosed (either separately or in aggregate) in a note to the accounts.

34.—(1) This paragraph applies to assets included under Assets items E.I,II and III (debtors) and F.III (cash at bank and in hand) in the balance sheet.

(2) If the net realisable value of an asset to which this paragraph applies is lower than its cost the amount to be included in respect of that asset shall be the net realisable value.

(3) Where the reasons for which any provision for diminution in value was made in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) have ceased to apply to any extent, that provision shall be written back to the extent that it is no longer necessary.

### **Development costs**

35.—(1) Notwithstanding that amounts representing “development costs” may be included under Assets item B (intangible assets) in the balance sheet format, an amount may only be included in a company’s balance sheet in respect of development costs in special circumstances.

(2) If any amount is included in a company’s balance sheet in respect of development costs the following information shall be given in a note to the accounts—

- (a) the period over which the amount of those costs originally capitalised is being or is to be written off; and
- (b) the reasons for capitalising the development costs in question.

### **Goodwill**

36.—(1) The application of paragraphs 31 to 33 in relation to goodwill (in any case where goodwill is treated as an asset) is subject to the following provisions of this paragraph.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), the amount of the consideration for any goodwill acquired by a company shall be reduced by provisions for depreciation calculated to write off that amount systematically over a period chosen by the directors of the company.

(3) The period chosen shall not exceed the useful economic life of the goodwill in question.

(4) In any case where any goodwill acquired by a company is included as an asset in the company’s balance sheet the period chosen for writing off the consideration for that goodwill and the reasons for choosing that period shall be disclosed in a note to the accounts.

### **Miscellaneous and supplemental**

#### **Excess of money owed over value received as an asset item**

37.—(1) Where the amount repayable on any debt owed by a company is greater than the value of the consideration received in the transaction giving rise to the debt, the amount of the difference may be treated as an asset.



- (2) Where any such amount is so treated—
  - (a) it shall be written off by reasonable amounts each year and must be completely written off before repayment of the debt; and
  - (b) if the current amount is not shown as a separate item in the company's balance sheet it must be disclosed in a note to the accounts.

#### **Assets included at a fixed amount**

38.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), assets which fall to be included under Assets item F.I (tangible assets) in the balance sheet format may be included at a fixed quantity and value.

- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) applies to assets of a kind which are constantly being replaced, where—
  - (a) their overall value is not material to assessing the company's state of affairs; and
  - (b) their quantity, value and composition are not subject to material variation.

#### **Determination of cost**

39.—(1) The cost of an asset that has been acquired by the company shall be determined by adding to the actual price paid any expenses incidental to its acquisition.

(2) The cost of an asset constructed by the company shall be determined by adding to the purchase price of the raw materials and consumables used the amount of the costs incurred by the company which are directly attributable to the construction of that asset.

- (3) In addition, there may be included in the cost of an asset constructed by the company—
  - (a) a reasonable proportion of the costs incurred by the company which are only indirectly attributable to the construction of that asset, but only to the extent that they relate to the period of construction; and
  - (b) interest on capital borrowed to finance the construction of that asset, to the extent that it accrues in respect of the period of construction;

provided, however, in a case within sub-paragraph (b), that the inclusion of the interest in determining the cost of that asset and the amount of the interest so included is disclosed in a note to the accounts.

40.—(1) Subject to the qualification mentioned below, the cost of any assets which are fungible assets may be determined by the application of any of the methods mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) in relation to any such assets of the same class.

The method chosen must be one which appears to the directors to be appropriate in the circumstances of the company.

- (2) Those methods are—
  - (a) the method known as “first in, first out” (FIFO);
  - (b) the method known as “last in, first out” (LIFO);
  - (c) a weighted average price; and
  - (d) any other method similar to any of the methods mentioned above.
- (3) Where in the case of any company—
  - (a) the cost of assets falling to be included under any item shown in the company's balance sheet has been determined by the application of any method permitted by this paragraph; and
  - (b) the amount shown in respect of that differs materially from the relevant alternative amount given below in this paragraph;

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the amount of that difference shall be disclosed in a note to the accounts.

(4) Subject to sub-paragraph (5), for the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)(b), the relevant alternative amount, in relation to any item shown in a company's balance sheet, is the amount which would have been shown in respect of that item if assets of any class included under that item at an amount determined by any method permitted by this paragraph had instead been included at their replacement cost as at the balance sheet date.

(5) The relevant alternative amount may be determined by reference to the most recent actual purchase price before the balance sheet date of assets of any class included under the item in question instead of by reference to their replacement cost as at that date, but only if the former appears to the directors of the company to constitute the more appropriate standard of comparison in the case of assets of that class.

### **Substitution of original amount where price or cost unknown**

41. Where there is no record of the purchase price of any asset acquired by a company or of any price, expenses or costs relevant for determining its cost in accordance with paragraph 39, or any such record cannot be obtained without unreasonable expense or delay, its costs shall be taken for the purposes of paragraphs 31 to 36 to be the value ascribed to it in the earliest available record of its value made on or after its acquisition by the company.

## *SECTION D*

### *RULES FOR DETERMINING PROVISIONS*

#### **Preliminary**

42. Provisions which are to be shown in a company's accounts shall be determined in accordance with paragraphs 43 to 53.

#### **Technical provisions**

43. The amount of technical provisions must at all times be sufficient to cover any liabilities arising out of insurance contracts as far as can reasonably be foreseen.

