

1995 No. 225**INSOLVENCY****The Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995**

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The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 364 of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(a) and Article 24(1) of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the concurrence of the Department of Economic Development, hereby makes the following Order:

(a) S.I. 1989/2405 (N.I. 19)

(b) S.I. 1989/2404 (N.I. 18)

PART I

GENERAL

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1995.

Interpretation: definitions

2.—(1) In this Order, except in so far as the context otherwise requires—

“corporate member” means a member which is a company;

“individual member” means a member who is an individual;

“insolvency order” means—

(a) in the case of an insolvent partnership or a corporate member, a winding-up order; and

(b) in the case of an individual member, a bankruptcy order;

“insolvency petition” means, in the case of a petition presented to the High Court—

(a) against a corporate member, a petition for its winding up by the Court;

(b) against an individual member, a petition for a bankruptcy order to be made against that individual,

where the petition is presented in conjunction with a petition for the winding up of the partnership by the Court as an unregistered company under the Order;

“insolvency proceedings” means any proceedings under the Order, this Order or the Insolvency Rules (Northern Ireland) 1991(a);

“insolvent member” means a member of an insolvent partnership, against whom an insolvency petition has been presented;

“joint bankruptcy petition” means a petition by virtue of Article 11;

“joint debt” means a debt of an insolvent partnership in respect of which an order is made by virtue of Part IV or V;

“joint estate” means the partnership property of an insolvent partnership in respect of which an order is made by virtue of Part IV or V;

“joint expenses” means expenses incurred in the winding up of an insolvent partnership or in the winding up of the business of an insolvent partnership and the administration of its property;

“limited partner” has the same meaning as in the Limited Partnerships Act 1907(b);

“member” means a member of a partnership and any person who is liable as a partner within the meaning of section 14 of the Partnership Act 1890(c);

(a) S.R. 1991 No. 364 as amended by S.R. 1994 No. 26

(b) 1907 c. 24

(c) 1890 c. 39

“officer”, in relation to an insolvent partnership, means—

(a) a member; or

(b) a person who has management or control of the partnership business;

“the Order” means the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989;

“partnership property” has the same meaning as in the Partnership Act 1890;

“postponed debt” means a debt the payment of which is postponed by or under any provision of the Order or of any other statutory provision;

“responsible insolvency practitioner” means—

(a) in winding up, the liquidator of an insolvent partnership or corporate member; and

(b) in bankruptcy, the trustee of the estate of an individual member, and in either case includes the official receiver when so acting;

“separate debt” means a debt for which a member of a partnership is liable, other than a joint debt;

“separate estate” means the property of an insolvent member against whom an insolvency order has been made;

“separate expenses” means expenses incurred in the winding up of a corporate member, or in the bankruptcy of an individual member; and

“trustee of the partnership” means a person authorised by order made by virtue of Article 11 to wind up the business of an insolvent partnership and to administer its property.

(2) The definitions in paragraph (1), other than the definition of “the Order” shall be added to those in Article 2 of the Order.

(3) References in provisions of the Order applied by this Order to any provision of the Order so applied shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as references to the provision as so applied.

(4) Where in any Schedule, all or any of the provisions of one or more Articles of the Order are expressed to be modified by a single paragraph of the Schedule, the modification includes the separation of such Article into the Articles set out in that paragraph; or (as the case may be) the combination of such Articles into the one or more Articles set out in that paragraph.

Interpretation: expressions appropriate to companies

3.—(1) This Article applies for the interpretation in relation to insolvent partnerships of expressions appropriate to companies in provisions of the Order and of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 applied by this Order, unless the contrary intention appears.

(2) References to companies shall be construed as references to insolvent partnerships and all references to the registrar shall be omitted.

(3) References to shares of a company shall be construed—

(a) in relation to an insolvent partnership with capital, as references to rights to share in that capital; and

(b) in relation to an insolvent partnership without capital, as references to interests—

- (i) conferring any right to share in the profits or liability to contribute to the losses of the partnership, or
- (ii) giving rise to an obligation to contribute to the debts or expenses of the partnership in the event of a winding up.

(4) Other expressions appropriate to companies shall be construed, in relation to an insolvent partnership, as references to the corresponding persons, officers, documents or organs (as the case may be) appropriate to a partnership.

PART II

VOLUNTARY ARRANGEMENTS

Voluntary arrangement of insolvent partnership

4.—(1) The provisions of Part II of the Order shall apply in relation to an insolvent partnership, those provisions being modified in such manner that, after modification, they are as set out in Schedule 1.

(2) For the purposes of the provisions of the Order applied by paragraph (1), the provisions of the Order specified in paragraph (3) (including any related Schedule), insofar as they relate to company voluntary arrangements, shall also apply in relation to insolvent partnerships.

(3) The provisions referred to in paragraph (2) are—

- (a) Articles 2 to 7 in Part I,
- (b) Article 197 in Part VII,
- (c) Part XI,
- (d) Part XII,
- (e) Articles 359 to 361 and 363 in Part XIII, and
- (f) Part XIV.

Voluntary arrangements of members of insolvent partnership

5.—(1) Where insolvency orders are made against an insolvent partnership and an insolvent member of that partnership in his capacity as such, Part II of the Order shall apply to corporate members and Chapter II of Part VIII to individual members of that partnership, with the modification that any reference to the creditors of the company or of the debtor, as the case may be, includes a reference to the creditors of the partnership.

(2) Paragraph (1) is not to be construed as preventing the application of Part II or (as the case may be) Chapter II of Part VIII of the Order to any person who is a member of an insolvent partnership (whether or not a winding-up order has been made against that partnership) and against whom an insolvency order has not been made under this Order or under the Order.

ADMINISTRATION ORDERS

Administration order in relation to insolvent partnership

6.—(1) The provisions of Part III of the Order shall apply in relation to an insolvent partnership, certain of those provisions being modified in such manner that, after modification, they are as set out in Part I of Schedule 2.

(2) For the purposes of the provisions of the Order applied by paragraph (1), the provisions of the Order specified in paragraph (3) (including any related Schedule), insofar as they relate to administration orders, shall also apply in relation to insolvent partnerships.

(3) The provisions referred to in paragraph (2) are—

- (a) Articles 2 to 7 in Part I,
- (b) Article 176 in Part VII,
- (c) Part VII,
- (d) Part XII,
- (e) Articles 359 to 363 in Part XIII, and
- (f) Part XIV.

(4) One of the entries in Schedule 7 to the Order as applied by paragraph (2) is modified in such manner that, after modification, it is as set out in Part II of Schedule 2.

(5) The provisions of the Order specified in Part III of Schedule 2 shall apply as set out in that Part for the purposes of Article 21(1)(a) of the Order as modified by Part I of that Schedule.

PART IV

CREDITORS' ETC. WINDING-UP PETITIONS

Winding up of insolvent partnership as unregistered company on petition of creditor etc, where no concurrent petition presented against member

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the provisions of Part VI of the Order shall apply in relation to the winding up of an insolvent partnership as an unregistered company on the petition of a creditor, a responsible insolvency practitioner, the administrator of the partnership, the supervisor of a voluntary arrangement in relation to a member or the Department where no insolvency petition is presented by the petitioner against a member or former member of that partnership in his capacity as such.

(2) Certain of the provisions referred to in paragraph (1) are modified in their application in relation to insolvent partnerships which are being wound up by virtue of that paragraph in such manner that, after modification, they are as set out in Part I of Schedule 3.

(3) The provisions of the Order specified in Part II of Schedule 3 shall apply as set out in that Part for the purposes of Article 185(5) of the Order, as modified by Part I of that Schedule.

Winding up of insolvent partnership as unregistered company on creditor's petition where concurrent petitions presented against one or more members

8.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the provisions of Part VI of the Order (other than Articles 187 and 188), shall apply in relation to the winding up of an insolvent partnership as an unregistered company on a creditor's petition where insolvency petitions are presented by the petitioner against the partnership and against one or more members or former members of the partnership in their capacity as such.

(2) Certain of the provisions referred to in paragraph (1) are modified in their application in relation to insolvent partnerships which are being wound up by virtue of that paragraph in such manner that, after modification, they are as set out in Part I of Schedule 4.

(3) The provisions of the Order specified in Part II of Schedule 4 shall apply as set out in that Part for the purposes of Article 185(5) of the Order, as modified by Part I of that Schedule.

(4) The provisions of the Order specified in paragraph (5) (including any related Schedule), insofar as they relate to winding up of companies by the High Court on a creditor's petition, shall apply in relation to the winding up of a corporate member or former corporate member (in its capacity as such) of an insolvent partnership which is being wound up by virtue of paragraph (1).

(5) The provisions referred to in paragraph (4) are—

- (a) Articles 2 to 8 and 13 in Part I,
- (b) Part V,
- (c) Part VII, and
- (d) Part XI to XIV.

(6) The provisions of the Order specified in paragraph (7) (including any related Schedule), insofar as they relate to the bankruptcy of individuals on a petition presented to a creditor, shall apply in relation to the bankruptcy of an individual member or former individual member (in his capacity as such) of an insolvent partnership which is being wound up by virtue of paragraph (1).

(7) The provisions referred to in paragraph (6) are—

- (a) Articles 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 in Part I,
- (b) Part IX (other than Articles 243, 244, 260 and 270), and
- (c) Parts X to XIV.

(8) Certain of the provisions referred to in paragraphs (4) and (6) are modified in their application in relation to the corporate or individual members or former corporate or individual members of insolvent partnerships in such manner that, after modification, they are as set out in Part II of Schedule 4.

(9) The provisions of the Order applied by this Article shall further be modified so that references to a corporate or individual member include any former such member against whom an insolvency petition has been presented by virtue of this Article.

MEMBERS' PETITIONS

Winding up of insolvent partnership as unregistered company on member's petition where no concurrent petition presented against member

9. The following provisions of the Order shall apply in relation to the winding up of an insolvent partnership as an unregistered company on the petition of a member where no insolvency petition is presented by the petitioner against a member of that partnership in his capacity as such—

- (a) Article 185, modified in such manner that, after modification, it is as set out in Schedule 5; and
- (b) the other provisions of Part VI of the Order, certain of those provisions being modified in such manner that, after modification, they are as set out in Part I of Schedule 3.

Winding up of insolvent partnership as unregistered company on member's petition where concurrent petitions presented against all members

10.—(1) The following provisions of the Order shall apply in relation to the winding up of an insolvent partnership as an unregistered company on a member's petition where insolvency petitions are presented by the petitioner against the partnership and against all its members in their capacity as such—

- (a) Articles 104, 105, 185, 238, 239, 245 and 246 of the Order, modified in such manner that, after modification, it is as set out in Schedule 6; and
- (b) Articles 184, 189 and 191 to 193 of the Order, Article 184 being modified in such manner that, after modification, it is as set out in Part I of Schedule 4.

(2) The provisions of the Order specified in paragraph (3) (including any related Schedule), insofar as they relate to winding up of companies by the High Court on a member's petition, shall apply in relation to the winding up of a corporate member (in its capacity as such) of an insolvent partnership which is wound up by virtue of paragraph (1).

(3) The provisions referred to in paragraph (2) are—

- (a) Articles 2 to 8 and 13 in Part I,
- (b) Part V,
- (c) Part VII, and
- (d) Part XI to XIV.

(4) The provisions of the Order specified in paragraph (5) (including any related Schedule), insofar as they relate to to the bankruptcy of individuals where a bankruptcy petition is presented by a debtor, shall apply in relation to the bankruptcy of an individual member (in his capacity as such) of an insolvent partnership which is being wound up by virtue of paragraph (1).

(5) The provisions referred to in paragraph (4) are—

- (a) Articles 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 in Part I,

- (b) Part IX (other than Articles 247, 248, 260 and 270), and
- (c) Parts X to XIV.

(6) Certain of the provisions referred to in paragraphs (2) and (4) are modified in their application in relation to the corporate or individual members of insolvent partnerships in such manner that, after modification, they are as set out in Part II of Schedule 4, save that the provisions on summary administration of a debtor's estate shall apply in relation to the individual members of insolvent partnerships in such manner that, after modification, those provisions are as set out in Schedule 7.

Insolvency proceedings not involving winding up of insolvent partnership as unregistered company where individual members present joint bankruptcy petition

11.—(1) The provisions of the Order specified in paragraph (2) (including any related Schedule) shall apply in relation to the bankruptcy of the individual members of an insolvent partnership where those members jointly present a petition to the High Court for orders to be made for the bankruptcy of each of them in his capacity as a member of the partnership, and the winding up of the partnership business and administration of its property, without the partnership being wound up as an unregistered company under Part VI of the Order.

- (2) The provisions referred to in paragraph (1) are—
 - (a) Articles 2, 3, 4 and 9, 10 and 11 in Part I,
 - (b) Part IX (other than Articles 247, 248 and 260), and
 - (c) Parts X to XIV

insofar as they relate to the insolvency of individuals where a bankruptcy petition is presented by a debtor.

(3) Certain of the provisions referred to in paragraph (1) are modified in their application in relation to the individual members of insolvent partnerships in such manner that, after modification, they are as set out in Schedule 7.

PART VI

PROVISIONS APPLYING IN INSOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS IN RELATION TO INSOLVENT PARTNERSHIPS

Winding up of unregistered company which is member of insolvent partnership being wound up by virtue of this Order

12. Where an insolvent partnership or other body which may be wound up under Part VI of the Order as an unregistered company is itself a member of an insolvent partnership being so wound up, Articles 8 and 10 shall apply in relation to the latter insolvent partnership as though the former body were a corporate member of that partnership.

Deposit on petitions

13.—(1) Where an order under Article 361(2) of the Order (security for fees) provides for any sum to be deposited on presentation of a winding-up or bankruptcy petition, that sum shall, in the case of petitions presented by virtue of Articles 8 and 10, only be required to be deposited in respect of the petition for winding up the partnership, but shall be treated as a deposit in respect of all those petitions.

(2) Production of evidence as to the sum deposited on presentation of the petition for winding up the partnership shall suffice for the filing in the High Court of an insolvency petition against a member.

Meaning of “act as insolvency practitioner”

14. Article 3(3) of the Order is modified so as to read as follows—

“(3) A person acts as an insolvency practitioner in relation to an insolvent partnership by acting—

- (a) as its liquidator, provisional liquidator or administrator, or
- (b) as trustee of the partnership under Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995(a), or
- (c) as supervisor of a voluntary arrangement approved in relation to it under Part II.”

Supplemental powers of Court

15.—(1) Article 143 of the Order is modified by the addition, at the end, of the following paragraphs—

“(5A) Where at any time after a winding-up petition has been presented to the High Court against any person (including an insolvent partnership or other body which may be wound up under Part VI of the Order as an unregistered company), whether by virtue of the provisions of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 or not, the attention of the Court is drawn to the fact that the person in question is a member of an insolvent partnership, the Court may make an order as to the future conduct of the insolvency proceedings and any such order may apply any provisions of that Order with any necessary modifications.

(5B) Any order or directions under paragraph (5A) may be made or given on the application of the official receiver, any responsible insolvency practitioner, the trustee of the partnership or any other interested person and may include provisions as to the administration of the joint estate of the partnership, and in particular how it and the separate estate of any member are to be administered.

(5C) Where the High Court makes an order under section 73(1)(a) of the Financial Services Act 1986(b) or section 92(3)(a) of the Banking

(a) S.R. 1995 No. 225

(b) 1986 c. 60; section 73 was amended by Article 381 of and Schedule 9 to the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/2405 (N.I. 19))

Act 1987(a) for the winding up of an insolvent partnership, the Court may make an order as to the future conduct of the winding-up proceedings, and any such order may apply any provisions of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 with any necessary modifications.”.

(2) Article 276 of the Order is modified by the addition, at the end, of the following paragraphs—

“(2A) Where at any time after a bankruptcy petition has been presented to the High Court against any person, whether under the provisions of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 or not, the attention of the Court is drawn to the fact that the person in question is a member of an insolvent partnership, the Court may make an order as to the future conduct of the insolvency proceedings and any such order may apply any provisions of that Order with any necessary modifications.

(2B) Where a bankruptcy petition has been presented against more than one individual in the circumstances mentioned in paragraph (2A), the High Court may give such directions for consolidating the proceedings, or any of them, as it thinks just.

(2C) Any order or directions under paragraph (2A) or (2B) may be made or given on the application of the official receiver, any responsible insolvency practitioner, the trustee of the partnership, or any other interested person and may include provisions as to the administration of the joint estate of the partnership, and in particular how it and the separate estate of any member are to be administered.”.

PART VII

DISQUALIFICATION

Application of Part II of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989.

16. Where an insolvent partnership is wound up as an unregistered company under Part VI of the Order the provisions of Articles 9 to 13(b), 18, 22(b) and 23 of Part II of and Schedule 1(c) to the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 shall apply, certain of those provisions being modified in such manner that, after modification, they are as set out in Schedule 8.

PART VIII

MISCELLANEOUS

Forms

17. The forms contained in Schedule 9 shall be used in and in connection with proceedings by virtue of this Order.

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- (a) 1987 c. 22; section 92 was amended by Article 381 of and Schedule 9 to the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/2405 (N.I. 19))
 - (b) Article 11 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 was amended by Article 26 of the Companies (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/1504 (N.I. 10)) and section 79(14) of and Part II of Schedule 6 to the Criminal Justice Act 1993 (c. 36)
 - (c) Schedule 1 to the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 was amended by Article 25 of and paragraph 31(2) of Schedule 10 to the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5)) and Article 74(4) of the Companies (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/1504 (N.I. 10))

Application of subordinate legislation

18.—(1) The subordinate legislation specified in Schedule 10 shall apply as from time to time in force and with such modifications as the context requires for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of the Order and of Part II of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 which are applied by this Order.

(2) In the case of any conflict between any provision of the subordinate legislation applied by paragraph (1) and any provision of this Order, the latter provision shall prevail.

Supplemental and transitional provisions

19.—(1) This Order does not apply in relation to any case in which a winding-up or a bankruptcy order was made under the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1991(a) in relation to a partnership or an insolvent member of a partnership, and where this Order does not apply the law in operation immediately before this Order came into operation continues to have effect.

(2) Where winding-up or bankruptcy proceedings commenced under the provisions of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 were pending in relation to a partnership or a member of a partnership immediately before this Order came into operation either—

- (a) those proceedings shall be continued, after the coming into operation of this Order, in accordance with the provisions of this Order, or
- (b) if the High Court so directs, they shall be continued under the provisions of the 1991 Order, in which case the law in operation immediately before this Order came into operation continues to have effect.

(3) For the purpose of paragraph (2), winding-up or bankruptcy proceedings are pending if a statutory or written demand has been served or a winding-up or a bankruptcy petition has been presented.

(4) Nothing in this Order is to be taken as preventing a petition being presented against an insolvent partnership under any other statutory provision.

(5) Nothing in this Order is to be taken as preventing any creditor or creditors owed one or more debts by an insolvent partnership from presenting a petition under the Order against one or more members of the partnership liable for that debt or those debts (as the case may be) without including the others and without presenting a petition for the winding up of the partnership as an unregistered company.