#### **Provision for unearned premiums**

44.—(1) The provision for unearned premiums shall in principle be computed separately for each insurance contract, save that statistical methods (and in particular proportional and flat rate methods) may be used where they may be expected to give approximately the same results as individual calculations.

(2) Where the pattern of risk varies over the life of a contract, this shall be taken into account in the calculation methods.

#### **Provision for unexpired risks**

45. The provision for unexpired risks (as defined in paragraph 81) shall be computed on the basis of claims and administrative expenses likely to arise after the end of the financial year from contracts concluded before that date, in so far as their estimated value exceeds the provision for unearned premiums and any premiums receivable under those contracts.

### **Long term business provision**

46.—(1) The long-term business provision shall in principle be computed separately for each long-term contract, save that statistical or mathematical methods may be used where they may be expected to give approximately the same results as individual calculations.

(2) A summary of the principal assumptions in making the provision under sub-paragraph (1) shall be given in the notes to the accounts.

(3) The computation shall be made annually by a Fellow of the Institute or Faculty of Actuaries on the basis of recognised actuarial methods, with due regard to the actuarial principles laid down in Council Directive 92/96/EEC.

### **Provisions for claims outstanding**

#### **General business**

47.—(1) A provision shall in principle be computed separately for each claim on the basis of the costs still expected to arise, save that statistical methods may be used if they result in an adequate provision having regard to the nature of the risks.

(2) This provision shall also allow for claims incurred but not reported by the balance sheet date, the amount of the allowance being determined having regard to past experience as to the number and magnitude of claims reported after previous balance sheet dates.

(3) All claims settlement costs (whether direct or indirect) shall be included in the calculation of the provision.

(4) Recoverable amounts arising out of subrogation or salvage shall be estimated on a prudent basis and either deducted from the provision for claims outstanding (in which case if the amounts are material they shall be shown in the notes to the accounts) or shown as assets.

(5) In sub-paragraph (4), “subrogation” means the acquisition of the rights of policy holders with respect to third parties, and “salvage” means the acquisition of the legal ownership of insured property.

(6) Where benefits resulting from a claim must be paid in the form of annuity, the amounts to be set aside for that purpose shall be calculated by recognised actuarial methods, and paragraph 48 shall not apply to such calculations.

(7) Implicit discounting or deductions, whether resulting from the placing of a current value on a provision for an outstanding claim which is expected to be settled later at a higher figure or otherwise effected, is prohibited.

48.—(1) Explicit discounting or deductions to take account of investment income is permitted, subject to the following conditions—

- (a) the expected average interval between the date for the settlement of claims being discounted and the accounting date shall be at least four years;
- (b) the discounting or deductions shall be effected on a recognised prudential basis;
- (c) when calculating the total cost of settling claims, the company shall take account of all factors that could cause increases in that cost;
- (d) the company shall have adequate data at its disposal to construct a reliable model of the rate of claims settlements;
- (e) the rate of interest used for the calculation of present values shall not exceed a rate prudently estimated to be earned by assets of the company which are appropriate in magnitude and nature to cover the provisions for claims being discounted during the period necessary for the payment of such claims, and shall not exceed either—
  - (i) a rate justified by the performance of such assets over the preceding five years, or

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- (ii) a rate justified by the performance of such assets during the year preceding the balance sheet date.
- (2) When discounting or effecting deductions, the company shall, in the notes to the accounts, disclose—
  - (a) the total amount of provisions before discounting or deductions,
  - (b) the categories of claims which are discounted or from which deductions have been made,
  - (c) for each category of claims, the methods used, in particular the rates used for the estimates referred to in sub-paragraph (1)d) and e), and the criteria adopted for estimating the period that will elapse before the claims are settled.

### **Long term business**

49. The amount of the provision for claims shall be equal to the sums due to beneficiaries, plus the costs of settling claims.

### **Equalisation provision**

50. Any equalisation provision established under the Insurance Companies (Credit Insurance) Regulations 1990 shall be valued in accordance with the provisions of those Regulations.

### **Accounting on a non-annual basis**

51.—(1) Either of the methods described in paragraphs 52 and 53 may be applied where, because of the nature of the class or type of insurance in question, information about premiums receivable or claims payable (or both) for the underwriting years is insufficient when the accounts are drawn up for reliable estimates to be made.

(2) The use of either of the methods referred to in sub-paragraph (1) shall be disclosed in the notes to the accounts together with the reasons for adopting it.

(3) Where one of the methods referred to in sub-paragraph (1) is adopted, it shall be applied systematically in successive years unless circumstances justify a change.

(4) In the event of a change in the method applied, the effect on the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss shall be stated in the notes to the accounts.

(5) For the purposes of this paragraph and paragraph 52, “underwriting year” means the financial year in which the insurance contracts in the class or type of insurance in question commenced.

52.—(1) The excess of the premiums written over the claims and expenses paid in respect of contracts commencing in the underwriting year shall form a technical provision included in the technical provision for claims outstanding shown in the balance sheet under Liabilities item C.3.

(2) The provision may also be computed on the basis of a given percentage of the premiums written where such a method is appropriate for the type of risk insured.

(3) If necessary, the amount of this technical provision shall be increased to make it sufficient to meet present and future obligations.

(4) The technical provision constituted under this paragraph shall be replaced by a provision for claims outstanding estimated in accordance with paragraph 47 as soon as sufficient information has been gathered and not later than the end of the third year following the underwriting year.

(5) The length of time that elapses before a provision for claims outstanding is constituted in accordance with sub-paragraph (4) shall be disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

53.—(1) The figures shown in the technical account or in certain items within it shall relate to a year which wholly or partly precedes the financial year (but by no more than 12 months).

(2) The amounts of the technical provisions shown in the accounts shall if necessary be increased to make them sufficient to meet present and future obligations.

(3) The length of time by which the earlier year to which the figures relate precedes the financial year and the magnitude of the transactions concerned shall be disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

## CHAPTER III

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### **Preliminary**

54. information required in the case of any company by the following provisions of this Part shall be given by way of a note to its accounts, unless otherwise provided.

#### **General**

#### **Disclosure of accounting policies**

55. The accounting policies adopted by the company in determining the amounts to be included in respect of items shown in the balance sheet and in determining the profit or loss of the company shall be stated (including such accounting policies with respect to the depreciation and diminution in value of assets).

56. It shall be stated whether the accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and particulars of any material departure from those standards and the reasons for it shall be given.

#### **Sums denominated in foreign currencies**

57. Where any sums originally denominated in foreign currencies have been brought into account under any items shown in the balance sheet or profit and loss account format, the basis on which those sums have been translated into sterling (or the currency in which the accounts are drawn up) shall be stated.

#### **Information supplementing the balance sheet**

#### **Share capital and debentures**

58.—(1) The following information shall be given with respect to the company's share capital—

- (a) the authorised share capital; and
- (b) where shares of more than one class have been allotted, the number and aggregate nominal value of shares of each class allotted.

(2) In the case of any part of the allotted share capital that consists of redeemable shares, the following information shall be given—

- (a) the earliest and latest dates on which the company has power to redeem those shares;
- (b) whether those shares must be redeemed in any event or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or of the shareholder; and
- (c) whether any (and, if so, what) premium is payable on redemption.

59. If the company has allotted any shares during the financial year, the following information shall be given—

- (a) the reason for making the allotment;
- (b) the classes of shares allotted; and

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- (c) as respects each class of shares, the number allotted, their aggregate nominal value and the consideration received by the company for the allotment.

60.—(1) With respect to any contingent right to the allotment of shares in the company the following particulars shall be given—

- (a) the number, description and amount of the shares in relation to which the right is exercisable;
- (b) the period during which it is exercisable; and
- (c) the price to be paid for the shares allotted.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1) “contingent right to the allotment of shares” means any option to subscribe for shares and any other right to require the allotment of shares to any person whether arising on the conversion into shares of securities of any other description or otherwise.

61.—(1) If the company has issued any debentures during the financial year to which the accounts relate, the following information shall be given—

- (a) the reason for making the issue;
- (b) the classes of debentures issued; and
- (c) as respects each class of debentures, the amount issued and the consideration received by the company for the issue.

(2) Particulars of any redeemed debentures which the company has power to reissue shall also be given.

(3) where any of the company’s debentures are held by a nominee of or trustee for the company, the nominal amount of the debentures and the amount at which they are stated in the accounting records kept by the company in accordance with Article 229 shall be stated.

## **Assets**

62.—(1) In respect of any assets of the company included in Assets items B (intangible assets), C.I (land and buildings) and C.II (investments in group undertakings and participating interests) in the company’s balance sheet the following information shall be given by reference to each such item—

- (a) the appropriate amounts in respect of those assets included in the item as at the date of the beginning of the financial year and as at the balance sheet date respectively;
- (b) the effect on any amount included in Assets item B in respect of those assets of—
  - (i) any determination during that year of the value to be ascribed to any of those assets in accordance with paragraph 23;
  - (ii) acquisitions during that year of any assets;
  - (iii) disposals during that year of any assets; and
  - (iv) any transfers of assets of the company to and from the item during that year.

(2) The reference in sub-paragraph (1)(a) to the appropriate amounts in respect of any assets (included in an assets item) as at any date there mentioned is a reference to amounts representing the aggregate amounts determined, as at that date, in respect of assets falling to be included under the item on either of the following bases, that is to say—

- (a) on the basis of cost (determined in accordance with paragraphs 39 and 40); or
- (b) on any basis permitted by paragraph 22 or 23,

(leaving out of account in either case any provisions for depreciation or diminution in value).

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(3) In addition, in respect of any assets of the company included in any assets item in the company's balance sheet, there shall be stated (by reference to each such item)—

- (a) the cumulative amount of provisions for depreciation or diminution in value of those assets included under the item as at each date mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(a);
- (b) the amount of any such provisions made in respect of the financial year;
- (c) the amount of any adjustments made in respect of any such provisions during that year in consequence of the disposal of any of those assets; and
- (d) the amount of any other adjustments made in respect of any such provisions during that year.

63. Where any assets of the company (other than listed investments) are included under any item shown in the company's balance sheet at an amount determined on any basis mentioned in paragraph 22 or 23, the following information shall be given—

- (a) the years (so far as they are known to the directors) in which the assets were severally valued and the several values; and
- (b) in the case of assets that have been valued during the financial year, the names of the persons who valued them or particulars of their qualifications for doing so and (whichever is stated) the bases of valuation used by them.

64. In relation to any amount which is included under Assets item C.I (land and buildings) there shall be stated—

- (a) how much of that amount is ascribable to land of freehold tenure and how much to land of leasehold tenure; and
- (b) how much of the amount ascribable to land of leasehold tenure is ascribable to land held on long lease and how much to land held on short lease.