(6) Bankruptcy proceedings may be consolidated by virtue of Article 15(2) irrespective of whether they were commenced under the Bankruptcy Acts (Northern Ireland) 1857 to 1980(b) or the Order or by virtue of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 or this Order, and the

(a) S.R. 1991 No. 366

(b) 1857 c. 60; 1872 c. 57; 1872 c. 58; 1929 c. 1 (N.I.); 1963 c. 23 (N.I.); S.I. 1980/561 (N.I. 4)

High Court shall, in the case of proceedings commenced under or by virtue of different enactments, make provision for the manner in which the consolidated proceedings are to be conducted.

Revocation

20. The Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 is hereby revoked.

Dated 22nd May 1995

Mackay of Clashfern, C.

The Department of Economic Development hereby concurs with the foregoing Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 30th May 1995.

(L.S.)

A. L. Brown

Assistant Secretary

Modified Provisions of Part II of the Order (Company Voluntary Arrangements) as applied by Article 4

Part II of the Order is modified so as to read as follows—

“PART II

PARTNERSHIP VOLUNTARY ARRANGEMENTS

The proposal

Those who may propose an arrangement

14.—(1) The members of an insolvent partnership (other than one for which an administration order is in force, or which is being wound up as an unregistered company, or in respect of which an order has been made by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995) may make a proposal under this Part to the partnership’s creditors for a composition in satisfaction of the debts of the partnership or a scheme of arrangement of its affairs (from here on referred to, in either case, as a “voluntary arrangement”).

(2) A proposal under this Part is one which provides for some person (“the nominee”) to act in relation to the voluntary arrangement either as trustee or otherwise for the purpose of supervising its implementation; and the nominee must be a person who is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the insolvent partnership.

(3) Such a proposal may also be made—

- (a) where an administration order is in force in relation to the partnership, by the administrator,
- (b) where the partnership is being wound up as an unregistered company, by the liquidator, and
- (c) where an order has been made by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, by the trustee of the partnership.

Procedure where nominee is not the liquidator, administrator or trustee

15.—(1) This Article applies where the nominee under Article 14 is not the liquidator, administrator or trustee of the insolvent partnership.

(2) The nominee shall, within 28 days (or such longer period as the High Court may allow) after he is given notice of the proposal for a voluntary arrangement, submit a report to the Court stating—

- (a) whether, in his opinion, meetings of the members of the partnership and of the partnership’s creditors should be summoned to consider the proposal, and
 - (b) if in his opinion such meetings should be summoned, the date on which, and time and place at which, he proposes the meetings should be held.
- (3) The nominee shall also state in his report whether there are in existence any insolvency proceedings in respect of the insolvent partnership or any of its members.

(4) For the purposes of enabling the nominee to prepare his report, the person intending to make the proposal shall submit to the nominee—

- (a) a document setting out the terms of the proposed voluntary arrangement, and
- (b) a statement of the partnership's affairs containing—
 - (i) such particulars of the partnership's creditors and of the partnership's debts and other liabilities and of the partnership property as may be prescribed, and
 - (ii) such other information as may be prescribed.

(5) The High Court may, on an application made by the person intending to make the proposal, in a case where the nominee has failed to submit the report required by this Article, direct that the nominee be replaced as such by another person qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the insolvent partnership.

Summoning of meetings

16.—(1) Where the nominee under Article 14 is not the liquidator, administrator or trustee of the insolvent partnership, and it has been reported to the High Court that such meetings as are mentioned in Article 15(2) should be summoned, the person making the report shall (unless the Court otherwise directs) summon those meetings for the time, date and place proposed in the report.

(2) Where the nominee is the liquidator, administrator or trustee of the insolvent partnership, he shall summon meetings of the members of the partnership and of the partnership's creditors to consider the proposal for such a time, date and place as he thinks fit.

(3) The persons to be summoned to a creditors' meeting under this Article are every creditor of the partnership of whose claim and address the person summoning the meeting is aware.

Consideration and implementation of proposal

Decisions of meetings

17.—(1) The meetings summoned under Article 16 shall decide whether to approve the proposed voluntary arrangement (with or without modifications).

(2) The modification may include one conferring the functions proposed to be conferred on the nominee on another person qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the insolvent partnership but shall not include any modification by virtue of which the proposal ceases to be a proposal such as is mentioned in Article 14.

(3) A meeting so summoned shall not approve any proposal or modification which affects the right of a secured creditor of the partnership; to enforce his security, except with the concurrence of the creditor concerned.

(4) A meeting so summoned shall not, except with the concurrence of the preferential creditor concerned, approve any proposal or modification under which—

- (a) any preferential debt of the partnership is to be paid otherwise than in priority to such of its debts as are not preferential debts, or
- (b) a preferential creditor of the partnership is to be paid an amount in respect of a preferential debt that bears to that debt a smaller proportion than is borne to another preferential debt by the amount that is to be paid in respect of that other debt.

(5) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), each of the meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules.

(6) After the conclusion of either meeting in accordance with the rules, the chairman of the meeting shall report the result of the meeting to the High Court and, immediately after reporting to the Court, shall give notice of the result of the meeting to all those who were sent notice of the meeting in accordance with the rules.

(7) In this Article “preferential debt” has the meaning given by Article 346; and “preferential creditor” is to be construed accordingly.

Effect of approval

18.—(1) This Article has effect where each of the meetings summoned under Article 16 approves the proposed voluntary arrangement either with the same modifications or without modifications.

(2) The approved voluntary arrangement—

- (a) takes effect as if made by the members of the partnership at the creditors’ meeting, and
- (b) binds every person who in accordance with the rules had notice of, and was entitled to vote at, that meeting (whether or not he was present or represented at the meeting) as if he were a party to the voluntary arrangement.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), if the partnership is being wound up as an unregistered company, or an administration order or an order by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 is in force, the High Court may do one or both of the following, namely—

(a) by order—

- (i) stay all proceedings in the winding up or in the proceedings under the order made by virtue of the said Article 11 (as the case may be), including any related insolvency proceedings of a member of the partnership in his capacity as such, or
- (ii) discharge the administration order;
- (b) give such directions as it thinks appropriate for facilitating the implementation of the approved voluntary arrangement with respect to—
 - (i) the conduct of the winding up, of the proceedings by virtue of the said Article 11 or of the administration (as the case may be), and
 - (ii) the conduct of any related insolvency proceedings as referred to in sub-paragraph (a)(i).

(4) The High Court shall not make an order under paragraph (3)(a)—

- (a) at any time before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the first day on which each of the reports required by Article 17(6) has been made to the Court, or
- (b) at any time when an application under Article 19 or an appeal in respect of such an application is pending, or at any time in the period within which such an appeal may be brought.

Challenge of decisions

19.—(1) Subject to this Article, an application to the High Court may be made, by any of the persons specified in paragraph (2), on one or both of the following grounds, namely—

(a) that a voluntary arrangement approved at the meetings summoned under Article 16 unfairly prejudices the interests of a creditor, member or contributory of the partnership;

(b) that there has been some material irregularity at or in relation to either of the meetings.

(2) The persons who may apply under this Article are—

(a) a person entitled, in accordance with the rules, to vote at either of the meetings;

(b) the nominee or any person who has replaced him under Article 15(5) or 17(2); and

(c) if the partnership is being wound up as an unregistered company or an administration order or order by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 is in force, the liquidator, administrator or trustee of the partnership.

(3) An application under this Article shall not be made after the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the first day on which each of the reports required by Article 17(6) has been made to the High Court.

(4) Where on such an application the High Court is satisfied as to either of the grounds mentioned in paragraph (1), it may do one or both of the following, namely—

(a) revoke or suspend the approvals given by the meetings or, in a case falling within paragraph (1)(b), any approval given by the meeting in question;

(b) give a direction to any person for the summoning of further meetings to consider any revised proposal the person who made the original proposal may make or, in a case falling within paragraph (1)(b), a further meeting of the members of the partnership or (as the case may be) of the partnership's creditors to reconsider the original proposal.

(5) Where at any time after giving a direction under paragraph (4)(b) for the summoning of meetings to consider a revised proposal the High Court is satisfied that the person who made the original proposal does not intend to submit a revised proposal, the Court shall revoke the direction and revoke or suspend any approval given at the previous meetings.

(6) In a case where the High Court, on an application under this Article with respect to any meeting—

(a) gives a direction under paragraph (4)(b), or

(b) revokes or suspends an approval under paragraph (4)(a) or (5),

the Court may give such supplemental directions as it thinks fit and, in particular, directions with respect to things done since the meeting under any voluntary arrangement approved by the meeting.

(7) Except in pursuance of the preceding provisions of this Article an approval given at a meeting summoned under Article 16 is not invalidated by any irregularity at or in relation to the meeting.

Implementation of proposal

20.—(1) This Article applies where a voluntary arrangement approved by the meetings summoned under Article 16 has taken effect.

(2) The person who is for the time being carrying out in relation to the voluntary arrangement the functions conferred—

(a) by virtue of the approval of the nominee, or
(b) by virtue of Article 15(5) or 17(2) on a person other than the nominee,
shall be known as the supervisor of the voluntary arrangement.

(3) If any of the partnership's creditors or any other person is dissatisfied by any act, omission or decision of the supervisor, he may apply to the High Court and on the application the Court may—

- (a) confirm, reverse or modify any act or decision of the supervisor,
- (b) give him directions, or
- (c) make such other order as it thinks fit.

(4) The supervisor—

- (a) may apply to the High Court for directions in relation to any particular matter arising under the voluntary arrangement, and
- (b) is included among the persons who may apply to the Court for the winding up of the partnership as an unregistered company or for an administration order to be made in relation to it.

(5) The High Court may, whenever—

- (a) it is expedient to appoint a person to carry out the functions of the supervisor, and
- (b) it is expedient, difficult or impracticable for an appointment to be made without the assistance of the Court,

make an order appointing a person who is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the partnership, either in substitution for the existing supervisor or to fill a vacancy.

(6) The power conferred by paragraph (5) is exercisable so as to increase the number of persons exercising the functions of supervisor or, where there is more than one person exercising those functions, so as to replace one or more of those persons.”.

Provisions of the Order which apply with Modifications for the Purposes of Article 6 to Administration Orders in Relation to Insolvent Partnerships

1. Articles 21 to 28 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Order are set out as modified in Part I, one of the entries in Schedule 7 to the Order is set out as modified in Part II and Articles 186 to 188 are set out as modified in Part III.

PART I

MODIFIED PROVISIONS OF PART III OF THE ORDER

Article 21: Power of High Court to make order

2. Article 21 is modified so as to read as follows—

“21.—(1) Subject to this Article, if the High Court—

(a) is satisfied that a partnership is unable to pay its debts (within the meaning given to that expression by Article 186, 187 or 188), and

(b) considers that the making of an order under this Article would be likely to achieve one or more of the purposes mentioned in paragraph (3),

the Court may make an administration order in relation to the partnership.

(2) An administration order is an order directing that, during the period for which the order is in force, the affairs and business of the partnership and the partnership property shall be managed by a person (“the administrator”) appointed for the purpose by the High Court.

(3) The purposes for whose achievement an administration order may be made are—

(a) the survival of the whole or any part of the undertaking of the partnership as a going concern;

(b) the approval of a voluntary arrangement under Part II; and

(c) a more advantageous realisation of the partnership property than would be effected on a winding up;

and the order shall specify the purpose or purposes for which it is made.

(4) An administration order shall not be made in relation to a partnership after an order has been made for it to be wound up by the High Court as an unregistered company, nor after an order has been made in relation to it by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, nor where it is—

(a) an insurance company within the meaning of the Insurance Companies Act 1982, (a) or

(b) an authorised institution or former authorised institution within the meaning of the Banking Act 1987(b).”

Article 22: Application for order

3. Article 22 is modified so as to read as follows—

“22.—(1) An application to the High Court for an administration order shall be by petition in Form 1 in Schedule 9 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order

(a) 1982 c. 50

(b) 1987 c. 22

(Northern Ireland) 1995 presented either by the members of the insolvent partnership in their capacity as such, or by a creditor or creditors (including any contingent or prospective creditor or creditors), or by all or any of those parties, together or separately.

(2) Where a petition is presented to the High Court—

(a) notice of the petition shall be given forthwith to such persons as may be prescribed, and

(b) the petition shall not be withdrawn except with the leave of the Court.

(3) On hearing a petition the High Court may dismiss it, or adjourn the hearing conditionally or unconditionally, or make an interim order or any other order that it thinks fit.

(4) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (3), an interim order under that paragraph may restrict the exercise of any powers of the officers of the partnership (whether by reference to the consent of the High Court or of a person qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the partnership, or otherwise).”.

Article 23: Effect of application

4. Article 23 is modified so as to read as follows—

“23.—(1) During the period beginning with the presentation of a petition for an administration order and ending with the making of such an order or the dismissal of the petition—

(a) no order may be made for the winding up of the insolvent partnership, nor may any order be made by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 or under section 35 of the Partnership Act 1890(a) in respect of the partnership;

(b) no steps may be taken to enforce any security over the partnership property, or to repossess goods in the possession, under any hire-purchase agreement, of one or more of the officers of the partnership in their capacity as such, except with the leave of the High Court and subject to such terms as the Court may impose; and

(c) no other proceedings and no legal process may be commenced or continued, and no distress may be levied, against the partnership or the partnership property except with the leave of the Court and subject to such terms as aforesaid.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) requires the leave of the High Court—

(a) for the presentation of a petition for the winding up of the partnership,

(b) for the presentation of a petition by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 in respect of the partnership.

(3) References in this Article and Article 24 to hire-purchase agreements includes conditional sale agreements, chattel leasing agreements and retention of title agreements.”.

Article 24: Effect of Order

5. Article 24 is modified so as to read as follows—

“24.—(1) On the making of an administration order, any petition for the winding up of the insolvent partnership and any petition for an order to be made

by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 shall be dismissed.

(2) Where an administration order has been made, any receiver of part of the partnership property shall vacate office on being required to do so by the administrator.

(3) During the period for which an administration order is in force—

- (a) no order may be made for the winding up of the partnership;
- (b) no order may be made by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 in respect of the partnership;
- (c) no order may be made under section 35 of the Partnership Act 1890 in respect of the partnership;
- (d) no other steps may be taken to enforce any security over the partnership property, or to repossess goods in the possession, under any hire-purchase agreement, of one or more of the officers of the partnership in their capacity as such except with the consent of the administrator or the leave of the High Court and subject (where the Court gives leave) to such terms as the Court may impose; and
- (e) no other proceedings and no legal process may be commenced or continued, and no distress may be levied, against the partnership or the partnership property except with the consent of the administrator or the leave of the Court and subject (where the Court gives leave) to such terms as aforesaid.

(4) Where at any time a receiver of part of the partnership property has vacated office under paragraph (2)—

- (a) his remuneration and any expenses properly incurred by him, and
- (b) any indemnity to which he is entitled out of the partnership property,

shall be charged on and (subject to paragraph (3)) paid out of any partnership property which was in his custody or under his control at that time in priority to any security held by the person by or on whose behalf he was appointed.”.

Article 25: Notification of order

6. Article 25 is modified so as to read as follows—

“25.—(1) Every invoice, order for goods or business letter which, at a time when an administration order is in force in relation to an insolvent partnership, is issued by or on behalf of the partnership or the administrator, being a document on or in which the name under which the partnership carries on business appears, shall also contain the administrator’s name and a statement that the affairs and business of the partnership and the partnership property are being managed by the administrator.

(2) If default is made in complying with this Article any of the following persons who without reasonable excuse authorises or permits the default, namely, the administrator and any officer of the partnership, shall be guilty of an offence.”.

Article 26: Appointment of administrator

7. Article 26 is modified so as to read as follows—

“26.—(1) The administrator of a partnership shall be appointed either by the administration order or by an order under paragraph (2).

(2) If a vacancy occurs by death, resignation or otherwise in the office of the administrator, the High Court may by order fill the vacancy.

- (3) An application for an order under paragraph (2) may be made—
- (a) by any continuing administrator of the partnership; or
 - (b) where there is no such administrator, by a creditors' committee established under Article 38; or
 - (c) where there is no such administrator and no such committee, by the members of the partnership or by any creditor or creditors of the partnership.”.

Article 27: General powers

8. Article 27 is modified so as to read as follows—

“27.—(1) The administrator of an insolvent partnership—

- (a) may do all such things as may be necessary for the management of the affairs and business of the partnership and of the partnership property, and
- (b) without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (a), has the powers specified in Schedule 1

and in the application of that Schedule to the administrator of a partnership the words “he” and “him” refer to the administrator.

(2) The administrator also has power—

- (a) to prevent any person from taking part in the management of the partnership business and to appoint any person to be a manager of that business, and
- (b) to call any meeting of the members or creditors of the partnership.

(3) The administrator may apply to the High Court for directions in relation to any particular matter arising in connection with the carrying out of his functions.

(4) Any power exercisable by the officers of the partnership, whether under the Partnership Act 1890, the partnership agreement or otherwise, which could be exercised in such a way as to interfere with the exercise by the administrator of his powers is not exercisable except with the consent of the administrator, which may be given either generally or in relation to particular cases.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), in exercising his powers the administrator is deemed to act as the agent of the members of the partnership in their capacity as such.

(6) An officer of the partnership shall not, unless he otherwise consents, be personally liable for the debts and obligations of the partnership incurred during the period when the administration order is in force.

(7) A person dealing with the administrator in good faith and for value is not concerned to inquire whether the administrator is acting within his powers.”.

Article 28: Power to deal with charged property, etc.

9. Article 28 is modified so as to read as follows—

“28.—(1) The administrator of a partnership may dispose of or otherwise exercise his powers in relation to any partnership property which is subject to a security to which this paragraph applies as if the property were not subject to the security.

(2) Where, on an application by the administrator, the High Court is satisfied that the disposal (with or without other assets) of—

- (a) any partnership property subject to a security to which this paragraph applies, or

(b) any goods in the possession of one or more officers of the partnership in their capacity as such under a hire-purchase agreement,

would be likely to promote the purpose or one or more of the purposes specified in the administration order, the Court may by order authorise the administrator to dispose of the property as if it were not subject to the security or to dispose of the goods as if all rights of the owner under the hire-purchase agreement were vested in the members of the partnership.

(3) Paragraph (1) applies to any security which, as created, was a floating charge and paragraph (2) applies to any other security.

(4) Where property is disposed of under paragraph (1), the holder of the security has the same priority in respect of any partnership property directly or indirectly representing the property disposed of as he would have had in respect of the property subject to the security.

(5) It shall be a condition of an order under paragraph (2) that—

(a) the net proceeds of the disposal, and

(b) where those proceeds are less than such amount as may be determined by the High Court to be the net amount which would be realised on a sale of the property or goods in the open market by a willing vendor, such sums as may be required to make good the deficiency,

shall be applied towards discharging the sums secured by the security or payable under the hire-purchase agreement.

(6) Where a condition imposed in pursuance of paragraph (5) relates to two or more securities that condition requires the net proceeds of the disposal and, where sub-paragraph (b) of that paragraph applies, the sums mentioned in that sub-paragraph to be applied towards discharging the sum secured by those securities in the order of their priorities.

(7) References in this Article to hire-purchase agreements include conditional sale agreements, chattel leasing agreements and retention of title agreements.”

10. Schedule 1 is modified so as to read as follows—

“SCHEDULE 1

Article 27

Powers of Administrator

1. Power to take possession of, collect and get in the partnership property and, for that purpose, to take such proceedings as may seem to him expedient.

2. Power to sell or otherwise dispose of the partnership property.

3. Power to make, on such terms and conditions as he may think proper, a sub-fee farm grant of land or any part thereof, or a sub-lease of land or any part thereof with a nominal reversion (and to sell the rent or reversion), where such sub-fee farm grant or sub-lease amounts in substance to a sale and he has satisfied himself that it is the most appropriate method of disposing of the land.

4. Power to raise or borrow money and grant security therefor over the partnership property.

5. Power to appoint a solicitor or accountant or other professionally qualified person to assist him in the performance of his functions.

6. Power to bring or defend any action or other legal proceedings in the name and on behalf of any member of the partnership in his capacity as such or of the partnership.

7. Power to refer to arbitration any question affecting the partnership.

8. Power to effect and maintain insurances in respect of the partnership business and property.

9. Power to do all acts and execute, in the name and on behalf of the partnership or of any member of the partnership in his capacity as such, any deed, receipt or other document.

10. Power to draw, accept, make and endorse any bill of exchange or promissory note in the name and on behalf of any member of the partnership in his capacity as such or of the partnership.

11. Power to appoint any agent to do any business which he is unable to do himself or which can more conveniently be done by an agent and power to employ and dismiss employees.

12. Power to do all such things (including the carrying out of works) as may be necessary for the realisation of the partnership property.

13. Power to make any payment which is necessary or incidental to the performance of his functions.

14. Power to carry on the business of the partnership.

15. Power to establish subsidiary undertakings of the partnership.

16. Power to transfer to subsidiary undertakings of the partnership the whole or any part of the business of the partnership or of the partnership property.

17. Power to grant or accept a surrender of a lease or tenancy of any of the partnership property, and to take a lease or tenancy of any property required or convenient for the business of the partnership.

18. Power to make any arrangement or compromise on behalf of the partnership or of its members in their capacity as such.

19. Power to rank and claim in the bankruptcy, insolvency or liquidation of any person indebted to the partnership and to receive dividends, and to accede to trust deeds for the creditors of any such person.

20. Power to present or defend a petition for the winding up of the partnership under the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

21. Power to do all other things incidental to the exercise of the foregoing powers.”

MODIFIED PROVISIONS OF SCHEDULE 7 TO THE ORDER

11. The entry in Schedule 7 in relation to an offence under Article 25(2) is modified so as to read as follows—

“25(2)	Administrator and any officer of the partnership failing to state in correspondence, etc., that administrator appointed.	Summary.	One-fifth of the statutory maximum.	”
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PART III

OTHER MODIFIED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDER ABOUT ADMINISTRATION ORDERS

Article 186: Inability to pay debts: unpaid creditor for £750 or more

12. Article 186 is modified so as to read as follows—

“186.—(1) An insolvent partnership is deemed (for the purposes of Article 21) unable to pay its debts if there is a creditor, by assignment or otherwise, to whom the partnership is indebted in a sum exceeding £750 then due and—

- (a) the creditor has served on the partnership, in the manner specified in paragraph (2), a written demand in the prescribed form requiring the partnership to pay the sum so due, and
 - (b) the partnership has for 3 weeks after the service of the demand neglected to pay the sum or to secure or compound for it to the creditor’s satisfaction.
- (2) Service of the demand referred to in paragraph (1)(a) shall be effected—
- (a) by leaving it at a principal place of business of the partnership in Northern Ireland, or
 - (b) by leaving it at a place of business of the partnership in Northern Ireland at which business is carried on in the course of which the debt (or part of the debt) referred to in paragraph (1) arose, or
 - (c) by delivering it to an officer of the partnership, or
 - (d) by otherwise serving it in such manner as the High Court may approve or direct.

(3) The money sum for the time being specified in paragraph (1) is subject to increase or reduction by order under Article 362(1)(a) but no increase in the sum so specified affects any case in which the petition for the administration order was presented before the coming into operation of the increase.”

Article 187: Inability to pay debts: debt remaining unsatisfied after action brought

13. Article 187 is modified so as to read as follows—

“187.—(1) An insolvent partnership is deemed (for the purposes of Article 21) unable to pay its debts if an action or other proceeding has been instituted against any member for any debt or demand due, or claimed to be due, from the partnership, or from him in his character of member, and—

- (a) notice in writing of the institution of the action or proceeding has been served on the partnership in the manner specified in paragraph (2), and

- (b) the partnership has not within 3 weeks from service of the notice paid, secured or compounded for the debt or demand, or procured the action or proceeding to be stayed, or indemnified the defendant to his reasonable satisfaction against the action or proceeding, and against all costs, damages and expenses to be incurred by him because of it.
- (2) Service of the notice referred to in paragraph (1)(a) shall be effected—
- (a) by leaving it at a principal place of business of the partnership in Northern Ireland, or
- (b) by leaving it at a place of business of the partnership in Northern Ireland at which business is carried on in the course of which the debt or demand (or part of the debt or demand) referred to in paragraph (1) arose, or
- (c) by delivering it to an officer of the partnership, or
- (d) by otherwise serving it in such manner as the High Court may approve or direct.”.

Article 188: Inability to pay debts: other cases

14. Article 188 is modified so as to read as follows—

“**188.**—(1) An insolvent partnership is deemed (for the purposes of Article 21) unable to pay its debts—

- (a) if, in Northern Ireland, a certificate of unenforceability has been granted in respect of a judgment against the partnership or any member of it in his character as such under Article 19 of the Judgments Enforcement (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a);
- (b) if, in England and Wales, execution or other process issued on a judgment, decree or order obtained in any court in favour of a creditor against the partnership, or any member of it in his character as such, is returned unsatisfied;
- (c) if, in Scotland, the induciae of a charge for payment on an extract decree, or an extract registered bond, or an extract registered protest, have expired without payment being made;
- (d) it is otherwise proved to the satisfaction of the High Court that the partnership is unable to pay its debts as they fall due.

(2) An insolvent partnership is also deemed unable to pay its debts if it is proved to the satisfaction of the High Court that the value of the partnership’s assets is less than the amount of its liabilities, taking into account its contingent and prospective liabilities.”.

Provisions of the Order which apply with Modifications for the Purposes of Article 7 to Winding up of Insolvent Partnership on Petition of Creditor etc. where no Concurrent Petition Presented against Member

1. Articles 184 to 188 of the Order are set out as modified in Part I, and Articles 111, 113 and 198 of and Schedule 2 to the Order are set out as modified in Part II.

PART I

MODIFIED PROVISIONS OF PART VI OF THE ORDER

Article 184: Meaning of “unregistered company”

2. Article 184 is modified so as to read as follows—

“184. For the purposes of this Part, the expression “unregistered company” includes any insolvent partnership.”.

Article 185: Winding up of unregistered companies

3. Article 185 is modified so as to read as follows—

“185.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) and to the provisions of this Part, any insolvent partnership may be wound up under this Order if it has, or at any time had, in Northern Ireland either—

- (a) a principal place of business, or
- (b) a place of business at which business is or has been carried on in the course of which the debt (or part of the debt) arose which forms the basis of the petition for winding up the partnership.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), an insolvent partnership shall not be wound up under this Order if the business of the partnership has not been carried on in Northern Ireland at any time in the period of 3 years ending with the day on which the winding-up petition is presented.

(3) If an insolvent partnership has a principal place of business situated in England and Wales or Scotland, the High Court shall not have jurisdiction to wind up the partnership unless it had a principal place of business in Northern Ireland—

- (a) in the case of a partnership with a principal place of business in England and Wales, at any time in the period of 3 years, or
- (b) in the case of a partnership with a principal place of business in Scotland, at any time in the period of 1 year,

ending with the day on which the winding-up petition is presented.

(4) No insolvent partnership shall be wound up under this Order voluntarily.

(5) To the extent that they are applicable to the winding up of a company by the High Court on the petition of a creditor or of the Department, all the provisions of this Order and the Companies Order about winding up apply to the winding up of an insolvent partnership as an unregistered company—

- (a) with the exceptions and additions mentioned in paragraphs (6), (7) and (8) and in Article 185A, and
- (b) with the modifications specified in Part II of Schedule 3 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

(6) Articles 8, 60(1), 61(2)(a) to (d) and (3), 62 to 65, 69, 102, 103, 167 to 169 shall not apply.

(7) The circumstances in which an insolvent partnership may be wound up as an unregistered company are as follows—

- (a) if the partnership is dissolved, or has ceased to carry on business, or is carrying on business only for the purpose of winding up its affairs;
- (b) if the partnership is unable to pay its debts;
- (c) if the High Court is of the opinion that it is just and equitable that the partnership should be wound up.

(8) Every petition for the winding up of an insolvent partnership under Part VI shall be verified by affidavit in Form 2 in Schedule 9 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

Petition by liquidator, administrator, trustee or supervisor to wind up insolvent partnership as unregistered company

185A.—(1) A petition in Form 3 in Schedule 9 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 for winding up an insolvent partnership may be presented by—

- (a) the liquidator or administrator of a corporate member or of a former corporate member, or
- (b) the administrator of the partnership, or
- (c) the trustee of an individual member's, or of a former individual member's, estate, or
- (d) the supervisor of a voluntary arrangement approved under Part II in relation to a corporate member or the partnership, or under Chapter 11 of Part VIII in relation to an individual member,

if the ground of the petition is one of the circumstances set out in Article 185(7).

(2) In this Article “petitioning insolvency practitioner” means a person who has presented a petition under paragraph (1).

(3) If the ground of the petition presented under paragraph (1) is that the partnership is unable to pay its debts and the petitioning insolvency practitioner is able to satisfy the High Court that an insolvency order has been made against the member whose liquidator or trustee he is because of that member's inability to pay a joint debt, that order shall, unless it is proved otherwise to the satisfaction of the Court, be proof for the purposes of Article 185(7) that the partnership is unable to pay its debts.

(4) Where a winding-up petition is presented under paragraph (1), the High Court may appoint the petitioning insolvency practitioner as provisional liquidator of the partnership under Article 115 (appointment and powers of provisional liquidator).

(5) Where a winding-up order is made against an insolvent partnership after the presentation of a petition under paragraph (1), the High Court may appoint the petitioning insolvency practitioner as liquidator of the partnership; and where the Court makes an appointment under this paragraph, Article 119(3) (official receiver not to become liquidator) applies as if an appointment had been made under that Article.

(6) Where a winding-up petition is presented under paragraph (1), in the event of the partnership property being insufficient to satisfy the costs of the petitioning insolvency practitioner the costs may be paid out of the assets of the

corporate or individual member, as the case may be, as part of the expenses of the liquidation, administration, bankruptcy or voluntary arrangement of that member, in the same order of priority as expenses properly chargeable or incurred by the practitioner in getting in any of the assets of the member.”.

Article 186: Inability to pay debts: unpaid creditor for £750 or more

4. Article 186 is modified so as to read as follows—

“**186.**—(1) An insolvent partnership is deemed (for the purposes of Article 185) unable to pay its debts if there is a creditor, by assignment or otherwise, to whom the partnership is indebted in a sum exceeding £750 then due and—

(a) the creditor has served on the partnership, in the manner specified in paragraph (2), a written demand in the prescribed form requiring the partnership to pay the sum so due, and

(b) the partnership has for 3 weeks after the service of the demand neglected to pay the sum or to secure or compound for it to the creditor’s satisfaction.

(2) Service of the demand referred to in paragraph (1)(a) shall be effected—

(a) by leaving it at a principal place of business of the partnership in Northern Ireland, or

(b) by leaving it at a place of business of the partnership in Northern Ireland at which business is carried on in the course of which the debt (or part of the debt) referred to in paragraph (1) arose, or

(c) by delivering it to an officer of the partnership, or

(d) by otherwise serving it in such manner as the High Court may approve or direct.

(3) The money sum for the time being specified in paragraph (1) is subject to increase or reduction by order under Article 362(1)(a) but no increase in the sum so specified affects any case in which the winding-up petition was presented before the coming into operation of the increase.”.

Article 187: Inability to pay debts: debt remaining unsatisfied after action brought

5. Article 187 is modified so as to read as follows—

“**187.**—(1) An insolvent partnership is deemed (for the purposes of Article 185) unable to pay its debts if an action or other proceeding has been instituted against any member for any debt or demand due, or claimed to be due, from the partnership, or from him in his character of member, and—

(a) notice in writing of the institution of the action or proceeding has been served on the partnership in the manner specified in paragraph (2), and

(b) the partnership has not within 3 weeks from service of the notice paid, secured or compounded for the debt or demand, or procured the action or proceeding to be stayed, or indemnified the defendant to his reasonable satisfaction against the action or proceeding, and against all costs, damages and expenses to be incurred by him because of it.

(2) Service of the notice referred to in paragraph (1)(a) shall be effected—

(a) by leaving it at a principal place of business of the partnership in Northern Ireland, or

(b) by leaving it at a place of business of the partnership in Northern Ireland at which business is carried on in the course of which the debt or demand (or part of the debt or demand) referred to in paragraph (1) arose, or

(c) by delivering it to an officer of the partnership, or

- (d) by otherwise serving it in such manner as the High Court may approve or direct .”.

Article 188: Inability to pay debts: other cases

6. Article 188 is modified so as to read as follows—

“**188.**—(1) An insolvent partnership is deemed (for the purposes of Article 185) unable to pay its debts—

- (a) if, in Northern Ireland, a certificate of unenforceability has been granted in respect of a judgment against the partnership or any member of it in his character as such under Article 19 of the Judgments Enforcement (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a);
- (b) if, in England and Wales, execution or other process issued on a judgment, decree or order obtained in any court in favour of a creditor against the partnership, or any member of it in his character as such, is returned unsatisfied;
- (c) if, in Scotland, the *induciae* of a charge for payment on an extract decree, or an extract registered bond, or an extract registered protest, have expired without payment being made;
- (d) it is otherwise proved to the satisfaction of the High Court that the partnership is unable to pay its debts as they fall due.

(2) An insolvent partnership is also deemed unable to pay its debts if it is proved to the satisfaction of the High Court that the value of the partnership’s assets is less than the amount of its liabilities, taking into account its contingent and prospective liabilities.”.

PART II

OTHER MODIFIED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDER ABOUT WINDING UP BY THE HIGH COURT

Article 111: Statement of affairs of insolvent partnership

7. Article 111 is modified so as to read as follows—

“**111.**—(1) Where the High Court has, by virtue of Article 7 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, made a winding-up order or appointed a provisional liquidator in respect of an insolvent partnership, the official receiver may require some or all of the persons mentioned in paragraph (3) to make out and submit to him a statement in the prescribed form as to the affairs of the partnership.

(2) The statement shall be verified by affidavit by the persons required to submit it and shall show—

- (a) particulars of the debts and liabilities of the partnership and of the partnership property;
- (b) the names and addresses of the partnership’s creditors;
- (c) the securities held by them respectively;
- (d) the dates when the securities were respectively given; and
- (e) such further or other information as may be prescribed or as the official receiver may require.

(a) S.I. 1981/226 (N.I. 6)

- (3) The persons referred to in paragraph (1) are—
- (a) those who are or have been officers of the partnership;
 - (b) those who have taken part in the formation of the partnership at any time within one year before the relevant date;
 - (c) those who are in the employment of the partnership, or have been in its employment within that year, and are in the official receiver's opinion capable of giving the information required;
 - (d) those who are or have been within that year officers of, or in the employment of, a company which is, or within that year was, an officer of the partnership.

(4) Where any persons are required under this Article to submit a statement of affairs to the official receiver, they shall do so (subject to paragraph (5)), before the end of the period of 21 days beginning with the day after that on which the prescribed notice of the requirement is given to them by the official receiver.

(5) The official receiver, if he thinks fit, may—

- (a) at any time release a person from an obligation imposed on him under paragraph (1) or (2); or
- (b) either when giving the notice mentioned in paragraph (4) or subsequently, extend the period so mentioned;

and where the official receiver has refused to exercise a power conferred by this paragraph, the High Court, if it thinks fit, may exercise it.

(6) In this Article—

“employment” includes employment under a contract for services; and

“the relevant date” means—

- (a) in a case where a provisional liquidator is appointed, the date of his appointment; and
- (b) in a case where no such appointment is made, the date of the winding-up order.

(7) If a person without reasonable excuse fails to comply with any obligation imposed under this Article, he shall be guilty of an offence and, for continued contravention, he shall be guilty of a continuing offence.”

Article 113: Public examination of officers of insolvent partnership

8. Article 113 is modified so as to read as follows—

“113.—(1) Where an insolvent partnership is being wound up by virtue of Article 7 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the official receiver may at any time before the winding up is complete apply to the High Court for the public examination of any person who—

- (a) is or has been an officer of the partnership; or
- (b) has acted as liquidator or administrator of the partnership or as receiver or manager of its property; or
- (c) not being a person falling within sub-paragraph (a) or (b), is or has been concerned, or has taken part, in the formation of the partnership.

(2) Unless the High Court otherwise orders, the official receiver shall make an application under paragraph (1) if he is requested in accordance with the rules to do so by one-half, in value, of the creditors of the partnership.

(3) On an application under paragraph (1), the High Court shall direct that a public examination of the person to whom the application relates shall be held on a day appointed by the Court; and that person shall attend on that day and be publicly examined as to the formation or management of the partnership or as to the conduct of its business and affairs, or his conduct or dealings in relation to the partnership.

(4) The following may take part in the public examination of a person under this Article and may question that person concerning the matters mentioned in paragraph (3), namely—

- (a) the official receiver;
- (b) the liquidator of the partnership;
- (c) any person who has been appointed as special manager of the partnership's property or business;
- (d) any creditor of the partnership who has tendered a proof in the winding up.”.

Article 198: Getting in the partnership property

9. Article 198 is modified so as to read as follows—

“198.—(1) This Article applies where, by virtue of Article 7 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995—

- (a) an insolvent partnership is being wound up, or
- (b) a provisional liquidator of an insolvent partnership is appointed;

and “the office-holder” means the liquidator or the provisional liquidator, as the case may be.

(2) Any person who is or has been an officer of the partnership, or who is an executor or administrator of the estate of a deceased officer of the partnership, shall deliver up to the office-holder, for the purposes of the exercise of the office-holder's functions under this Order and (where applicable) Part II of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(a), possession of any partnership property which he holds for the purposes of the partnership.

(3) Where any person has in his possession or control any property, books, papers or records to which the partnership appears to be entitled, the High Court may require that person forthwith (or within such period as the Court may direct) to pay, deliver, convey, surrender or transfer the property, books, papers or records to the office-holder or as the Court may direct.

(4) Where the office-holder—

- (a) seizes or disposes of any property which is not partnership property, and
- (b) at the time of seizure or disposal believes, and has reasonable grounds for believing, that he is entitled (whether in pursuance of an order of the High Court or otherwise) to seize or dispose of that property,

paragraph (5) has effect.

(5) In that case the office-holder—

- (a) is not liable to any person in respect of any loss or damage resulting from the seizure or disposal except in so far as that loss or damage is caused by the office-holder's own negligence, and
- (b) has a lien on the property, or the proceeds of its sale, for such expenses as were incurred in connection with the seizure or disposal.”.