### **Investments**

65. In respect of the amount of each item which is shown in the company's balance sheet under Assets item C (investments) there shall be stated—

- (a) how much of that amount is ascribable to listed investments; and
- (b) how much of any amount so ascribable is ascribable to investments as respects which there has been granted a listing on a recognised investment exchange other than an overseas investment exchange within the meaning of the Financial Services Act 1986 and how much to other listed investments.

### **Reserves and provisions**

66.—(1) Where any amount is transferred—

- (a) to or from any reserves;
- (b) to any provisions for liabilities and charges; or
- (c) from any provision for liabilities and charges otherwise than for the purpose for which the provision was established;

and the reserves or provisions are or would but for paragraph 2(3) be shown as separate items in the company's balance sheet, the information mentioned in the following sub-paragraph shall be given in respect of the aggregate of reserves or provisions included in the same item.

(2) That information is—

- (a) the amount of the reserves or provisions as at the date of the beginning of the financial year and as at the balance sheet date respectively;

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- (b) any amounts transferred to or from the reserves or provisions during that year; and
- (c) the source and application respectively of any amounts so transferred.

(3) Particulars shall be given of each provision included in Liabilities item E.3 (other provisions) in the company's balance sheet in any case where the amount of that provision is material.

#### **Provision for taxation**

67. The amount of any provision for deferred taxation shall be stated separately from the amount of any provision for other taxation.

#### **Details of indebtedness**

68.—(1) In respect of each item shown under “creditors” in the company's balance sheet there shall be stated—

- (a) the aggregate amount of any debts included under that item which are payable or repayable otherwise than by instalments and fall due for payment or repayment after the end of the period of five years beginning with the day next following the end of the financial year; and
- (b) the aggregate amount of any debts so included which are payable or repayable by instalments any of which fall due for payment after the end of that period;

and in the case of debts within sub-paragraph (b) the aggregate amount of instalments falling due after the end of that period shall also be disclosed for each such item.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), in relation to each debt falling to be taken into account under sub-paragraph (1), the terms of payment or repayment and the rate of any interest payable on the debt shall be stated.

(3) If the number of debts is such that, in the opinion of the directors, compliance with sub-paragraph (2) would result in a statement of excessive length, it shall be sufficient to give a general indication of the terms of payment or repayment and the rates of any interest payable on the debts.

(4) In respect of each item shown under “creditors” in the company's balance sheet there shall be stated—

- (a) the aggregate amount of any debts included under that item in respect of which any security has been given by the company; and
- (b) an indication of the nature of the securities so given.

(5) References in this paragraph to an item shown under “creditors” in the company's balance sheet include references, where amounts falling due to creditors within one year and after more than one year are distinguished in the balance sheet—

- (a) in a case within sub-paragraph (1), to an item shown under the latter of those categories; and
- (b) in a case within sub-paragraph (4), to an item shown under either of those categories;

and references to items shown under “creditors” include references to items which would but for paragraph 2(3)(b) be shown under that heading.

69. If any fixed cumulative dividends on the company's shares are in arrears, there shall be stated—

- (a) the amount of the arrears; and
- (b) the period for which the dividends or, if there is more than one class, each class of them are in arrears.



### **Guarantees and other financial commitments**

70.—(1) Particulars shall be given of any charge on the assets of the company to secure the liabilities of any other person, including, where practicable, the amount secured.

(2) The following information shall be given with respect to any other contingent liability not provided for (other than a contingent liability arising out of an insurance contract)—

- (a) the amount or estimated amount of that liability;
- (b) its legal nature;
- (c) whether any valuable security has been provided by the company in connection with that liability and if so, what.

(3) There shall be stated, where practicable—

- (a) the aggregate amount or estimated amount of contracts for capital expenditure, so far as not provided for; and
- (b) the aggregate amount or estimated amount of capital expenditure authorised by the directors which has not been contracted for.

(4) Particulars shall be given of—

- (a) any pension commitments included under any provision shown in the company's balance sheet; and
- (b) any such commitments for which no provision has been made;

and where any such commitment relates wholly or partly to pensions payable to past directors of the company separate particulars shall be given of that commitment so far as it relates to such pensions.

(5) Particulars shall also be given of any other financial commitments, other than commitments arising out of insurance contracts, which—

- (a) have not been provided for; and
- (b) are relevant to assessing the company's state of affairs.

(6) Commitments within any of the preceding sub-paragraphs undertaken on behalf of or for the benefit of—

- (a) any parent undertaking or fellow subsidiary undertaking, or
- (b) any subsidiary undertaking of the company,

shall be stated separately from the other commitments within that sub-paragraph, and commitments within paragraph (a) shall also be stated separately from those within paragraph (b).

### **Dealings with or interests in group undertakings**

71. Where a company is a parent company or a subsidiary undertaking and any item required by this Part to be shown in the company's balance sheet in relation to group undertakings includes—

- (a) amounts attributable to dealings with or interests in any parent undertaking or fellow subsidiary undertaking, or
- (b) amounts attributable to dealings with or interests in any subsidiary undertaking of the company,

the aggregate amounts within paragraphs (a) and (b) respectively shall be shown as separate items, either by way of subdivision of the relevant item in the balance sheet or in a note to the company's accounts.

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### **Miscellaneous matters**

72.—(1) Particulars shall be given of any case where the cost of any asset is for the first time determined under paragraph 41.

(2) Where any outstanding loans made under the authority of Article 163(4)(b), (bb) or c) or Article 165 (various cases of financial assistance by a company for purchase of its own shares) are included under any item shown in the company's balance sheet, the aggregate amount of those loans shall be disclosed for each item in question.

(3) The aggregate amount which is recommended for distribution by way of dividend shall be stated.

### **Information supplementing the profit and loss account**

#### **Separate statement of certain items of income and expenditure**

73.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, each of the amounts mentioned below shall be stated.

(2) The amount of the interest on or any similar charges in respect of—

(a) bank loans and overdrafts, and loans made to the company (other than bank loans and overdrafts) which—

(i) are repayable otherwise than by instalments and fall due for repayment before the end of the period of five years beginning with the day next following the end of the financial year; or

(ii) are repayable by instalments the last of which falls due for payment before the end of that period; and

(b) loans of any other kind made to the company.

This sub-paragraph does not apply to interest or charges on loans to the company from group undertakings, but, with that exception, it applies to interest or charges on all loans, whether made on the security of debentures or not.

(3) The amount respectively set aside for redemption of share capital and for redemption of loans.

(4) The amount of income from listed investments.

(5) The amount charged to revenue in respect of sums payable in respect of the hire of plant and machinery.

### **Particulars of tax**

74.—(1) The basis on which the charge for United Kingdom corporation tax and United Kingdom income tax is computed shall be stated.

(2) Particulars shall be given of any special circumstances which affect liability in respect of taxation of profits, income or capital gains for the financial year or liability in respect of taxation of profits, income or capital gains for succeeding financial years.

(3) The following amounts shall be stated—

(a) the amount of the charge for United Kingdom corporation tax;

(b) if that amount would have been greater but for relief from double taxation, the amount which it would have been but for such relief;

(c) the amount of the charge for United Kingdom income tax; and

(d) the amount of the charge for taxation imposed outside the United Kingdom of profits, income and (so far as charged to revenue) capital gains.

Those amounts shall be stated separately in respect of each of the amounts which is shown under the following items in the profit and loss account, that is to say item III.9 (tax on profit or loss on ordinary activities) and item III. 14 (tax on extraordinary profit or loss).

### **Particulars of business**

75.—(1) As regards general business a company shall disclose—

- (a) gross premiums written,
- (b) gross premiums earned,
- (c) gross claims incurred,
- (d) gross operating expenses, and
- (e) the reinsurance balance.

(2) The amounts required to be disclosed by sub-paragraph (1) shall be broken down between direct insurance and reinsurance acceptances, if reinsurance acceptances amount to 10 per cent. or more of gross premiums written.

(3) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), the amounts required to be disclosed by sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) with respect to direct insurance shall be further broken down into the following groups of classes—

- (a) accident and health,
- (b) motor (third party liability),
- (c) motor (other classes),
- (d) marine, aviation and transport,
- (e) fire and other damage to property,
- (f) third-party liability,
- (g) credit and suretyship,
- (h) legal expenses,
- (i) assistance, and
- (j) miscellaneous,

where the amount of the gross premiums written in direct insurance for each such group exceeds 10 million ECUs.

(4) The company shall in any event disclose the amounts relating to the three largest groups of classes in its business.

76.—(1) As regards long term business, the company shall disclose—

- (a) gross premiums written, and
- (b) the reinsurance balance.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) below—

- (a) gross premiums written shall be broken down between those written by way of direct insurance and those written by way of reinsurance; and
- (b) gross premiums written by way of direct insurance shall be broken down—
  - (i) between individual premiums and premiums under group contracts;
  - (ii) between periodic premiums and single premiums; and

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(iii) between premiums from non-participating contracts, premiums from participating contracts and premiums from contract where the investment risk is borne by policy holders.

(3) Disclosure of any amount referred to in sub-paragraph (2)(a) or (2)(b)(i), (ii) or (iii) shall not be required if it does not exceed 10 per cent. of the gross premiums written or (as the case may be) of the gross premiums written by way of direct insurance.

77.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) there shall be disclosed as regards both general and long term business the total gross direct insurance premiums resulting from contracts concluded by the company—

- (a) in the member State of its head office,
- (b) in the other member States, and
- (c) in other countries.

(2) Disclosure of any amount referred to in sub-paragraph (1) shall not be required if it does not exceed 5 per cent. of total gross premiums.

### **Commissions**

78. There shall be disclosed the total amount of commissions for direct insurance business accounted for in the financial year, including acquisition, renewal, collection and portfolio management commissions.

### **Particulars of staff**

79.—(1) The following information shall be given with respect to the employees of the company—

- (a) the average number of persons employed by the company in the financial year; and
- (b) the average number of persons so employed within each category of persons employed by the company.

(2) The average number required by sub-paragraph (1)(a) or (b) shall be determined by dividing the relevant annual number by the number of weeks in the financial year.

(3) The relevant annual number shall be determined by ascertaining for each week in the financial year—

- (a) for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(a), the number of persons employed under contracts of service by the company in that week (whether throughout the week or not); and
- (b) for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(b), the number of persons in the category in question of persons so employed;

and, in either case, adding together all the weekly numbers.

(4) In respect of all persons employed by the company during the financial year who are taken into account in determining the relevant annual number for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(a) there shall also be stated the aggregate amounts respectively of—

- (a) wages and salaries paid or payable in respect of that year to those persons;
- (b) social security costs incurred by the company on their behalf; and
- (c) other pension costs so incurred,

save in so far as those amounts or any of them are stated in the profit and loss account.