(a) S.I. 1989/2404 (N.I. 18)

10. Schedule 2 is modified so as to read as follows—

“SCHEDULE 2

Article 142

Powers of Liquidator in a Winding up

PART I

POWERS EXERCISABLE WITH SANCTION

1. Power to pay any class of creditors in full.

2. Power to make any compromise or arrangement with creditors or persons claiming to be creditors, or having or alleging themselves to have any claim (present or future, certain or contingent, ascertained or sounding only in damages) against the partnership, or whereby the partnership may be rendered liable.

3. Power to compromise, on such terms as may be agreed—

(a) all debts and liabilities capable of resulting in debts, and all claims (present or future, certain or contingent, ascertained or sounding only in damages) subsisting or supposed to subsist between the partnership and a contributory or alleged contributory or other debtor or person apprehending liability to the partnership, and

(b) all questions in any way relating to or affecting the partnership property or the winding up of the partnership,

and take any security for the discharge of such debt, liability or claim and give a complete discharge in respect of it.

4. Power to bring or defend any action or other legal proceeding in the name and on behalf of any member of the partnership in his capacity as such or of the partnership.

5. Power to carry on the business of the partnership so far as may be necessary for its beneficial winding up.

PART II

POWERS EXERCISABLE WITHOUT SANCTION

6. Power to sell any of the partnership property.

7. Power to make, on such terms and conditions as the liquidator may think proper, a sub-fee farm grant of land or any part thereof, or a sub-lease of land or any part thereof with a nominal reversion (and to sell the rent or reversion), where such sub-fee farm grant or sub-lease amounts in substance to a sale and the liquidator has satisfied himself that it is the most appropriate method of disposing of the land.

8. Power to do all acts and execute, in the name and on behalf of the partnership or of any member of the partnership in his capacity as such, all deeds, receipts and other documents.

9. Power to prove, rank and claim in the bankruptcy or insolvency of any contributory for any balance against his estate, and to receive dividends in the bankruptcy or insolvency in respect of that balance, as a separate debt due from the bankrupt or insolvent, and rateably with the other separate creditors.

10. Power to draw, accept, make and endorse any bill of exchange or promissory note in the name and on behalf of any member of the partnership in his capacity as such or of the partnership, with the same effect with respect to the liability of the partnership or of any member of the partnership in his capacity as such as if the bill or note had been drawn, accepted, made or endorsed in the course of the partnership's business.

11. Power to raise on the security of the partnership property any money requisite.

12.—(1) Power to take out in his official name letters of administration to any deceased contributory, and to do in his official name any other act necessary for obtaining payment of any money due from a contributory or his estate which cannot conveniently be done in the name of the partnership:

(2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) the money due is deemed, for the purpose of enabling the liquidator to take out the letters of administration or recover the money, to be due to the liquidator himself.

13. Power to appoint an agent to do any business which the liquidator is unable to do himself.

14. Power to do all such other things as may be necessary for winding up the partnership's affairs and distributing its property.”.

Provisions of the Order which apply with Modifications for the Purposes of Article 8 to Winding up of Insolvent Partnership on Creditor's Petition where Concurrent Petitions are presented against one or more Members

1.—(1) Articles 184 to 186 of the Order are set out as modified in Part I, and the provisions of the Order specified in sub-paragraph (2) are set out as modified in Part II.

(2) The provisions referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are Articles 11, 102 to 105, 111, 113, 116 to 121, 124, 125, 143, 146, 148, 149, 160, 175, 194, 195, 198, 238, 239, 241, 242, 245, 257, 261, 265 to 269, 271 to 276, 278, 287, 300, 304 and 327, Schedule 2 and certain of the entries in Schedule 7.

PART I

MODIFIED PROVISIONS OF PART VI OF THE ORDER

Article 184: Meaning of "unregistered company"

2. Article 184 is modified so as to read as follows—

"184. For the purposes of this Part, the expression "unregistered company" includes any insolvent partnership."

Article 185: Winding up of unregistered companies

3. Article 185 is modified so as to read as follows—

"185.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) and to the provisions of this Part, any insolvent partnership may be wound up under this Order if it has, or at any time had, in Northern Ireland either—

- (a) a principal place of business, or
- (b) a place of business at which business is or has been carried on in the course of which the debt (or part of the debt) arose which forms the basis of the petition for winding up the partnership.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), an insolvent partnership shall not be wound up under this Order if the business of the partnership has not been carried on in Northern Ireland at any time in the period of 3 years ending with the day on which the winding-up petition is presented.

(3) If an insolvent partnership has a principal place of business situated in England and Wales or Scotland, the High Court shall not have jurisdiction to wind up the partnership unless it had a principal place of business in Northern Ireland—

- (a) in the case of a partnership with a principal place of business in England and Wales, at any time in the period of 3 years, or
- (b) in the case of a partnership with a principal place of business in Scotland, at any time in the period of 1 year,

ending with the day on which the winding-up petition is presented.

(4) No insolvent partnership shall be wound up under this Order voluntarily.

(5) To the extent that they are applicable to the winding up of a company by the High Court on a creditor's petition, all the provisions of this Order and the Companies Order about winding up apply to the winding up of an insolvent partnership as an unregistered company—

- (a) with the exceptions and additions mentioned in paragraphs (6) to (9), and
 - (b) with the modifications specified in Part II of Schedule 4 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.
- (6) Articles 8, 60(1), 61(2)(a) to (d) and (3), 62 to 65, 69, 132 and 167 to 169 shall not apply.
- (7) Unless the contrary intention appears, a member of a partnership against whom an insolvency order has been made by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 shall not be treated as a contributory for the purposes of this Order.
- (8) The circumstance in which an insolvent partnership may be wound up as an unregistered company is that the partnership is unable to pay its debts.
- (9) Every petition for the winding up of an insolvent partnership under Part VI shall be verified by affidavit in Form 2 in Schedule 9 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.”

Article 186: Inability to pay debts: unpaid creditor for £750 or more

4. Article 186 is modified so as to read as follows—

“186.—(1) An insolvent partnership is deemed (for the purposes of Article 185) unable to pay its debts if there is a creditor, by assignment or otherwise, to whom the partnership is indebted in a sum exceeding £750 then due and—

- (a) the creditor has served on the partnership, in the manner specified in paragraph (2), a written demand in Form 4 in Schedule 9 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 requiring the partnership to pay the sum so due,
 - (b) the creditor has also served on any one or more members or former members of the partnership liable to pay the sum due (in the case of a corporate member by leaving it at its registered office and in the case of an individual member by serving it in accordance with the rules) a demand in Form 4 in Schedule 9 to that Order, requiring that member or those members to pay the sum so due, and
 - (c) the partnership and its members have for 3 weeks after the service of the demands, or the service of the last of them if served at different times, neglected to pay the sum or to secure or compound for it to the creditor’s satisfaction.
- (2) Service of the demand referred to in paragraph (1)(a) shall be effected—
- (a) by leaving it at a principal place of business of the partnership in Northern Ireland, or
 - (b) by leaving it at a place of business of the partnership in Northern Ireland at which business is carried on in the course of which the debt (or part of the debt) referred to in paragraph (1) arose, or
 - (c) by delivering it to an officer of the partnership, or
 - (d) by otherwise serving it in such manner as the High Court may approve or direct.

(3) The money sum for the time being specified in paragraph (1) is subject to increase or reduction by order under Article 362(1)(a); but no increase in the sum so specified affects any case in which the winding-up petition was presented before the coming into force of the increase.”

PART II

OTHER MODIFIED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDER ABOUT WINDING UP BY THE HIGH COURT AND BANKRUPTCY OF INDIVIDUALS

Article 11: Definition of individual member's estate

5. Article 11 is modified so as to read as follows—

“11.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Article, the estate of an individual member for the purposes of this Order comprises—

- (a) all property belonging to or vested in the individual member at the commencement of the bankruptcy, and
- (b) any property which by virtue of any of the provisions of this Order or Article 88(3) or 90(3) of the Judgments Enforcement (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) (effect of bankruptcy or winding up on enforcement of judgments and proceeds of such enforcement) is comprised in that estate or is treated as falling within sub-paragraph (a).

(2) Subject to Article 281 (certain excluded property reclaimable by trustee), paragraph (1) does not apply to—

- (a) such tools, books, vehicles and other items of equipment as are not partnership property and as are necessary to the individual member for use personally by him in his employment, business or vocation;
- (b) such clothing, bedding, furniture, household equipment and provisions as are not partnership property and as are necessary for satisfying the basic domestic needs of the individual member and his family.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to property held by the individual member on trust for any other person.

(4) References in any provision of this Order to property, in relation to an individual member, include references to any power exercisable by him over or in respect of property except in so far as the power is exercisable over or in respect of property not for the time being comprised in the estate of the individual member and—

- (a) is so exercisable at a time after either the official receiver has had his release in respect of that estate under Article 148(3) or a meeting summoned by the trustee of that estate under Article 124 has been held, or

(b) cannot be so exercised for the benefit of the individual member;

and a power exercisable over or in respect of property is deemed for the purposes of any provision of this Order to vest in the person entitled to exercise it at the time of the transaction or event by virtue of which it is exercisable by that person (whether or not it becomes so exercisable at that time).

(5) For the purposes of any such provision of this Order, property comprised in an individual member's estate is so comprised subject to the rights of any person other than the individual member (whether as a secured creditor of the individual member or otherwise) in relation thereto, but disregarding any rights which have been given up in accordance with the rules.

(6) This Article has effect subject to the provisions of any statutory provision not contained in this Order under which any property is to be excluded from a bankrupt's estate.”.

(a) S.I. 1981/226 (N.I. 6); Articles 88 and 90 were amended by Article 310 of and Schedule 9 to the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/2405 (N.I. 19))

Circumstances in which members of insolvent partnerships may be wound up or made bankrupt by the High Court:— Article 102 — corporate member; Articles 239 and 241 — individual member

6.—(1) Article 102 is modified so as to read as follows—

“**102.** A corporate member or former corporate member may be wound up by the High Court if it is unable to pay its debts.”

(2) Article 239 is modified so as to read as follows—

“**239.** The High Court has jurisdiction to make a bankruptcy order against an individual member, or former individual member, of a partnership against which a petition has been presented by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 if it has jurisdiction in respect of the partnership.”

(3) Article 241 is modified so as to read as follows—

“**241.**—(1) Where a petition for the winding up of an insolvent partnership has been presented to the High Court by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 a creditor’s petition against any individual member or former individual member of that partnership by virtue of that Article must be in respect of one or more joint debts owed by the insolvent partnership, and the petitioning creditor or each of the petitioning creditors must be a person to whom the debt or (as the case may be) at least one of the debts is owed.

(2) Subject to Article 242, a creditor’s petition may be presented to the High Court in respect of a joint debt or debts only if, at the time the petition is presented—

- (a) the amount of the debt, or the aggregate amount of the debts, is equal to or exceeds the bankruptcy level,
- (b) the debt, or each of the debts, is for a liquidated sum payable to the petitioning creditor, or one or more of the petitioning creditors, immediately, and is unsecured,
- (c) the debt, or each of the debts, is a debt for which the individual member or former member is liable and which he appears to be unable to pay, and
- (d) there is no outstanding application to set aside a statutory demand served (under Article 242) in respect of the debt or any of the debts.

(3) “The bankruptcy level” is £750; but the Department may by order subject to affirmative resolution substitute any amount specified in the order for that amount or (as the case may be) for the amount which by virtue of such an order is for the time being the amount of the bankruptcy level.”

Definition of inability to pay debts: Article 103 — corporate member; Article 242 — individual member

7.—(1) Article 103 is modified so as to read as follows—

“**103.**—(1) A corporate member or former member is deemed unable to pay its debts if there is a creditor, by assignment or otherwise, to whom the partnership is indebted in a sum exceeding £750 then due for which the member or former member is liable and—

- (a) the creditor has served on that member or former member and the partnership, in the manner specified in paragraph (2), written demand in Form 4 in Schedule 9 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 requiring that member or former member and the partnership to pay the sum so due, and

- (b) the corporate member or former member and the partnership have for 3 weeks after the service of the demands, or the service of the last of them if served at different times, neglected to pay the sum or to secure or compound for it to the creditor's satisfaction.

(2) Service of the demand referred to in paragraph (1)(a) shall be effected, in the case of the corporate member or former corporate member, by leaving it at its registered office, and, in the case of the partnership—

- (a) by leaving it at a principal place of business of the partnership in Northern Ireland, or
 (b) by leaving it at a place of business of the partnership in Northern Ireland at which business is carried on in the course of which the debt (or part of the debt) referred to in paragraph (1) arose, or
 (c) by delivering it to an officer of the partnership, or
 (d) by otherwise serving it in such manner as the High Court may approve or direct.

(3) The money sum for the time being specified in paragraph (1) is subject to increase or reduction by order under Article 362(1)(a)."

(2) Article 242 is modified so as to read as follows—

"242.—(1) For the purposes of Article 241(2)(c), an individual member or former individual member appears to be unable to pay a joint debt for which he is liable if the debt is payable immediately and the petitioning creditor to whom the insolvent partnership owes the joint debt has served—

- (a) on the individual member or former individual member in accordance with the rules a demand (known as "the statutory demand"), in Form 4 in Schedule 9 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, and

- (b) on the partnership in the manner specified in paragraph (2) a demand (known as "the written demand") in the same form,

requiring the member or former member and the partnership to pay the debt or to secure or compound for it to the creditor's satisfaction, and at least 3 weeks have elapsed since the service of the demands, or the service of the last of them if served at different times, and neither demand has been complied with nor the demand against the member set aside in accordance with the rules.

(2) Service of the demand referred to in paragraph (1)(b) shall be effected—

- (a) by leaving it at a principal place of business of the partnership in Northern Ireland, or
 (b) by leaving it at a place of business of the partnership in Northern Ireland at which business is carried on in the course of which the debt (or part of the debt) referred to in paragraph (1) arose, or
 (c) by delivering it to an officer of the partnership, or
 (d) by otherwise serving it in such manner as the High Court may approve or direct."

Articles 104 and 238: Applications to wind up insolvent partnership and to wind up or bankrupt member

8. Articles 104 and 238 are modified so as to read as follows—

"104.—(1) An application to the High Court by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 for the winding up of an insolvent partnership as an unregistered company and the winding up or

bankruptcy (as the case may be) of at least one of its members or former members shall—

- (a) in the case of the partnership, be by petition in Form 5 in Schedule 9 to that Order,
- (b) in the case of a corporate member or former corporate member, be by petition in Form 6 in that Schedule, and
- (c) in the case of an individual member or former individual member, be by petition in Form 7 in that Schedule.

(2) Each of the petitions mentioned in paragraph (1) may be presented by any creditor or creditors to whom the partnership and the member or former member in question is indebted in respect of a liquidated sum payable immediately.

(3) The petitions mentioned in paragraph (1)—

- (a) shall, except as the High Court otherwise permits or directs, be presented on the same day, and
- (b) except in the case of the petition mentioned in paragraph (1)(c), shall be advertised in Form 8 in the said Schedule 9.

(4) At any time after presentation of a petition under this Article the petitioner may, with the leave of the High Court obtained on application and on such terms as it thinks just, add other members or former members of the partnership as parties to the proceedings in relation to the insolvent partnership.

(5) Each petition presented under this Article shall contain particulars of other petitions being presented in relation to the partnership, identifying the partnership and members concerned.

(6) The hearing of the petition against the partnership fixed by the High Court shall be in advance of the hearing of any petition against an insolvent member.

(7) On the day appointed for the hearing of the petition against the partnership, the petitioner shall, before the commencement of the hearing, hand to the High Court Form 9 in Schedule 9 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, duly completed.

(8) Any member of the partnership or any person against whom a winding-up or bankruptcy petition has been presented in relation to the insolvent partnership is entitled to appear and to be heard on any petition for the winding up of the partnership.

(9) A petitioner under this Article may at the hearing withdraw a petition if—

- (a) subject to paragraph (10), he withdraws at the same time every other petition which he has presented under this Article; and
- (b) he gives notice to the High Court at least 3 days before the date appointed for the hearing of the relevant petition of his intention to withdraw the petition.

(10) A petitioner need not comply with the provisions of paragraph (9)(a) in the case of a petition against an insolvent member if the High Court is satisfied on application made to it by the petitioner that, because of difficulties in serving the petition or for any other reason, the continuance of that petition would be likely to prejudice or delay the proceedings on the petition which he has presented against the partnership or on any petition which he has presented against any other insolvent member.

(11) Where notice is given under paragraph (9)(b), the High Court may, on such terms as it thinks just, substitute as petitioner, both in respect of the

partnership and in respect of each insolvent member against whom a petition has been presented, any creditor of the partnership who in its opinion would have a right to present the petitions, and if the Court makes such a substitution the petitions in question will not be withdrawn.

(12) Reference in paragraph (11) to substitution of a petitioner includes reference to change of carriage of the petition in accordance with the rules.”.

Articles 105 and 245: Powers of High Court on hearing of petitions against insolvent partnership and members

9. Articles 105 and 245 are modified so as to read as follows—

“**105.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of Article 105A, on hearing a petition under Article 104 against an insolvent partnership or any of its insolvent members, the High Court may dismiss it, or adjourn the hearing conditionally or unconditionally or make any other order that it thinks fit; but the Court shall not refuse to make a winding-up order against the partnership or a corporate member on the ground only that the partnership property or (as the case may be) the member’s assets have been mortgaged to an amount equal to or in excess of that property or those assets, or that the partnership has no property or the member no assets.

(2) An order under paragraph (1) in respect of an insolvent partnership may contain directions as to the future conduct of any insolvency proceedings in existence against any insolvent member in respect of whom an insolvency order has been made.

Hearing of petitions against members

105A.—(1) On the hearing of a petition against an insolvent member the petitioner shall draw the High Court’s attention to the result of the hearing of the winding-up petition against the partnership and paragraph (2) to (8) shall apply.

(2) If the High Court has neither made a winding-up order, nor dismissed the winding-up petition, against the partnership the Court may adjourn the hearing of the petition against the member until either event has occurred.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), if a winding-up order has been made against the partnership, the High Court may make a winding-up order against the corporate member in respect of which, or (as the case may be) a bankruptcy order against the individual member in respect of whom, the insolvency petition was presented.

(4) If no insolvency order is made under paragraph (3) against any member within 28 days of the making of the winding-up order against the partnership, the proceedings against the partnership shall be conducted as if the winding-up petition against the partnership had been presented by virtue of Article 7 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and the proceedings against any member shall be conducted under this Order without the modifications made by that Order (other than the modifications made to Articles 143 and 276 by Article 15 of that Order).

(5) If the High Court has dismissed the winding-up petition against the partnership, the Court may dismiss the winding-up petition against the corporate member or (as the case may be) the bankruptcy petition against the individual member. However, if an insolvency order is made against a member, the proceedings against that member shall be conducted under this Order without the modifications made by the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 (other than the modifications made to Articles 143 and 276 by Article 15 of that Order).

(6) The High Court may dismiss a petition against an insolvent member if it considers it just to do so because of a change in circumstances since the making of the winding-up order against the partnership.