(5) The categories of person employed by the company by reference to which the number required to be disclosed by sub-paragraph (1)(b) is to be determined shall be such as the directors may select, having regard to the manner in which the company's activities are organised.

### **Miscellaneous matters**

80.—(1) Where any amount relating to any preceding financial year is included in any item in the profit and loss account, the effect shall be stated.

(2) Particulars shall be given of any extraordinary income or charges arising in the financial year.

(3) The effect shall be stated of any transactions that are exceptional by virtue of size or incidence though they fall within the ordinary activities of the company.

## CHAPTER IV

### *INTERPRETATION OF PART I*

#### **General**

81.—(1) The following definitions apply for the purposes of this Part and its Interpretation—

“the 1982 Act” means the Insurance Companies Act 1982;

“fungible assets” means assets of any description which are substantially indistinguishable one from another;

“general business” has the same meaning as in the 1982 Act;

“lease” includes an agreement for a lease;

“listed investment” means an investment listed on a recognised stock exchange, or on any stock exchange of repute outside Northern Ireland and the expression “unlisted investment” shall be construed accordingly;

“long lease” means a lease in the case of which the portion of the term for which it was granted remaining unexpired at the end of the financial year is not less than 50 years;

“long term business” has the same meaning as in the 1982 Act;

“long term fund” means the fund or funds maintained by a company in respect of its long-term business in accordance with the provisions of the 1982 Act;

“policy holder” has the same meaning as in the 1982 Act;

“provision for unexpired risks” means the amount set aside in addition to unearned premiums in respect of risks to be borne by the company after the end of the financial year, in order to provide for all claims and expenses in connection with insurance contracts in force in excess of the related unearned premiums and any premiums receivable on those contracts;

“short lease” means a lease which is not a long lease.

(2) In this Part of this schedule the “ECU” means the unit of account of that name defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3180/78 as amended.

The exchange rates as between the ECU and the currencies of the member States to be applied for each financial year shall be the rates applicable on the last day of the preceding October for which rates for the currencies of all the member States were published in the Official Journal of the communities.

#### **Loans**

82. For the purposes of this Part a loan or advance (including a liability comprising a loan or advance) is treated as falling due for repayment, and an instalment of a loan or advance is treated as

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falling due for payment, on the earliest date on which the lender could require repayment or (as the case may be) payment, if he exercised all options and rights available to him.

### **Materiality**

83. For the purposes of this Part amounts which in the particular context of any provision of this Part are not material may be disregarded for the purposes of that provision.

### **Provisions**

84. For the purposes of this Part and its interpretation—

- (a) references in the Part to provisions for depreciation or diminution in value of assets are to any amount written off by way of providing for depreciation or diminution in value of assets;
- (b) any reference in the profit and loss account format or the notes thereto set out in Section B of this Part to the depreciation of, or amounts written off, assets of any description is to any provision for depreciation or diminution in value of assets of that description; and
- (c) references in this Part to provisions for liabilities or charges (other than provisions referred to in paragraphs 43 to 53) are to any amount retained as reasonably necessary for the purpose of providing for any liability or loss which is either likely to be incurred, or certain to be incurred but uncertain as to amount or as to the date on which it will arise.

### **Staff costs**

85. For the purposes of this Part and its interpretation—

- (a) “social security costs” means any contributions by the company to any state social security or pension scheme, fund or arrangement;
- (b) “pension costs” includes any other contributions by the company for the purposes of any pension scheme established for the purpose of providing pensions for persons employed by the company, any sums set aside for that purpose and any amounts paid by the company in respect of pensions without first being so set aside; and
- (c) any amount stated in respect of either of the above items or in respect of the item “wages and salaries” in the company’s profit and loss account shall be determined by reference to payments made or costs incurred in respect of all persons employed by the company during the financial year who are taken into account in determining the relevant annual number for the purposes of paragraph 79(1)(a).

## **Part II**

### **CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS**

#### **Schedule 4A to apply Part I of this Schedule with modifications**

1.—(1) In its application to insurance groups, Schedule 4A shall have effect with the following modifications.

(2) In paragraph 1—

- (a) for the reference in sub-paragraph (1) to the provisions of Schedule 4 there shall be substituted a reference to the provisions of Part I of this Schedule modified as mentioned in paragraph 2;

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- (b) for the reference in sub-paragraph (2) to paragraph 59 of Schedule 4 there shall be substituted a reference to paragraphs 70(6) and 71 of Part I of this Schedule; and
  - (c) sub-paragraph (3) shall be omitted.
- (3) In paragraph 2(2)(a), for the words “three months” there shall be substituted the words “six months”.
- (4) In paragraph 3, after sub-paragraph (1) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraphs—
- “(1A) Sub-paragraph (1) shall not apply to those liabilities items the valuation of which by the undertakings included in a consolidation is based on the application of provisions applying only to insurance undertakings, nor to those assets items changes in the values of which also affect or establish policy holders' rights.
  - (1B) Where sub-paragraph (1A) applies, that fact shall be disclosed in the notes on the consolidated accounts.”.
- (5) For sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 6 there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs—
- “(4) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) need not be complied with—
    - (a) where a transaction has been concluded according to normal market conditions and a policy holder has rights in respect of that transaction, or
    - (b) if the amounts concerned are not material for the purpose of giving a true and fair view.
  - (5) Where advantage is taken of sub-paragraph (4)(a) that fact shall be disclosed in the notes to the accounts, and where the transaction in question has a material effect on the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of all the undertakings included in the consolidation that fact shall also be so disclosed.”.
- (6) In paragraph 17—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1), for the reference to Schedule 4 there shall be substituted a reference to Part I of this Schedule;
  - (b) in sub-paragraph (2), paragraph (a) and, in paragraph (b), the words “in Format 2” shall be omitted;
  - (c) in sub-paragraph (3), for paragraphs (a) to d) there shall be substituted the words “between items 10 and 11 in section III”;
  - (d) in sub-paragraph (4), for paragraphs (a) to d) there shall be substituted the words “between items 14 and 15 in section III”; and
  - (e) for sub-paragraph (5) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—
    - “(5) Paragraph 2(3) of Part I of Schedule 9A (power to combine items) shall not apply in relation to the additional items required by the foregoing provisions of this paragraph.”.
- (7) In paragraph 18, for the reference to paragraphs 17 to 19 and 21 of Schedule 4 there shall be substituted a reference to paragraphs 31 to 33 and 36 of Part I of this Schedule.
- (8) In paragraph 21—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1), for the reference to Schedule 4 there shall be substituted a reference to Part I of this Schedule; and
  - (b) for sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs—
    - “(2) In the Balance Sheet Format, Asset item C.II.3 (participating interests) shall be replaced by two items, “Interests in associated undertakings” and “Other participating interests”.