(7) The High Court may dismiss a petition against an insolvent member who is a limited partner, if—

(a) the member lodges in Court for the benefit of the creditors of the partnership sufficient money or security to the Court's satisfaction to meet his liability for the debts and obligations of the partnership; or

(b) the member satisfies the Court that he is no longer under any liability in respect of the debts and obligations of the partnership.

(8) Nothing in this Article nor in Articles 105, 241 and 242 prejudices the power of the High Court, in accordance with the rules, to authorise a creditor's petition to be amended by the omission of any creditor or debt and to be proceeded with as if things done for the purposes of those Articles had been done only by or in relation to the remaining creditors or debts.”

Articles 111 and 261: Statements of affairs — Insolvent partnership; corporate members; individual members

10. Articles 111 and 261 are modified so as to read as follows—

“**111.**—(1) This Article applies where the High Court has, by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995—

(a) made a winding-up order or appointed a provisional liquidator in respect of an insolvent partnership, or

(b) made a winding-up order or appointed a provisional liquidator in respect of any corporate member of that partnership, or

(c) made a bankruptcy order in respect of any individual member of that partnership.

(2) The official receiver may require some or all of the persons mentioned in paragraph (4) to make out and submit to him a statement as to the affairs of the partnership or member in the prescribed form—

(3) The statement shall be verified by affidavit by the persons required to submit it and shall show—

(a) particulars of the debts and liabilities of the partnership or of the member (as the case may be), and of the partnership property and member's assets;

(b) the names and addresses of the creditors of the partnership or of the member (as the case may be);

(c) the securities held by them respectively;

(d) the dates when the securities were respectively given; and

(e) such further or other information as may be prescribed or as the official receiver may require.

(4) The persons referred to in paragraph (2) are—

(a) those who are or have been officers of the partnership;

(b) those who are or have been officers of the corporate member;

(c) those who have taken part in the formation of the partnership or of the corporate member at any time within one year before the relevant date;

(d) those who are in the employment of the partnership or of the corporate member, or have been in such employment within that year, and are in the official receiver's opinion capable of giving the information required;

(e) those who are or have been within that year officers of, or in the employment of, a company which is, or within that year was, an officer of the partnership or an officer of the corporate member.

(5) Where any persons are required under this Article to submit a statement of affairs to the official receiver, they shall do so (subject to paragraph (6)), before the end of the period of 21 days beginning with the day after that on which the prescribed notice of the requirement is given to them by the official receiver.

(6) The official receiver, if he thinks fit, may—

(a) at any time release a person from an obligation imposed on him under paragraph (2) or (3); or

(b) either when giving the notice mentioned in paragraph (5) or subsequently, extend the period so mentioned;

and where the official receiver has refused to exercise a power conferred by this paragraph, the High Court, if it thinks fit, may exercise it.

(7) In this Article—

“employment” includes employment under a contract for services; and

“the relevant date” means—

(a) in a case where a provisional liquidator is appointed, the date of his appointment; and

(b) in a case where no such appointment is made, the date of the winding-up order.

(8) If a person without reasonable excuse fails to comply with any obligation imposed under this Article (other than, in the case of an individual member, an obligation in respect of his own statement of affairs), shall be guilty of an offence and, for continued contravention, he shall be guilty of a continuing offence.

(9) Any individual member who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with any obligation imposed under this Article in respect of his own statement of affairs, is guilty of a contempt of court and liable to be punished accordingly (in addition to any other punishment to which he may be subject).”.

Article 113: Public examination of officers of insolvent partnership

11. Article 113 is modified so far as insolvent partnerships are concerned so as to read as follows—

“113.—(1) Where an insolvent partnership is being wound up by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the official receiver may at any time before the winding up is complete apply to the High Court for the public examination of any person who—

(a) is or has been an officer of the partnership; or

(b) has acted as liquidator or administrator of the partnership or as receiver or manager, or

(c) not being a person falling within sub-paragraph (a) or (b), is or has been concerned, or has taken part, in the formation of the partnership.

(2) Unless the High Court otherwise orders, the official receiver shall make an application under paragraph (1) if he is requested in accordance with the rules to do so by one-half, in value, of the creditors of the partnership.

(3) On an application under paragraph (1), the High Court shall direct that a public examination of the person to whom the application relates shall be held on a day appointed by the Court; and that person shall attend on that day and be

publicly examined as to the formation or management of the partnership or as to the conduct of its business and affairs, or his conduct or dealings in relation to the partnership.

(4) The following may take part in the public examination of a person under this Article and may question that person concerning the matters mentioned in paragraph (3), namely—

- (a) the official receiver;
- (b) the liquidator of the partnership;
- (c) any person who has been appointed as special manager of the partnership's property or business;
- (d) any creditor of the partnership who has tendered a proof in the winding up.

(5) On an application under paragraph (1), the High Court may direct that the public examination of any person under this Article in relation to the affairs of an insolvent partnership be combined with the public examination of any person under this Order in relation to the affairs of a corporate member of that partnership against which, or an individual member of the partnership against whom, an insolvency order has been made.”

Articles 116, 266 and 267: Functions of official receiver in relation to office of responsible insolvency practitioner

12. Articles 116, 266 and 267 are modified so as to read as follows—

“**116.**—(1) The following provisions of this Article and of Article 116A have effect, subject to Article 119, where insolvency orders are made in respect of an insolvent partnership and one or more of its insolvent members by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

(2) The official receiver, by virtue of his office, becomes the responsible insolvency practitioner of the partnership and of any insolvent member and continues in office until another person becomes responsible insolvency practitioner under the provisions of this Part.

(3) The official receiver is, by virtue of his office, the responsible insolvency practitioner of the partnership and of any insolvent member during any vacancy.

(4) At any time when he is the responsible insolvency practitioner of the insolvent partnership and of any insolvent member, the official receiver may summon a combined meeting of the creditors of the partnership and the creditors of such member, for the purpose of choosing a person to be responsible insolvency practitioner in place of the official receiver.

Duty of official receiver to summon meetings

116A.—(1) It is the duty of the official receiver—

- (a) as soon as practicable in the period of 12 weeks beginning with the day on which the insolvency order was made against the partnership, to decide whether to exercise his power under Article 116(4) to summon a meeting, and
- (b) if in pursuance of sub-paragraph (a) he decides not to exercise that power, to give notice of his decision, before the end of that period, to the High Court and to the creditors of the partnership and the creditors of any insolvent member against whom an insolvency order has been made, and
- (c) (whether or not he has decided to exercise that power) to exercise his power to summon a meeting under Article 116(4) if he is at any time

requested to do so in accordance with the rules by one-quarter, in value, of either—

- (i) the partnership's creditors, or
- (ii) the creditors of any insolvent member against whom an insolvency order has been made,

and accordingly, where the duty imposed by sub-paragraph (c) arises before the official receiver has performed a duty imposed by sub-paragraph (a) or (b), he is not required to perform the latter duty.

(2) A notice given under paragraph (1)(b) to the creditors shall contain an explanation of the creditors' power under paragraph (1)(c) to require the official receiver to summon a combined meeting of the creditors of the partnership and of any insolvent member.

(3) If the official receiver, in pursuance of paragraph (1)(a), has decided to exercise his power under Article 116(4) to summon a meeting, he shall hold that meeting in the period of 4 months beginning with the day on which the insolvency order was made against the partnership.

(4) If (whether or not he has decided to exercise that power) the official receiver is requested, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1)(c), to exercise his power under Article 116(4) to summon a meeting, he shall hold that meeting in accordance with the rules.

(5) Where a meeting of creditors of the partnership and of any insolvent member has been held under Article 116(4), and an insolvency order is subsequently made against a further insolvent member by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995—

- (a) any person chosen at that meeting to be responsible insolvency practitioner in place of the official receiver shall also be the responsible insolvency practitioner of the member against whom the subsequent order is made, and
- (b) paragraph (1) of this Article shall not apply.”.

Articles 117, 268, 269 and 273: Appointment of responsible insolvency practitioner by Department

13. Articles 117, 268, 269 and 273 are modified so as to read as follows—

“117.—(1) This Article and Article 117A apply where the High Court has made insolvency orders in respect of an insolvent partnership and one or more of its insolvent members by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

(2) The official receiver may, at any time when he is the responsible insolvency practitioner of the partnership and of any insolvent member, apply to the Department for the appointment of a person as responsible insolvency practitioner of both the partnership and of such member in his place.

(3) If a meeting is held in pursuance of a decision under Article 116A(1)(a), but no person is chosen to be responsible insolvency practitioner as a result of that meeting, it is the duty of the official receiver to decide whether to refer the need for an appointment to the Department.

Consequences of Article 117 application

117A.—(1) On an application under Article 117(2), or a reference made in pursuance of a decision under Article 117(3), the Department shall either make an appointment or decline to make one.

(2) If on an application under Article 117(2), or a reference made in pursuance of a decision under Article 117(3), no appointment is made, the official receiver shall continue to be responsible insolvency practitioner of the partnership and its insolvent member or members, but without prejudice to his power to make a further application or reference.

(3) Where a responsible insolvency practitioner has been appointed by the Department under paragraph (1), and an insolvency order is subsequently made against a further insolvent member by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, then the practitioner so appointed shall also be responsible insolvency practitioner of the member against whom the subsequent order is made.

(4) Where a responsible insolvency practitioner has been appointed by the Department under paragraph (1), or has become responsible insolvency practitioner of a further insolvent member under paragraph (3), that practitioner shall give notice of his appointment or further appointment (as the case may be) to the creditors of the insolvent partnership and the creditors of the insolvent member or members against whom insolvency orders have been made or, if the High Court so allows, shall advertise his appointment in accordance with the directions of the Court.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), in that notice or advertisement the responsible insolvency practitioner shall—

- (a) state whether he proposes to summon, under Article 120, a combined meeting of the creditors of the insolvent partnership and of the insolvent member or members against whom insolvency orders have been made, for the purpose of determining whether a creditors' committee should be established under that Article, and
- (b) if he does not propose to summon such a meeting, set out the power under that Article of the creditors of the partnership and of the insolvent member or members to require him to summon one.

(6) Where in a case where paragraph (3) applies a meeting has already been held under Article 120, the responsible insolvency practitioner shall state in the notice or advertisement whether a creditors' committee was established at that meeting and—

- (a) if such a committee was established, shall state whether he proposes to appoint additional members of the committee under Article 120A(3) and
- (b) if such a committee was not established, shall set out the power under Article 120 of the creditors of the partnership and of the insolvent member or members to require him to summon a meeting for the purpose of determining whether a creditors' committee should be established under that Article."

Article 118: Rules applicable to meetings of creditors

14. Article 118 is modified so as to read as follows—

118.—(1) This Article applies where the High Court has made insolvency orders against an insolvent partnership and one or more of its insolvent members by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

(2) Subject to paragraph (4), the rules relating to the requisitioning, summoning, holding and conducting of meetings on the winding up of a company are to apply (with the necessary modifications) to the requisitioning, summoning, holding and conducting of—

- (a) separate meetings of the creditors of the partnership or of any corporate member against which an insolvency order has been made, and
- (b) combined meetings of the creditors of the partnership and the creditors of the insolvent member or members.

(3) The rules relating to the requisitioning, summoning, holding and conducting of meetings on the bankruptcy of an individual are to apply (with the necessary modifications) to the requisitioning, summoning, holding and conducting of separate meetings of the creditors of any individual member against whom an insolvency order has been made.

(4) Any combined meeting of creditors shall be conducted as if the creditors of the partnership and of the insolvent member or members were a single set of creditors.”

Article 119: Appointment by the High Court following administration or voluntary arrangement

15. Article 119 is modified so as to read as follows—

“**119.**—(1) This Article applies where insolvency orders are made in respect of an insolvent partnership and one or more of its insolvent members by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

(2) Where the orders referred to in paragraph (1) are made immediately upon the discharge of an administration order in respect of the partnership, the High Court may appoint as responsible insolvency practitioner the person who has ceased on the discharge of the administration order to be the administrator of the partnership.

(3) Where the orders referred to in paragraph (1) are made at a time when there is a supervisor of a voluntary arrangement approved in relation to the partnership under Part II, the High Court may appoint as responsible insolvency practitioner the person who is the supervisor at the time when the winding-up order against the partnership is made.

(4) Where the High Court makes an appointment under this Article, the official receiver does not become the responsible insolvency practitioner as otherwise provided by Article 116(2), and he has no duty under Article 116A(1)(a) or (c) in respect of the summoning of the creditors’ meeting.”

Articles 120, 274 and 275: Creditors’ Committee: Insolvent partnership and members

16. Article 120, 274 and 275 are modified so as to read as follows—

“**120.**—(1) This Article applies where—

- (a) insolvency orders are made in respect of an insolvent partnership and one or more of its insolvent members by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, and
- (b) a combined meeting of creditors has been summoned for the purpose of choosing a person to be responsible insolvency practitioner of the partnership and of any such insolvent member or members.

(2) The meeting of creditors may establish a committee (“the creditors’ committee”) which shall consist of creditors of the partnership or creditors of any insolvent member against whom an insolvency order has been made, or both.

(3) The responsible insolvency practitioner of the partnership and of its insolvent member or members (not being the official receiver) may at any time, if he thinks fit, summon a combined general meeting of the creditors of the partnership and of such member or members for the purpose of determining

whether a creditors' committee should be established and, if it is so determined, of establishing it.

(4) The responsible insolvency practitioner (not being the official receiver) shall summon such a meeting if he is requested, in accordance with the rules, to do so by one-tenth, in value, of either—

- (a) the partnership's creditors, or
- (b) the creditors of any insolvent member against whom an insolvency order has been made.

Functions and membership of creditors' committee

120A.—(1) The committee established under Article 120 shall act as liquidation committee for the partnership and for any corporate member against which an insolvency order has been made, and as creditors' committee for any individual member against whom an insolvency order has been made, and shall as appropriate exercise the functions conferred on liquidation and creditors' committees in a winding up or bankruptcy by or under this Order.

(2) The rules relating to liquidation committees are to apply (with the necessary modifications and with the exclusion of all references to contributories) to a committee established under Article 120.

(3) Where the appointment of the responsible insolvency practitioner also takes effect in relation to a further insolvent member under Article 116A(5) or 117A(3), the practitioner may appoint any creditor of that member (being qualified under the rules to be a member of the committee) to be an additional member of any creditors' committee already established under Article 120, provided that the creditor concerned consents to act.

(4) The High Court may at any time, on application by a creditor of the partnership or of any insolvent member against whom an insolvency order has been made, appoint additional members of the creditors' committee.

(5) If additional members of the creditors' committee are appointed under paragraph (3) or (4), the limit on the maximum number of members of the committee specified in the rules shall be increased by the number of additional members so appointed.

(6) The creditors' committee is not to be able or required to carry out its functions at any time when the official receiver is responsible insolvency practitioner of the partnership and of its insolvent member or members; but at any such time its functions are vested in the Department except to the extent that the rules otherwise provide.

(7) Where there is for the time being no creditors' committee, and the responsible insolvency practitioner is a person other than the official receiver, the functions of such a committee are vested in the Department except to the extent that the rules otherwise provide.”

Articles 121, 143(4) and 278: General functions of responsible insolvency practitioner

17. Articles 121, 143(4) and 278 are modified so as to read as follows—

“**121.**—(1) The functions of the responsible insolvency practitioner of an insolvent partnership and of its insolvent member or members against whom insolvency orders have been made by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, are to secure that the partnership property and the assets of any such corporate member, and the estate of any such individual member, are got in, realised and distributed to their respective creditors

and, if there is a surplus of such property or assets or in such estate, to the persons entitled to it.

(2) In the carrying out of those functions, and in the management of the partnership property and of the assets of any corporate member and of the estate of any individual member, the responsible insolvency practitioner is entitled, subject to the provisions of this Order, to use his own discretion.

(3) It is the duty of the responsible insolvency practitioner, if he is not the official receiver—

- (a) to furnish the official receiver with such information,
- (b) to produce to the official receiver, and permit inspection by the official receiver of, such books, papers and other records, and
- (c) to give the official receiver such other assistance,

as the official receiver may reasonably require for the purposes of carrying out his functions in relation to the winding up of the partnership and any corporate member or the bankruptcy of an individual member.

(4) The official name of the responsible insolvency practitioner in his capacity as trustee of an individual member shall be “the trustee of the estate of . . . , a bankrupt” (inserting the name of the individual member); but he may be referred to as “the trustee in bankruptcy” of the particular member.”.

Articles 124 and 304: Duty to summon final meeting of creditors

18. Articles 124 and 304 are modified so as to read as follows—

“124.—(1) This Article applies, subject to paragraph (3) and Article 305, if it appears to the responsible insolvency practitioner of an insolvent partnership which is being wound up by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and of its insolvent member or members that the winding up of the partnership or of any corporate member, or the administration of any individual member’s estate, is for practical purposes complete and the practitioner is not the official receiver.

(2) The responsible insolvency practitioner shall summon a final general meeting of the creditors of the partnership or of the insolvent member or members (as the case may be) or a combined final general meeting of the creditors of the partnership and of the insolvent member or members which—

- (a) shall as appropriate receive the practitioner’s report of the winding up of the insolvent partnership or of any corporate member or of the administration of the estate of any individual member, and
- (b) shall determine whether the practitioner should have his release under Article 148 in respect of the winding up of the partnership or of the corporate member, or the administration of the individual member’s estate (as the case may be).

(3) The responsible insolvency practitioner may, if he thinks fit, give the notice summoning the final general meeting at the same time as giving notice of any final distribution of the partnership property or the property of the insolvent member or members; but, if summoned for an earlier date, that meeting shall be adjourned (and, if necessary, further adjourned) until a date on which the practitioner is able to report to the meeting that the winding up of the partnership or of any corporate member, or the administration of any individual member’s estate, is for practical purposes complete.

(4) In the carrying out of his functions in the winding up of the partnership and of any corporate member and the administration of any individual member’s

estate, it is the duty of the responsible insolvency practitioner to retain sufficient sums from the partnership property and the property of any such insolvent member to cover the expenses of summoning and holding any meeting required by this Article.”.

Article 125: Power of High Court to stay proceedings

19. Article 125 is modified so far as insolvent partnerships are concerned, so as to read as follows—

“125.—(1) The High Court may, at any time after an order has been made by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 for winding up an insolvent partnership, on the application either of the responsible insolvency practitioner or the official receiver or any creditor or contributory, and on proof to the satisfaction of the Court that all proceedings in the winding up of the partnership ought to be stayed, make an order staying the proceedings, either altogether or for a limited time, on such terms and conditions as the Court thinks fit.

(2) If, in the course of hearing an insolvency petition presented against a member of an insolvent partnership, the High Court is satisfied that an application has been or will be made under paragraph (1) in respect of a winding-up order made against the partnership, the Court may adjourn the petition against the insolvent member, either conditionally or unconditionally.

(3) Where the High Court makes an order under paragraph (1) staying all proceedings on the order for winding up an insolvent partnership—

- (a) the Court may, on hearing any insolvency petition presented against an insolvent member of the partnership, dismiss that petition; and
- (b) if any insolvency order has already been made by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 in relation to an insolvent member of the partnership, the Court may make an order annulling or rescinding that insolvency order, or may make any other order that it thinks fit.

(4) The High Court may, before making any order under this Article, require the official receiver to furnish to it a report with respect to any facts or matters which are in his opinion relevant to the application.”.

Articles 143(1) to (3) and (5), 276 and 287(8) and (9): Supplementary powers of responsible insolvency practitioner

20. Articles 143(1) to (3) and (5), 276 and 287(8) and (9) are modified so as to read as follows—

“143.—(1) This Article applies where the High Court has made insolvency orders in respect of an insolvent partnership and one or more of its insolvent members by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

(2) The responsible insolvency practitioner of the partnership and of such member or members may at any time summon either separate or combined general meetings of—

- (a) the creditors or contributories of the partnership, and
 - (b) the creditors or contributories of the member or members,
- for the purpose of ascertaining their wishes.

(3) It is the duty of the responsible insolvency practitioner—

- (a) to summon separate meetings at such times as the creditors of the partnership or of the member (as the case may be), or the contributories of any corporate member, by resolution (either at the meeting appointing the responsible insolvency practitioner or otherwise) may direct, or whenever requested in writing to do so by one-tenth in value of such creditors or contributories (as the case may be); and
- (b) to summon combined meetings at such times as the creditors of the partnership and of the member or members by resolution (either at the meeting appointing the responsible insolvency practitioner or otherwise) may direct, or whenever requested in writing to do so by one-tenth in value of such creditors.

(4) The responsible insolvency practitioner may apply to the High Court (in the prescribed manner) for directions in relation to any particular matter arising in the winding up of the insolvent partnership or in the winding up or bankruptcy of an insolvent member.

(5) If any person is aggrieved by an act or decision of the responsible insolvency practitioner, that person may apply to the High Court; and the Court may confirm, reverse or modify the act or decision complained of, and make such order in the case as it thinks just.”

Articles 146 and 271; Removal etc. of responsible insolvency practitioner or of provisional liquidator

21. Articles 146 and 271 are modified so as to read as follows—

“146.—(1) This Article applies with respect to the removal from office and vacation of office of—

- (a) the responsible insolvency practitioner of an insolvent partnership which is being wound up by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and of its insolvent member or members against whom insolvency orders have been made, or
- (b) a provisional liquidator of an insolvent partnership, and of any corporate member of that partnership, against which a winding-up petition is presented by virtue of that Article,

and, subject to paragraphs (6) and (7), any removal from or vacation of office under this Article relates to all offices held in the proceedings relating to the partnership.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the responsible insolvency practitioner or provisional liquidator may be removed from office only by an order of the High Court.

(3) If appointed by the Department, the responsible insolvency practitioner may be removed from office by a direction of the Department.

(4) A responsible insolvency practitioner or provisional liquidator, not being the official receiver, shall vacate office if he ceases to be a person who is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the insolvent partnership or any insolvent member of it against whom an insolvency order has been made.

(5) The responsible insolvency practitioner may, with the leave of the High Court (or, if appointed by the Department, with the leave of the Court or the Department), resign his office by giving notice of his resignation to the Court.

(6) Where a final meeting has been held under Article 124 (final meeting of creditors of insolvent partnership or of insolvent members), the responsible insolvency practitioner whose report was considered at the meeting shall vacate

office as liquidator of the insolvent partnership or of any corporate member or as trustee of the estate of any individual member (as the case may be) as soon as he has given notice to the High Court (and, in the case of a corporate member, to the registrar) that the meeting has been held and of the decisions (if any) of the meeting.

(7) The responsible insolvency practitioner shall vacate office as trustee of the estate of an individual member if the insolvency order against that member is annulled.”.

Articles 148 and 272: Release of responsible insolvency practitioner or of provisional liquidator

22. Articles 148 and 272 are modified so as to read as follows—

“148.—(1) This Article applies with respect to the release of—

- (a) the responsible insolvency practitioner of an insolvent partnership which is being wound up by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and of its insolvent member or members against whom insolvency orders have been made, or
- (b) a provisional liquidator of an insolvent partnership, and of any corporate member of that partnership, against which a winding-up petition is presented by virtue of that Article.

(2) Where the official receiver has ceased to be the responsible insolvency practitioner and a person is appointed in his stead, the official receiver has his release with effect from the following time, that is to say—

- (a) in a case where that person was nominated by a combined general meeting of creditors of the partnership and of any insolvent member or members, or was appointed by the Department, the time at which the official receiver gives notice to the High Court that he has been replaced;
- (b) in a case where that person is appointed by the Court, such time as the Court may determine.

(3) If the official receiver while he is a responsible insolvency practitioner gives notice to the Department that the winding up of the partnership or of any corporate member or the administration of the estate of any individual member is for practical purposes complete, he has his release as liquidator or trustee (as the case may be) with effect from such time as the Department may determine.

(4) A person other than the official receiver who has ceased to be a responsible insolvency practitioner has his release with effect from the following time, that is to say—

- (a) in the case of a person who has died, the time at which notice is given to the High Court in accordance with the rules that that person has ceased to hold office;
- (b) in the case of a person who has been removed from office by the Court or by the Department, or who has vacated office under Article 146(4), such time as the Department may, on an application by that person, determine;
- (c) in the case of a person who has resigned, such time as may be directed by the Court (or, if he was appointed by the Department, such time as may be directed by the Court or as the Department may, on an application by that person, determine);
- (d) in the case of a person who has vacated office under Article 146(6)—

- (i) if the final meeting referred to in that paragraph has resolved against that person's release, such time as the Department may, on an application by that person, determine, and
- (ii) if that meeting has not so resolved, the time at which that person vacated office.

(5) A person who has ceased to hold office as a provisional liquidator has his release with effect from such time as the High Court may, on an application by him, determine.

(6) Where a bankruptcy order in respect of an individual member is annulled, the responsible insolvency practitioner at the time of the annulment has his release with effect from such time as the High Court may determine.

(7) Where the responsible insolvency practitioner or provisional liquidator (including in both cases the official receiver when so acting) has his release under this Article, he is, with effect from the time specified in the preceding provisions of this Article, discharged from all liability both in respect of acts or omissions of his in the winding up of the insolvent partnership or any corporate member or the administration of the estate of any individual member (as the case may be) and otherwise in relation to his conduct as responsible insolvency practitioner or provisional liquidator.

(8) Nothing in this Article prevents the exercise, in relation to a person who has had his release under this Article, of the High Court's powers under Article 176 (summary remedy against delinquent directors, liquidators, etc.) or Article 277 (liability of trustee)."

Articles 149 and 300(1) to (3) and (6): Priority of expenses and debts

23. Articles 149 and 300(1) to (3) and (6) are modified so as to read as follows—

"Priority of expenses

149.—(1) The provisions of this Article shall apply in a case where Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 applies, as regards priority of expenses incurred by a responsible insolvency practitioner of an insolvent partnerships, and of any insolvent member of that partnership against whom an insolvency order has been made.

(2) The joint estate of the partnership shall be applicable in the first instance in payment of the joint expenses and the separate estate of each insolvent member shall be applicable in the first instance in payment of the separate expenses relating to that member.

(3) Where the joint estate is insufficient for the payment in full of the joint expenses, the unpaid balance shall be apportioned equally between the separate estates of the insolvent members against whom insolvency orders have been made and shall form part of the expenses to be paid out of those estates.

(4) Where any separate estate of an insolvent member is insufficient for the payment in full of the separate expenses to be paid out of that estate, the unpaid balance shall form part of the expenses to be paid out of the joint estate.

(5) Where after the transfer of any unpaid balance in accordance with paragraph (3) or (4) any estate is insufficient for the payment in full of the expenses to be paid out of that estate, the balance then remaining unpaid shall be apportioned equally between the other estates.

(6) Where after an apportionment under paragraph (5) one or more estates are insufficient for the payment in full of the expenses to be paid out of those estates, the total of the unpaid balances of the expenses to be paid out of those

estates shall continue to be apportioned equally between the other estates until provision is made for the payment in full of the expenses or there is no estate available for the payment of the balance finally remaining unpaid, in which case it abates in equal proportions between all the estates.

(7) Without prejudice to paragraphs (3) to (6), the responsible insolvency practitioner may, with the sanction of any creditors' committee established under Article 120 or with the leave of the High Court obtained on application—

- (a) pay out of the joint estate as part of the expenses to be paid out of that estate any expenses incurred for any separate estate of an insolvent member; or
- (b) pay out of any separate estate of an insolvent member any part of the expenses incurred for the joint estate which affects that separate estate.

Priority of debts in joint estate

149A.—(1) The provisions of this Article and Article 149B (which are subject to the provisions of section 9 of the Partnership Act 1890(a) as respects the liability of the estate of a deceased member) shall apply as regards priority of debts in a case where Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 applies.

(2) After payment of expenses in accordance with Article 149 and, subject to Article 149C(2), the joint debts of the partnership shall be paid out of its joint estate in the following order of priority—

- (a) the preferential debts;
- (b) the debts which are neither preferential debts nor postponed debts;
- (c) interest under Article 160 on the joint debts (other than postponed debts);
- (d) the postponed debts;
- (e) interest under Article 160 on the postponed debts.

(3) The responsible insolvency practitioner shall adjust the rights among themselves of the members of the partnership as contributories and shall distribute any surplus to the members or, where applicable, to the separate estates of the members, according to their respective rights and interest in it.

(4) The debts referred to in each of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (2) rank equally between themselves, and in each case if the joint estate is insufficient for meeting them, they abate in equal proportions between themselves.

(5) Where the joint estate is not sufficient for the payment of the joint debts in accordance with sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (2), the responsible insolvency practitioner shall aggregate the value of those debts to the extent that they have not been satisfied or are not capable of being satisfied, and that aggregate amount shall be a claim against the separate estate of each member of the partnership against whom an insolvency order has been made which—

- (a) shall be a debt provable by the responsible insolvency practitioner in each such estate, and
- (b) shall rank equally with the debts of the member referred to in Article 149B(1)(b).

(6) Where the joint estate is sufficient for the payment of the joint debts in accordance with sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (2) but not for the payment of interest under sub-paragraph (c) of that paragraph, the responsible

insolvency practitioner shall aggregate the value of that interest to the extent that it has not been satisfied or is not capable of being satisfied, and that aggregate amount shall be a claim against the separate estate of each member of the partnership against whom an insolvency order has been made which—

- (a) shall be a debt provable by the responsible insolvency practitioner in each such estate, and
- (b) shall rank equally with the interest on the separate debts referred to in Article 149B(1)(c).

(7) Where the joint estate is not sufficient for the payment of the postponed joint debts in accordance with sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (2), the responsible insolvency practitioner shall aggregate the value of those debts to the extent that they have not been satisfied or are not capable of being satisfied, and that aggregate amount shall be a claim against the separate estate of each member of the partnership against whom an insolvency order has been made which—

- (a) shall be a debt provable by the responsible insolvency practitioner in each such estate; and
- (b) shall rank equally with the postponed debts of the member referred to in Article 149B(1)(b).

(8) Where the joint estate is sufficient for the payment of the postponed joint debts in accordance with sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (2) but not for the payment of interest under sub-paragraph (e) of that paragraph, the responsible insolvency practitioner shall aggregate the value of that interest to the extent that it has not been satisfied or is not capable of being satisfied, and that aggregate amount shall be a claim against the separate estate of each member of the partnership against whom an insolvency order has been made which—

- (a) shall be a debt provable by the responsible insolvency practitioner in each such estate, and
- (b) shall rank equally with the interest on the postponed debts referred to in Article 149B(1)(e).

(9) Where the responsible insolvency practitioner receives any distribution from the separate estate of a member in respect of a debt referred to in paragraph (5), (6), (7) or (8), that distribution shall become part of the joint estate and shall be distributed in accordance with the order of priority set out in paragraph (2).

Priority of debts in separate estate

149B.—(1) The separate estate of each member of the partnership against whom an insolvency order has been made shall be applicable, after payment of expenses in accordance with Article 149 and subject to Article 149C(2), in payment of the separate debts of that member in the following order of priority—

- (a) the preferential debts;
- (b) the debts which are neither preferential debts nor postponed debts (including any debt referred to in Article 149A(5)(a));
- (c) interest under Article 160 on the separate debts and under Article 149A(6);
- (d) the postponed debts of the member (including any debt referred to in Article 149A(7)(a));
- (e) interest under Article 160 on the postponed debts of the member and under Article 149A(8).

(2) The debts referred to in each of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1) rank equally between themselves, and in each case if the separate estate is

insufficient for meeting them, they abate in equal proportions between themselves.

(3) Where the responsible insolvency practitioner receives any distribution from the joint estate or from the separate estate of another member of the partnership against whom an insolvency order has been made, that distribution shall become part of the separate estate and shall be distributed in accordance with the order of priority set out in paragraph (1).

Provisions generally applicable in distribution of joint and separate estates

149C.—(1) Distinct accounts shall be kept of the joint estate of the partnership and of the separate estate of each member of that partnership against whom an insolvency order is made.

(2) No member of the partnership shall prove for a joint or separate debt in competition with the joint creditors, unless the debt has arisen—

(a) as a result of fraud, or

(b) in the ordinary course of a business carried on separately from the partnership business.

(3) For the purposes of establishing the value of any debt referred to in Article 149A(5)(a) or (7)(a), that value may be estimated by the responsible insolvency practitioner in accordance with Article 295 or (as the case may be) in accordance with the rules.

(4) Interest under Article 160 on preferential debts ranks equally with interest on debts which are neither preferential debts nor postponed debts.

(5) Article 149A and 149B are without prejudice to any provision of this Order or of any other statutory provision concerning the ranking between themselves of postponed debts and interest thereon, but in the absence of any such provision postponed debts and interest thereon rank equally between themselves.

(6) If any two or more members of an insolvent partnership constitute a separate partnership, the creditors of such separate partnership shall be deemed to be a separate set of creditors and subject to the same statutory provisions as the separate creditors of any member of the insolvent partnership.

(7) Where any surplus remains after the administration of the estate of a separate partnership, the surplus shall be distributed to the members or, where applicable, to the separate estates of the members of that partnership according to their respective rights and interests in it.

(8) Neither the official receiver, the Department nor a responsible insolvency practitioner shall be entitled to remuneration or fees under the Insolvency Rules (Northern Ireland) 1991(a), the Insolvency Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991(b) or the Insolvency (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991(c) for his services in connection with—

(a) the transfer of a surplus from the joint estate to a separate estate under Article 149A(3),

(b) a distribution from a separate estate to the joint estate in respect of a claim referred to in Article 149A(5), (6), (7) or (8),

(c) a distribution from the estate of a separate partnership to the separate estates of the members of that partnership under paragraph (7).”

(a) S.R. 1991 No. 364 as amended by S.R. 1994 No. 26

(b) S.R. 1991 No. 388

(c) S.R. 1991 No. 385 as amended by S.R. 1992 No. 398

Articles 160 and 300(4) and (5): Interest on debts

24. Articles 160 and 300(4) and (5) are modified so as to read as follows—

“**160.**—(1) In the winding up of an insolvent partnership or the winding up or bankruptcy (as the case may be) of any of its insolvent members interest is payable in accordance with this Article, in the order of priority laid down by Articles 149A and 149B, on any debt proved in the winding up or bankruptcy, including so much of any such debt as represents interest on the remainder.

(2) Interest under this Article is payable on the debts in question in respect of the periods during which they have been outstanding since the winding up order was made against the partnership or any corporate member (as the case may be) or the bankruptcy order was made against any individual member.

(3) The rate of interest payable under this Article in respect of any debt (“the official rate” for the purposes of any provision of this Order in which that expression is used) is whichever is the greater of—

- (a) the rate applicable to a money judgment of the High Court on the day on which the winding-up or bankruptcy order (as the case may be) was made, and
- (b) the rate applicable to that debt apart from the winding up or bankruptcy.”.

Articles 175 and 327(3)(d): False representations to creditors

25. Articles 175 and 327(3)(d) are modified so as to read as follows—

“**175.**—(1) This Article applies where insolvency orders are made against an insolvent partnership and any insolvent member or members of it by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

(2) Any person, being a past or present officer of the partnership or a past or present officer (which for these purposes includes a shadow director) of a corporate member against which any insolvency order has been made—

- (a) commits an offence if he makes any false representation or commits any other fraud for the purpose of obtaining the consent of the creditors of the partnership (or any of them) or of the creditors of any of its members (or any of such creditors) to an agreement with reference to the affairs of the partnership or of any of its members or to the winding up of the partnership or of a corporate member, or the bankruptcy of an individual member, and
- (b) is deemed to have committed that offence if, prior to the winding up or bankruptcy (as the case may be), he has made any false representation, or committed any other fraud, for that purpose.”.

Articles 194, 195 and 265: Appointment to office of responsible insolvency practitioner or provisional liquidator

26. Articles 194, 195 and 265 are modified so as to read as follows—

“**194.**—(1) This Article applies with respect to the appointment of—

- (a) the responsible insolvency practitioner of an insolvent partnership which is being wound up by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and of one or more of its insolvent members, or
- (b) a provisional liquidator of an insolvent partnership, or of any of its corporate members, against which a winding-up petition is presented by virtue of that Article,

but is without prejudice to any statutory provision under which the official receiver is to be, or may be, responsible insolvency practitioner or provision liquidator.

(2) No person may be appointed as responsible insolvency practitioner unless he is, at the time of the appointment, qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner both in relation to the insolvent partnership and to the insolvent member or members.

(3) No person may be appointed as provisional liquidator unless he is, at the time of the appointment, qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner both in relation to the insolvent partnership and to any corporate member in respect of which he is appointed.

(4) If the appointment or nomination of any person to the office of responsible insolvency practitioner or provisional liquidator relates to more than one person, or has the effect that the office is to be held by more than one person, then paragraph (5) applies.

(5) The appointment or nomination shall declare whether any act required or authorised under any statutory provision to be done by the responsible insolvency practitioner or by the provisional liquidator is to be done by all or anyone or more of the persons for the time being holding the office in question.

(6) The appointment of any person as responsible insolvency practitioner takes effect only if that person accepts the appointment in accordance with the rules. Subject to this, the appointment of any person as responsible insolvency practitioner takes effect at the time specified in his certificate of appointment.

Conflicts of interest

194A.—(1) If the responsible insolvency practitioner of an insolvent partnership being wound up by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and of one or more of its insolvent members is of the opinion at any time that there is a conflict of interest between his functions as liquidator of the partnership and his functions as responsible insolvency practitioner of any insolvent member, or between his functions as responsible insolvency practitioner of two or more insolvent members, he may apply to the High Court for directions.

(2) On an application under paragraph (1), the High Court may, without prejudice to the generality of its power to give directions, appoint one or more insolvency practitioners either in place of the applicant to act as responsible insolvency practitioner of both the partnership and its insolvent member or members or to act as joint responsible insolvency practitioner with the applicant.”

Article 198: Getting in the partnership property

27. Article 198 is modified, so far as insolvent partnerships are concerned, so as to read as follows—

“**198.**—(1) This Article applies where—

- (a) insolvency orders are made by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 in respect of an insolvent partnership and its insolvent member or members, or
- (b) a provisional liquidator of an insolvent partnership and any of its corporate members is appointed by virtue of that Article;

and “the office-holder” means the liquidator or the provisional liquidator, as the case may be.