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(3) In the Profit and Loss Account Format, items II.2(a) and III.3(a) (income from participating interests, with a separate indication of that derived from group undertakings) shall each be replaced by the following items—

- (a) “Income from participating interests other than associated undertakings, with a separate indication of that derived from group undertakings”, which shall be shown as items II.2(a) and III.3(a), and
- (b) “income from associated undertakings”, which shall be shown as items II.2(aa) and III.3(aa).”.

(9) In paragraph 22(1), for the reference to paragraphs 17 to 19 and 21 of Schedule 4 there shall be substituted a reference to paragraphs 31 to 33 and 36 of Part I of this Schedule.

### **Modifications of Part I of this Schedule for purposes of paragraph 1**

2.—(1) For the purposes of paragraph 1, Part I of this Schedule shall be modified as follows.

(2) The information required by paragraph 10 need not be given.

(3) In the case of general business, investment income, expenses and charges, may be disclosed in the non-technical account rather than in the technical account.

(4) In the case of subsidiary undertakings which are not authorised to carry on long-term business in Northern Ireland, notes (8) and (9) to the profit and loss account format shall have effect as if references to investment income, expenses and charges arising in the long-term fund or to investments attributed to the long-term fund were references to investment income, expenses and charges or (as the case may be) investment relating to long term business.

(5) In the case of subsidiary undertakings which do not have a head office in Northern Ireland, the computation required by paragraph 46 shall be made annually by an actuary or other specialist in the field on the basis of recognised actuarial methods.

(6) The information required by paragraphs 75 to 78 need not be shown.

## SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 5

### MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS OF 1986 ORDER

1. In Article 236(2)(b) of the 1986 Order<sup>(8)</sup> (exemption for parent companies included in accounts of a larger group), after the words “the Bank Accounts Directive (86/635/EEC)” there shall be inserted the words “or the Insurance Accounts Directive (91/674/EEC)”.

2. In Article 262(3) of the 1986 Order<sup>(9)</sup> (exemption from requirements to deliver accounts and reports), after the word “banking”, in both places where it occurs, there shall be inserted the words “or insurance”.

3. Article 263C of the 1986 Order<sup>(10)</sup> (directors' report where accounts prepared in accordance with special provisions) shall be omitted.

<sup>(8)</sup> Article 236 was inserted into the 1986 Order by Article 7 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 in place of an existing Article of that number, and was amended by regulation 3 of the Companies (1986 Order) (Disclosure of Branches and Bank Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 (S.R. 1993 No. 199)

<sup>(9)</sup> Article 262(3) was inserted into the 1986 Order by Article 19 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 in place of an existing Article of that number, and was amended by paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Companies (1986 Order) (Bank Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 (S.R. 1992 No. 258) and by regulation 10 of the Partnerships and Unlimited Companies (Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 (S.R. 1994 No. 133)

<sup>(10)</sup> Article 263C was inserted into the 1986 Order by Article 20 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990, and was amended by regulation 4 of the Companies (1986 Order) (Bank Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992



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4. In Article 268(6) of the 1986 Order<sup>(11)</sup> (participating interests), for the words “and in Chapter I of Part I of Schedule 9” there shall be substituted the words “, Chapter I of Part I of Schedule 9 and Chapter I of Part I of Schedule 9A”.

5. In the index of defined expressions set out in Article 270A of the 1986 Order<sup>(12)</sup>—

(a) there shall be inserted at the appropriate places the following entries—

“the 1982 Act (in Schedule 9A)	paragraph 81 of Part I of that schedule”
“general business (in Schedule 9A)	paragraph 81 of Part I of that Schedule”
“long term business (in Schedule 9A)	paragraph 81 of Part I of that Schedule”
“long term fund (in Schedule 9A)	paragraph 81 of Part I of that Schedule”
“policy holder (in Schedule 9A)	paragraph 81 of Part I of that Schedule”
“provision for unexpired risks (in schedule 9A)	paragraph 81 of Part I of that Schedule”;

(b) in the entry relating to “historical cost accounting rules”, there shall be inserted at the appropriate place the words—

“—in Schedule 9A	paragraph 20(b) of Part I of that Schedule”;
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(c) for so much of the entry relating to “lease, long lease and short lease” as relates to Schedule 9A there shall be substituted the words—