(2) Any person who is or has been an officer of the partnership, or who is an executor or administrator of the estate of a deceased officer of the partnership, shall deliver up to the office-holder, for the purposes of the exercise of the office-holder's functions under this Order and (where applicable) Part II of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(a), possession of any partnership property which he holds for the purposes of the partnership.

(3) Where any person has in his possession or control any property, books, papers or records to which the partnership appears to be entitled, the High Court may require that person forthwith (or within such period as the Court may direct) to pay, deliver, convey, surrender or transfer the property, books, papers or records to the office-holder or as the Court may direct.

(4) Where the office-holder—

(a) seizes or disposes of any property which is not partnership property, and

(b) at the time of seizure or disposal believes, and has reasonable grounds for believing, that he is entitled (whether in pursuance of an order of the High Court or otherwise) to seize or dispose of that property,

paragraph (5) has effect.

(5) In that case the office-holder—

(a) is not liable to any person in respect of any loss or damage resulting from the seizure or disposal except in so far as that loss or damage is caused by the office-holder's own negligence, and

(b) has a lien on the property, or the proceeds of its sale, for such expenses as were incurred in connection with the seizure or disposal.”

Article 257: Individual member: Restrictions on dispositions of property

28. Article 257 is modified so as to read as follows—

“257.—(1) Where an individual member is adjudged bankrupt by virtue of Article 8 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, any disposition of property made by that member in the period to which this Article applies is void except to the extent that it is or was made with the consent of the High Court, or is or was subsequently ratified by the Court.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies to a payment (whether in cash or otherwise) as it applies to a disposition of property and, accordingly, where any payment is void by virtue of that paragraph, the person paid shall hold the sum paid for the individual member as part of his estate.

(3) This Article applies to the period beginning with the day of the presentation of the petition for the bankruptcy order and ending with the vesting, under Articles 278 to 308, of the individual member's estate in a trustee.

(4) The preceding provisions of this Article do not give a remedy against any person—

(a) in respect of any property or payment which he received before the commencement of the bankruptcy in good faith, for value and without notice that the petition had been presented, or

(b) in respect of any interest in property which derives from an interest in respect of which there is, by virtue of this paragraph, no remedy.

(5) Where after the commencement of his bankruptcy the individual member has incurred a debt to a banker or other person by reason of the making of a

payment which is void under this Article, that debt is deemed for the purposes of any provision of this Order to have been incurred before the commencement of the bankruptcy unless—

- (a) that banker or person had notice of the bankruptcy before the debt was incurred, or
- (b) it is not reasonably practicable for the amount of the payment to be recovered from the person to whom it was made.

(6) A disposition of property is void under this Article notwithstanding that the property is not or, as the case may be, would not be comprised in the individual member's estate; but nothing in this Article affects any disposition made by a person of property held by him on trust for any other person other than a disposition made by an individual member of property held by him on trust for the partnership.”

29. Schedule 2 is modified so as to read as follows—

“SCHEDULE 2

Article 142

Powers of Liquidator in a Winding up

PART I

POWERS EXERCISABLE WITH SANCTION

1. Power to pay any class of creditors in full.
2. Power to make any compromise or arrangement with creditors or persons claiming to be creditors, or having or alleging themselves to have any claim (present or future, certain or contingent, ascertained or sounding only in damages) against the partnership, or whereby the partnership may be rendered liable.
3. Power to compromise, on such terms as may be agreed—
 - (a) all debts and liabilities capable of resulting in debts, and all claims (present or future, certain or contingent, ascertained or sounding only in damages) subsisting or supposed to subsist between the partnership and a contributory or alleged contributory or other debtor or person apprehending liability to the partnership, and
 - (b) all questions in any way relating to or affecting the partnership property or the winding up of the partnership
 and take any security for the discharge of any such debt, liability or claim and give a complete discharge in respect of it.
4. Power to bring or defend any action or other legal proceeding in the name and on behalf of any member of the partnership in his capacity as such or of the partnership.
5. Power to carry on the business of the partnership so far as may be necessary for its beneficial winding up.

PART II

POWERS EXERCISABLE WITHOUT SANCTION

6. Power to sell any of the partnership property.

7. Power to make, on such terms and conditions as the liquidator may think proper, a sub-fee farm grant of land or any part thereof, or a sub-lease of land or any part thereof with a nominal reversion (and to sell the rent or reversion), where such sub-fee farm grant or sub-lease amounts in substance to a sale and the liquidator has satisfied himself that it is the most appropriate method of disposing of the land.

8. Power to do all acts and execute, in the name and on behalf of the partnership or of any member of the partnership in his capacity as such, all deeds, receipts and other documents.

9. Power to prove, rank and claim in the bankruptcy or insolvency of any contributory for any balance against his estate, and to receive dividends in the bankruptcy or insolvency in respect of that balance, as a separate debt due from the bankrupt or insolvent, and rateably with the other separate creditors.

10. Power to draw, accept, make and endorse any bill of exchange or promissory note in the name and on behalf of any member of the partnership in his capacity as such or of the partnership, with the same effect with respect to the liability of the partnership or of any member of the partnership in his capacity as such as if the bill or note had been drawn, accepted, made or endorsed in the course of the partnership's business.

11. Power to raise on the security of the partnership property any money requisite.

12.—(1) Power to take out in his official name letters of administration to any deceased contributory, and to do in his official name any other act necessary for obtaining payment of any money due from a contributory or his estate which cannot conveniently be done in the name of the partnership.

(2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), the money due is deemed, for the purpose of enabling the liquidator to take out the letters of administration or recover the money, to be due to the liquidator himself.

13. Power to appoint an agent to do any business which the liquidator is unable to do himself.

14. Power to do all such other things as may be necessary for winding up the partnership's affairs and distributing its property.”.

30. The entry in Schedule 7 in relation to an offence under Article 111(7) is modified so as to read as follows—

“111(8)	Failing to comply with requirements as to statement of affairs, where liquidator appointed.	1. On indictment 2. Summary	A fine The statutory maximum	One-tenth of the statutory maximum.”.
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31. The entry in Schedule 7 in relation to an offence under Article 175(1) is modified so as to read as follows—

"175(2)	False representation or fraud for purpose of obtaining creditors' consent to an agreement in connection with winding up or bankruptcy.	1. On indictment. 2. Summary.	7 years or a fine or both. 6 months or the statutory maximum, or both.
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Provisions of the Order which apply with modifications for the purposes of Article 9 to Winding up of Insolvent Partnership on Member's petition where no Concurrent Petition presented against Member

Article 185: Winding up of unregistered companies

Article 185 is modified so as to read as follows—

“185.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) and to the provisions of this Part, any insolvent partnership which has, or at any time had, a principal place of business in Northern Ireland may be wound up under this Order.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), an insolvent partnership shall not be wound up under this Order if the business of the partnership has not been carried on in Northern Ireland at any time in the period of 3 years ending with the day on which the winding-up petition is presented.

(3) If an insolvent partnership has a principal place of business situated in England and Wales or Scotland, the High Court shall not have jurisdiction to wind up the partnership unless it had a principal place of business in Northern Ireland—

- (a) in the case of a partnership with a principal place of business in England or Wales, at any time in the period of 3 years, or
- (b) in the case of a partnership with a principal place of business in Scotland, at any time in the period of 1 year,

ending with the day on which the winding-up petition is presented.

(4) No insolvent partnership shall be wound up under this Order voluntarily.

(5) To the extent that they are applicable to the winding up of a company by the High Court on a member's petition or on a petition by the company, all the provisions of this Order and the Companies Order about winding up apply to the winding up of an insolvent partnership as an unregistered company.

- (a) with the exceptions and additions mentioned in paragraphs (6), (7) and (8) and in Article 185A, and
- (b) with the modifications specified in Part II of Schedule 3 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

(6) Articles 8, 60(1), 61(2)(a) to (d) and (3), 62 to 65, 69, 102, 103, 104(2) to (4) and 167 to 169 shall not apply.

(7) The circumstances in which an insolvent partnership may be wound up as an unregistered company are as follows—

- (a) if the partnership is dissolved, or has ceased to carry on business, or is carrying on business only for the purpose of winding up its affairs;
- (b) if the partnership is unable to pay its debts;
- (c) if the High Court is of the opinion that it is just and equitable that the partnership should be wound up.

(8) Every petition for the winding up of an insolvent partnership under Part VI shall be verified by affidavit in Form 2 in Schedule 9 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

Who may present petition

185A.—(1) A petition for winding up an insolvent partnership may be presented by any member of the partnership if the partnership consists of not less than 8 members.

(2) A petition for winding up an insolvent partnership may also be presented by any member of it with the leave of the High Court (obtained on his application) if the Court is satisfied that—

- (a) the member has served on the partnership, by leaving at a principal place of business of the partnership in Northern Ireland, or by delivering to an officer of the partnership, or by otherwise serving in such manner as the Court may approve or direct, a written demand in Form 10 in Schedule 9 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 in respect of a joint debt or debts exceeding £750 then due from the partnership but paid by the member, other than out of partnership property;
- (b) the partnership has for 3 weeks after the service of the demand neglected to pay the sum or to secure or compound for it to the member's satisfaction; and
- (c) the member has obtained a judgment, decree or order of any court against the partnership for reimbursement to him of the amount of the joint debt or debts so paid and all reasonable steps (other than insolvency proceedings) have been taken by the member to enforce that judgment, decree or order.

(3) Paragraph (2)(a) is deemed included in the list of provisions specified in paragraph (1) of Article 362 for the purposes of the Department's order-making power under that Article."

Provisions of the Order which apply with modifications for the purposes of Article 10 to Winding up of Insolvent Partnership on Member's Petition where Concurrent Petitions are presented against all the Members

Articles 104, 238 and 246: Applications to wind up insolvent partnership and to wind up or bankrupt members

1. Articles 104, 238 and 246 are modified so as to read as follows—

“104.—(1) An application to the High Court by a member of an insolvent partnership by virtue of Article 10 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 for the winding up of the partnership as an unregistered company and the winding up or bankruptcy (as the case may be) of all its members shall—

- (a) in the case of the partnership, be by petition in Form 11 in Schedule 9 to that Order,
- (b) in the case of a corporate member, be by petition in Form 12 in that Schedule, and
- (c) in the case of an individual member, be by petition in Form 13 in that Schedule.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), a petition under paragraph (1)(a) may only be presented by a member of the partnership on the grounds that the partnership is unable to pay its debts and if—

- (a) petitions are at the same time presented by that member for insolvency orders against every member of the partnership (including himself or itself); and
- (b) each member is willing for an insolvency order to be made against him or it and the petition against him or it contains a statement to this effect.

(3) If the High Court is satisfied, on application by any member of an insolvent partnership, that presentation of petitions under paragraph (1) against the partnership and every member of it would be impracticable, the Court may direct that petitions be presented against the partnership and such member or members of it as are specified by the Court.

(4) The petitions mentioned in paragraph (1)—

- (a) shall, except as the High Court otherwise permits or directs, be presented on the same day, and
- (b) except in the case of the petition mentioned in paragraph (1)(c) shall be advertised in Form 8 in the said Schedule 9.

(5) Each petition presented under this Article shall contain particulars of the other petitions being presented in relation to the partnership, identifying the partnership and members concerned.

(6) The hearing of the petition against the partnership fixed by the High Court shall be in advance of the hearing of the petitions against the insolvent members.

(7) On the day appointed for the hearing of the petition against the partnership, the petitioner shall, before the commencement of the hearing, hand to the High Court Form 9 in Schedule 9 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, duly completed.

(8) Any person against whom a winding-up or bankruptcy petition has been presented in relation to the insolvent partnership is entitled to appear and to be heard on any petition for the winding up of the partnership.

(9) A petitioner under this Article may at the hearing withdraw the petition if—

- (a) subject to paragraph 10, he withdraws at the same time every other petition which he has presented under this Article; and
- (b) he gives notice to the High Court at least 3 days before the date appointed for the hearing of the relevant petition of his intention to withdraw the petition.

(10) A petitioner need not comply with the provisions of paragraph (9)(a) in the case of a petition against a member, if the High Court is satisfied on application made to it by the petitioner that, because of difficulties in serving the petition or for any other reason, the continuance of that petition would be likely to prejudice or delay the proceedings on the petition which he has presented against the partnership or on any petition which he has presented against any other insolvent member.”.

Articles 105 and 245: Powers of High Court on hearing of petitions against insolvent partnership and members

2. Articles 105 and 245 are modified so as to read as follows—

“**105.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of Article 105A, on hearing a petition under Article 104 against an insolvent partnership or any of its insolvent members, the High Court may dismiss it, or adjourn the hearing conditionally or unconditionally or make any other order that it thinks fit; but the Court shall not refuse to make a winding-up order against the partnership or a corporate member on the ground only that the partnership property or (as the case may be) the member’s assets have been mortgaged to an amount equal to or in excess of that property or those assets, or that the partnership has no property or the member no assets.

(2) An order under paragraph (1) in respect of an insolvent partnership may contain directions as to the future conduct of any insolvency proceedings in existence against any insolvent member in respect of whom an insolvency order has been made.

Hearing of petitions against members

105A.—(1) On the hearing of a petition against an insolvent member the petitioner shall draw the High Court’s attention to the result of the hearing of the winding-up petition against the partnership and paragraphs (2) to (7) shall apply.

(2) If the High Court has neither made a winding-up order, nor dismissed the winding-up petition against the partnership the Court may adjourn the hearing of the petition against the member until either event has occurred.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), if a winding-up order has been made against the partnership, the High Court may make a winding-up order against the corporate member in respect of which, or (as the case may be) a bankruptcy order against the individual member in respect of whom, the insolvency petition was presented.

(4) If no insolvency order is made under paragraph (3) against any member within 28 days of the making of the winding-up order against the partnership, the proceedings against the partnership shall be conducted as if the winding-up petition against the partnership had been presented by virtue of Article 7 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and the proceedings against any member shall be conducted under this Order without the modifications made by that Order (other than the modification made to Articles 143 and 276 by Article 15 of that Order).

(5) If the High Court has dismissed the winding-up petition against the partnership, the Court may dismiss the winding-up petition against the corporate member or (as the case may be) the bankruptcy petition against the individual member. However, if an insolvency order is made against a member, the proceedings against that member shall be conducted under this Order without the modifications made by the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 (other than the modifications made to Articles 143 and 176 by Article 15 of that Order).

(6) The High Court may dismiss a petition against an insolvent member if it considers it just to do so because of a change in circumstances since the making of the winding-up order against the partnership.

(7) The High Court may dismiss a petition against an insolvent member who is a limited partner, if—

- (a) the member lodges in Court for the benefit of the creditors of the partnership sufficient money or security to the Court's satisfaction to meet his liability for the debts and obligations of the partnership; or
- (b) the member satisfies the Court that he is no longer under any liability in respect of the debts and obligations of the partnership."

Article 185: Winding up of unregistered companies

3. Article 185 is modified so as to read as follows—

"185.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) and to the provisions of this Part, any insolvent partnership which has, or at any time had, a principal place of business in Northern Ireland may be wound up under this Order.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), an insolvent partnership shall not be wound up under this Order if the business of the partnership has not been carried on in Northern Ireland at any time in the period of 3 years ending with the day on which the winding-up petition is presented.

(3) If an insolvent partnership has a principal place of business situated in England and Wales or Scotland, the High Court shall not have jurisdiction to wind up the partnership unless it had a principal place of business in Northern Ireland—

- (a) in the case of a partnership with a principal place of business in England and Wales, at any time in the period of 3 years, or
- (b) in the case of a partnership with a principal place of business in Scotland, at any time in the period of 1 year ending with the day on which the winding-up petition is presented.

(4) No insolvent partnership shall be wound up under this Order voluntarily.

(5) To the extent that they are applicable to the winding up of a company by the High Court on a member's petition, all the provisions of this Order and the Companies Order about winding up apply to the winding up of an insolvent partnership as an unregistered company—

- (a) with the exceptions and additions mentioned in paragraphs (6) to (9), and
- (b) with the modifications specified in Part II of Schedule 4 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

(6) Articles 8, 60(1), 61(2)(a) to (d) and (3), 62 to 65, 69, 104(2) to (4), 132, 167 to 169 shall not apply.

(7) Unless the contrary intention appears, the members of the partnership against whom insolvency orders are made by virtue of Article 10 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 shall not be treated as contributories for the purposes of this Order.

(8) The circumstances in which an insolvent partnership may be wound up as an unregistered company are that the partnership is unable to pay its debts.

(9) Every petition for the winding up of an insolvent partnership under Part VI shall be verified by affidavit in Form 2 in Schedule 9 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.”

Provisions of the Order which apply with modifications for the purposes of Article 11 where Joint Bankruptcy Petition is presented by Individual Members without Winding up Partnership as Unregistered Company

1.—(1) The provisions of the Order specified in sub-paragraph (2), are set out as modified in this Schedule.

(2) The provisions referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are Articles 11, 238 to 240, 246, 249, 257, 263, 265 to 274, 278, 285, 300, 304 and 347.

Article 11: Definition of member's estate

2. Article 11 is modified so as to read as follows—

“11.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Article, a member's estate for the purposes of this Order comprises—

- (a) all property belonging to or vested in the member at the commencement of the bankruptcy, and
- (b) any property which by virtue of any of the provisions of this Order or Article 88(3) or 90(3) of the Judgments Enforcement (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) (effect of bankruptcy or winding up on enforcement of judgments and proceeds of such enforcement) is comprised in that estate or is treated as falling within sub-paragraph (a);

(2) Subject to Article 281 (certain excluded property reclaimable by trustee), paragraph (1) does not apply to—

- (a) such tools, books, vehicles and other items of equipment as are not partnership property and as are necessary to the member for use personally by him in his employment, business or vocation;
- (b) such clothing, bedding, furniture, household equipment and provisions as are not partnership property and as are necessary for satisfying the basic domestic needs of the member and his family.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to property held by the member on trust for any other person.

(4) References in any provision of this Order to property, in relation to a member, include references to any power exercisable by him over or in respect of property except in so far as the power is exercisable over or in respect of property not for the time being comprised in the member's estate and—

- (a) is so exercisable at a time after either the official receiver has had his release in respect of that estate under Article 272(2) or a meeting summoned by the trustee of that estate under Article 304 has been held, or
- (b) cannot be so exercised for the benefit of the member;

and a power exercisable over or in respect of property is deemed for the purposes of any provision of this Order to vest in the person entitled to exercise it at the time of the transaction or event by virtue of which it is exercisable by that person (whether or not it becomes so exercisable at that time).

(5) For the purposes of any such provision of this Order, property comprised in a member's estate is so comprised subject to the rights of any person other

(a) S.I. 1981/226 (N.I. 6); Articles 88 and 90 were amended by Article 310 of and Schedule 9 to the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/2405 (N.I. 19))

than the member (whether as a secured creditor of the member or otherwise) in relation thereto, but disregarding any rights which have been given up in accordance with the rules.

(6) This Article has effect subject to the provisions of any statutory provision not contained in this Order under which any property is to be excluded from a bankrupt's estate.”

Article 238: Presentation of joint bankruptcy petition

3. Article 238 is modified so as to read as follows—

“238.—(1) Subject to Article 240(1), a joint bankruptcy petition may be presented to the High Court by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 by all the members of an insolvent partnership in their capacity as such provided that all the members are individuals and none of them is a limited partner.