“—in Schedule 9A	paragraph 81 of Part I of that Schedule”;
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(d) for so much of the entry relating to “listed investment” as relates to Schedule 9A there shall be substituted the words—

“—in Schedule 9A	paragraph 81 of Part I of that Schedule”;
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(e) in the entry relating to “pension costs”, there shall be inserted at the appropriate place the words—

“—in Schedule 9A	paragraph 85(b) and c) of Part I of that Schedule”;
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(f) for so much of the entry relating to “provision” as relates to Schedule 9A there shall be substituted the words—

<sup>(11)</sup> Article 268 was inserted into the 1986 Order by Article 24 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 in place of an existing Article of that number, and was amended by paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Companies (1986 Order) (Bank Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

<sup>(12)</sup> Article 270A was inserted into the 1986 Order by Article 24 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990, and was amended by paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to the Companies (1986 Order) (Bank ` Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

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“—in Schedule 9A paragraph 84 of Part I of that Schedule”;

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- (g) in the entry relating to “social security costs”, there shall be inserted at the appropriate place the words—

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“—in Schedule 9A paragraph 85(a) and c) of Part I of that Schedule”.

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6. In Article 276(1) of the 1986 Order (realised profits of insurance company with long term business), for paragraph (a) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(a) any amount included in the profit and loss account of the company which represents a surplus in the fund or funds maintained by it in respect of that business and which has not been allocated to policy holders under section 30 of that Act, and”.

7. Schedule 10 to the 1986 Order(13) (directors' report where accounts prepared in accordance with special provisions for insurance companies or groups) shall be omitted.

8. In Schedule 11 to the 1986 Order(14) (modifications of Part IX where company’s accounts prepared in accordance with special provisions for banking or insurance companies), for paragraphs 7 to 13(15) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

**“Modifications where accounts prepared in accordance with special provisions for insurance companies**

7. Article 272(2) shall apply as if the reference to paragraph 88 of Schedule 4 were a reference to paragraph 84c) of Part I of Schedule 9A.

8. Article 277 shall apply as if the reference to paragraph 20 of Schedule 4 in paragraph (2) (b) were a reference to paragraph 35 of Part I of Schedule 9A.

9. Article 278(2) and 283 shall apply as if the references to paragraphs 87 and 88 of Schedule 4 were references to paragraph 84 of Part I of Schedule 9A.

10. Articles 280 and 281 shall apply as if the references in Article 280(3) to Article 234 and Schedule 4 were references to Article 263 and Part I of Schedule 9A.

11. Article 284 shall apply as if the references to paragraphs 12(a) and 34(3)(a) of Schedule 4 were references to paragraphs 16(a) and 29(3)(a) of Part I of Schedule 9A.”.

9. In Schedule 21 to the 1986 Order (provisions applying to unregistered companies), in the entry relating to Part VIII(16), in column 1, the words from “except paragraphs 2(a) to 2d)” to “paragraph 10(1)c)” shall be omitted.

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(13) Schedule 10 to the 1986 Order was substituted by Article 20(5) of, and Schedule 8 to, the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990, and amended by regulation 6 of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to, the Companies (1986 Order) (Bank Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

(14) Schedule 11 has been amended by Article 25 of, and paragraph 24 of Schedule 10 to, the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990, and by regulation 7 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Companies (1986 Order) (Bank Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

(15) Paragraphs 1 to 7 of Schedule 11 were numbered 7 to 13 and amended by regulation 7 of, and paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 3 to, the Companies (1986 Order) (Bank Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

(16) The entry in Schedule 21 relating to Part VIII was amended by regulation 7 of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to, the Companies (1986 Order) (Bank Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

1. These Regulations implement Council Directive [91/674/EEC](#) Official Journal No. L374 of 31.12.91, pages 7 to 31, on the annual accounts and consolidated accounts of insurance undertakings, in so far as that Directive is applicable to bodies corporate to which Part VIII of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (“the 1986 Order”) applies.

2. Regulations 2 and 3 amend Articles 263 and 263A of the 1986 Order which make special provisions for the accounts of banking and insurance companies and groups. They introduce a requirement for insurance companies to prepare accounts in accordance with the new Schedule 9A, and define which companies are to prepare group accounts under the special provisions with respect to insurance groups.

3. Regulation 4 substitutes a new Schedule 9A to the 1986 Order, Schedule 1 to the Regulations. The new Schedule 9A sets out the form and content of accounts of insurance companies and groups. Part I lays down rules governing the content of the individual accounts of insurance companies, including prescribed formats to be followed, the valuation rules to be applied, the rules for determining provisions and the disclosures to be made in the notes to the accounts. Part II of new Schedule 9A adapts the general rules of Part VIII of the 1986 Order with respect to the consolidated accounts of a company to the special circumstances of insurance groups.

4. Regulation 5 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Regulations make minor and consequential amendments to the 1986 Order.

5. Regulation 6 specifies certain companies which, under the terms of the Directive, may continue to prepare accounts under Part VIII of the 1986 Order, as it applies to insurance companies and groups, without the amendments effected by these Regulations.

6. Regulation 7 sets out a transitional provision whereby a company may prepare accounts in accordance with the unamended Part VIII as that Part applies to insurance companies and groups, rather than under the amended provisions for a financial year commencing before 23rd December 1994.

7. A Compliance Cost Assessment of the impact that the Regulations will have on business is available from Registry of Companies, IDB House, 64 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4JX.