(2) A petition may not be presented under paragraph (1) by the members of an insolvent partnership which is an authorised institution or former authorised institution within the meaning of the Banking Act 1987(a).

(3) The petition—

(a) shall be in Form 14 in Schedule 9 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995; and

(b) shall contain a request that the trustee shall wind up the partnership business and administer the partnership property without the partnership being wound up as an unregistered company under Part VI.

(4) The petition shall either—

(a) be accompanied by an affidavit in Form 15 in Schedule 9 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 made by the member who signs the petition, showing that all the members are individual members (and that none of them is a limited partner) and concur in the presentation of the petition, or

(b) contain a statement that all the members are individual members and be signed by all the members.

(5) On presentation of a petition under this Article, the High Court may make orders in Form 16 in Schedule 9 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 for the bankruptcy of the members and the winding up of the partnership business and administration of its property.”

Article 239: Conditions to be satisfied in respect of members

4. Article 239 is modified so as to read as follows—

“239.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Article, a joint bankruptcy petition by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 may be presented to the High Court if the partnership has, or at any time had, a principal place of business in Northern Ireland.

(2) A joint bankruptcy petition shall not be presented to the High Court by virtue of the said Article 11 unless the business of the partnership has been carried on in Northern Ireland at any time in the period of 3 years ending with the day on which the joint bankruptcy petition is presented.”

Article 240: Other preliminary conditions

5. Article 240 is modified so as to read as follows—

“240.—(1) If the High Court is satisfied, on application by any member of an insolvent partnership, that the presentation of the petition under Article 238(1) by all the members of the partnership would be impracticable, the Court may direct that the petition be presented by such member or members as are specified by the Court.

(2) A joint bankruptcy petition shall not be withdrawn without the leave of the High Court.

(3) The High Court has a general power, if it appears to it appropriate to do so on the grounds that there has been a contravention of the rules or for any other reason, to dismiss a joint bankruptcy petition or to stay proceedings on such a petition; and, where it stays proceedings on a petition, it may do so on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.”.

Article 246: Grounds of joint bankruptcy petition

6. Article 246 is modified so as to read as follows—

“246.—(1) A joint bankruptcy petition may be presented to the High Court by the members of a partnership only on the grounds that the partnership is unable to pay its debts.

(2) The petition shall be accompanied by—

(a) a statement of each member’s affairs in Form 17 in Schedule 9 to the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, and

(b) a statement of the affairs of the partnership in Form 18 in that Schedule, sworn by one or more members of the partnership.

(3) The statements of affairs required by paragraph (2) shall contain—

(a) particulars of the member’s or (as the case may be) partnership’s creditors, debts and other liabilities and of their assets, and

(b) such other information as is required by the relevant form.”.

Article 249: Summary Administration

7. Article 249 is modified so as to read as follows—

“249.—(1) Where orders have been made against the members of an insolvent partnership by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and the case is as specified in paragraph (2), the High Court shall, if it appears to it appropriate to do so, issue a certificate for the summary administration of any member’s estate.

(2) The case mentioned in paragraph (1) is where it appears to the High Court—

(a) that the aggregate amount of the unsecured joint debts of the partnership and unsecured separate debts of the member concerned is less than the small bankruptcies level prescribed for the purposes of Article 247 (as that Article applies apart from the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995), and

(b) that within the period of 5 years ending with the presentation of the joint bankruptcy petition the member concerned has neither been adjudged bankrupt nor made a composition with his creditors in satisfaction of his debts or a scheme of arrangement of his affairs.

(3) The High Court may at any time revoke a certificate issued under this Article if it appears to it that, on any grounds existing at the time the certificate was issued, the certificate ought not to have been issued.”.

Article 257: Restrictions on dispositions of property

8. Article 257 is modified so as to read as follows—

“257.—(1) Where a member is adjudged bankrupt on a joint bankruptcy petition, any disposition of property made by that member in the period to which this Article applies is void except to the extent that it is or was made with the consent of the High Court, or is or was subsequently ratified by the Court.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies to a payment (whether in cash or otherwise) as it applies to a disposition of property and, accordingly, where any payment is void by virtue of that paragraph, the person paid shall hold the sum paid for the member as part of his estate.

(3) This Article applies to the period beginning with the day of the presentation of the joint bankruptcy petition and ending with the vesting, under Articles 278 to 308, of the member’s estate in a trustee.

(4) The preceding provisions of this Article do not give a remedy against any person—

(a) in respect of any property or payment which he received before the commencement of the bankruptcy in good faith, for value, and without notice that the petition had been presented, or

(b) in respect of any interest in property which derives from an interest in respect of which there is, by virtue of this paragraph, no remedy.

(5) Where after the commencement of his bankruptcy the member has incurred a debt to a banker or other person by reason of the making of a payment which is void under this Article, that debt is deemed for the purposes of any provision of this Order to have been incurred before the commencement of the bankruptcy unless—

(a) that banker or person had notice of the bankruptcy before the debt was incurred, or

(b) it is not reasonably practicable for the amount of the payment to be recovered from the person to whom it was made.

(6) A disposition of property is void under this Article notwithstanding that the property is not or, as the case may be, would not be comprised in the member’s estate; but nothing in this Article affects any disposition made by a person of property held by him on trust for any other person other than a disposition made by a member of property held by him on trust for the partnership.”.

Article 263: Public examination of member

9. Article 263 is modified so as to read as follows—

“263.—(1) Where orders have been made against the members of an insolvent partnership on a joint bankruptcy petition, the official receiver may at any time before the discharge of any such member apply to the High Court for the public examination of that member.

(2) Unless the High Court otherwise orders, the official receiver shall make an application under paragraph (1) if notice requiring him to do so is given to him, in accordance with the rules, by one of the creditors of the member concerned with the concurrence of not less than one-half, in value, of those creditors (including the creditor giving notice).

(3) On an application under paragraph (1), the High Court shall direct that a public examination of the member shall be held on a day appointed by the Court; and the member shall attend on that day and be publicly examined as to his affairs, dealings and property and as to those of the partnership.

(4) The following may take part in the public examination of the member and may question him concerning the matters mentioned in paragraph (3), namely—

- (a) the official receiver,
- (b) the trustee of the member's estate, if his appointment has taken effect,
- (c) any person who has been appointed as special manager of the member's estate or business or of the partnership property or business,
- (d) any creditor of the member who has tendered a proof in the bankruptcy.

(5) On an application under paragraph (1), the High Court may direct that the public examination of a member under this Article be combined with the public examination of any other person.

(6) If a member without reasonable excuse fails at any time to attend his public examination under this Article he is guilty of a contempt of court and liable to be punished accordingly (in addition to any other punishment to which he may be subject)."

Article 265: Power to appoint trustee

10. Article 265 is modified so as to read as follows—

"**265.**—(1) The power to appoint a person as both trustee of the estates of the members of an insolvent partnership against whom orders are made on a joint bankruptcy petition and as trustee of the partnership is exercisable—

- (a) by a combined general meeting of the creditors of the members and of the partnership;
- (b) under Articles 268(2), 269(2) or 273(3) by the Department.

(2) No person may be appointed as trustee of the members' estates and as trustee of the partnership unless he is, at the time of the appointment, qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner both in relation to the insolvent partnership and to each of the members.

(3) Any power to appoint a person as trustee of the members' estates and of the partnership includes power to appoint two or more persons as joint trustees; but such an appointment must make provision as to the circumstances in which the trustees must act together and the circumstances in which one or more of them may act for the others.

(4) The appointment of any person as trustee of the members' estates and of the partnership takes effect only if that person accepts the appointment in accordance with the rules. Subject to this, the appointment of any person as trustee takes effect at the time specified in his certificate of appointment.

(5) This Article is without prejudice to the provisions of this Chapter under which the official receiver is, in certain circumstances, to be trustee of the members' estates and of the partnership.

Conflicts of interest

265A.—(1) If the trustee of the members' estates and of the partnership is of the opinion at any time that there is a conflict of interest between his functions as trustee of the members' estates and his functions as trustee of the partnership,

or between his functions as trustee of the estates of two or more members, he may apply to the High Court for directions.

(2) On an application under paragraph (1), the High Court may, without prejudice to the generality of its power to give directions, appoint one or more insolvency practitioners either in place of the applicant to act both as trustee of the members' estates and as trustee of the partnership, or to act as joint trustee with the applicant."

Article 266 and 267: Summoning of meeting to appoint trustee

11. Articles 266 and 267 are modified so as to read as follows—

"266.—(1) Where orders are made by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, the official receiver, by virtue of his office, becomes the trustee of the estates of the members and the trustee of the partnership and continues in office until another person becomes trustee under the provisions of this Part.

(2) The official receiver is, by virtue of his office, the trustee of the estates of the members and the trustee of the partnership during any vacancy.

(3) At any time when he is trustee, the official receiver may summon a combined meeting of the creditors of the members and the creditors of the partnership, for the purpose of appointing a trustee in place of the official receiver.

(4) It is the duty of the official receiver—

(a) as soon as practicable in the period of 12 weeks beginning with the day on which the first order was made by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, to decide whether to exercise his power under paragraph (3) to summon a meeting, and

(b) if in pursuance of sub-paragraph (a) he decides not to exercise that power, to give notice of his decision, before the end of that period, to the High Court and to those creditors of the members and those of the partnership who are known to the official receiver or identified in a statement of affairs submitted under Article 246, and

(c) (whether or not he has decided to exercise that power) to exercise his power to summon a meeting under paragraph (3) if he is at any time requested to do so by one-quarter, in value, of either—

(i) the creditors of any member against whom an insolvency order has been made, or

(ii) the partnership's creditors,

and accordingly, where the duty imposed by sub-paragraph (c) arises before the official receiver has performed a duty imposed by sub-paragraph (a) or (b), he is not required to perform the latter duty.

(5) A notice given under paragraph (4)(b) to the creditors shall contain an explanation of the creditors' power under paragraph (4)(c) to require the official receiver to summon a combined meeting of the creditors of the partnership and of the members, against whom insolvency orders have been made.

(6) If the official receiver, in pursuance of paragraph (4)(a), has decided to exercise his power under paragraph (3) to summon a meeting, he shall hold that meeting in the period of 4 months beginning with the day on which the first order was made by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

(7) If (whether or not he has decided to exercise that power) the official receiver is requested, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (4)(c), to exercise his power under paragraph (3) to summon a meeting, he shall hold that meeting in accordance with the rules.

(8) Where a meeting of creditors of the partnership and of the members has been held, and an insolvency order is subsequently made against a further insolvent member by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995—

(a) any person chosen at the meeting to be responsible insolvency practitioner in place of the official receiver shall also be the responsible insolvency practitioner of the member against whom the subsequent order is made, and

(b) paragraph (4) shall not apply.”

Article 268: Failure of meeting to appoint trustee

12. Article 268 is modified so as to read as follows—

“268.—(1) If a meeting of creditors summoned under Article 266 is held but no appointment of a person as trustee is made, it is the duty of the official receiver to decide whether to refer the need for an appointment to the Department.

(2) On a reference made in pursuance of that decision, the Department shall either make an appointment or decline to make one.

(3) If—

(a) the official receiver decides not to refer the need for an appointment to the Department, or

(b) on such a reference the Department declines to make an appointment, the official receiver shall give notice of his decision or, as the case may be, of the Department’s decision to the High Court.”

Article 269: Appointment of trustee by Department

13. Article 269 is modified so as to read as follows—

“269.—(1) At any time when the official receiver is the trustee of the members’ estates and of the partnership by virtue of any provision of this Chapter he may apply to the Department for the appointment of a person as trustee instead of the official receiver.

(2) On an application under paragraph (1) the Department shall either make an appointment or decline to make one.

(3) Such an application may be made notwithstanding that the Department has declined to make an appointment either on a previous application under paragraph (1) or on a reference under Article 268 or under Article 273(2).

(4) Where a trustee has been appointed by the Department under paragraph (2), and an insolvency order is subsequently made against a further insolvent member by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, then the trustee so appointed shall also be the trustee of the member against whom the subsequent order is made.

(5) Where the trustee of the members’ estates and of the partnership has been appointed by the Department (whether under this Article or otherwise) or has become trustee of a further insolvent member under paragraph (4), the trustee shall give notice of his appointment or further appointment (as the case may be) to the creditors of the members and the creditors of the partnership or, if the High

Court so allows, shall advertise his appointment in accordance with the Court's directions.

(6) Subject to paragraph (7), in that notice or advertisement the trustee shall—

- (a) state whether he proposes to summon a combined general meeting of the creditors of the members and of the creditors of the partnership for the purpose of establishing a creditors' committee under Article 274, and
- (b) if he does not propose to summon such a meeting, set out the power of the creditors under this Part to require him to summon one.

(7) Where in a case where paragraph (4) applies a meeting referred to in paragraph (6)(a) has already been held, the trustee shall state in the notice or advertisement whether a creditors' committee was established at that meeting and—

- (a) if such a committee was established, shall state whether he proposes to appoint additional members of the committee under Article 274A(3), and
- (b) if such a committee was not established, shall set out the power of the creditors to require him to summon a meeting for the purpose of determining whether a creditors' committee should be established.”

Article 270: Rules applicable to meetings of creditors

14. Article 270 is modified so as to read as follows—

“270.—(1) This Article applies where the High Court has made orders by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the rules relating to the requisitioning, summoning, holding and conducting of meetings on the bankruptcy of an individual are to apply (with the necessary modifications) to the requisitioning, summoning, holding and conducting of separate meetings of the creditors of each member and of combined meetings of the creditors of the partnership and the creditors of the members.

(3) Any combined meeting of creditors shall be conducted as if the creditors of the members and of the partnership were a single set of creditors.”

Article 271: Removal of trustee; vacation of office

15. Article 271 is modified so as to read as follows—

“271.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the trustee of the estates of the members and of the partnership may be removed from office only by an order of the High Court.

(2) If the trustee was appointed by the Department, he may be removed by a direction of the Department.

(3) The trustee (not being the official receiver) shall vacate office if he ceases to be a person who is for the time being qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to any member or to the partnership.

(4) The trustee may, with the leave of the High Court (or, if appointed by the Department, with the leave of the Court or the Department) resign his office by giving notice of his resignation to the Court.

(5) Subject to paragraphs (6) and (7), any removal from or vacation of office under this Article relates to all offices held in the proceedings by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

(6) The trustee shall vacate office on giving notice to the High Court that a final meeting has been held under Article 304 (final meeting of creditors of insolvent partnership or of members) and of the decision (if any) of that meeting.

(7) The trustee shall vacate office as trustee of a member if the order made by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 in relation to that member, is annulled.”.

Article 272: Release of trustee

16. Article 272 is modified so as to read as follows—

“272.—(1) Where the official receiver has ceased to be the trustee of the members’ estates and of the partnership and a person is appointed in his stead, the official receiver shall have his release with effect from the following time, that is to say—

- (a) where that person is appointed by a combined general meeting of creditors of the members and of the partnership or by the Department, the time at which the official receiver gives notice to the High Court that he has been replaced, and
- (b) where that person is appointed by the Court, such time as the Court may determine.

(2) If the official receiver while he is the trustee gives notice to the Department that the administration of the estate of any member, or the winding up of the partnership business and administration of its affairs, is for practical purposes complete, he shall have his release as trustee of any member or as trustee of the partnership (as the case may be) with effect from such time as the Department may determine.

(3) A person other than the official receiver who has ceased to be the trustee of the estate of any member or of the partnership shall have his release with effect from the following time, that is to say—

- (a) in the case of a person who has died, the time at which notice is given to the High Court in accordance with the rules that that person has ceased to hold office;
- (b) in the case of a person who has been removed from office by the Court or by the Department, or who has vacated office under Article 271(3), such time as the Department may, on an application by that person, determine;
- (c) in the case of a person who has resigned, such time as may be directed by the Court (or, if he was appointed by the Department, such time as may be directed by the Court or as the Department may, on an application by that person, determine);
- (d) in the case of a person who has vacated office under Article 271(6)—
 - (i) if the final meeting referred to in that paragraph has resolved against that person’s release, such time as the Department may, on an application by that person, determine; and
 - (ii) if that meeting has not so resolved, the time at which the person vacated office.

(4) Where an order by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 is annulled in so far as it relates to any member, the trustee at the time of the annulment has his release in respect of that member with effect from such time as the High Court may determine.

(5) Where the trustee (including the official receiver when so acting) has his release under this Article, he shall, with effect from the time specified in paragraphs (1) to (4), be discharged from all liability both in respect of acts or omissions of his in the administration of the estates of the members and in the winding up of the partnership business and administration of its affairs and otherwise in relation to his conduct as trustee.

(6) Nothing in this Article prevents the exercise, in relation to a person who has had his release under this Article, of the High Court's powers under Article 277 (liability of trustee)."

Article 273: Vacancy in office of trustee

17. Article 273 is modified so as to read as follows—

"273.—(1) This Article applies where the appointment of any person as trustee of the members' estates and of the partnership fails to take effect or, such an appointment having taken effect, there is otherwise a vacancy in the office of trustee.

(2) The official receiver may refer the need for an appointment to the Department and shall be trustee until the vacancy is filled.

(3) On a reference to the Department under paragraph (2) the Department shall either make an appointment or decline to make one.

(4) If on a reference under paragraph (2) no appointment is made, the official receiver shall continue to be trustee, but without prejudice to his power to make a further reference.

(5) References in this Article to a vacancy include a case where it is necessary, in relation to any property which is or may be comprised in a member's estate, to revive the trusteeship of that estate after the holding of a final meeting summoned under Article 304 or the giving by the official receiver of notice under Article 272(2)."

Article 274: Creditors' committee

18. Article 274 is modified so as to read as follows—

"274.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a combined general meeting of the creditors of the members and of the partnership (whether summoned under the preceding provisions of this Chapter or otherwise) may establish a committee (known as "the creditors' committee") to exercise the functions conferred on it by or under this Order.

(2) A combined general meeting of the creditors of the members and of the partnership shall not establish such a committee, or confer any functions on such a committee, at any time when the official receiver is the trustee, except in connection with an appointment made by that meeting of a person to be trustee instead of the official receiver.

Functions and membership of creditors' committee

274A.—(1) The committee established under Article 274 shall act as creditors' committee for each member and as liquidation committee for the partnership, and shall as appropriate exercise the functions conferred on creditors' and liquidation committees in a bankruptcy or winding up by or under this Order.

(2) The rules relating to liquidation committees are to apply (with the necessary modifications and with the exclusion of all references to contributories) to a committee established under Article 274.

(3) Where the appointment of the trustee also takes effect in relation to a further insolvent member under Article 266(8) or 269(4), the trustee may appoint any creditor of that member (being qualified under the rules to be a member of the committee) to be an additional member of any creditors' committee already established under Article 274, provided that the creditor concerned consents to act.

(4) The High Court may at any time, on application by a creditor of any member or of the partnership, appoint additional members of the creditors' committee.

(5) If additional members of the creditors' committee are appointed under paragraph (3) or (4), the limit on the maximum number of members of the committee specified in the rules shall be increased by the number of additional members so appointed.”.

Article 278: General functions and powers of trustee

19. Article 278 is modified so as to read as follows—

“278.—(1) The function of the trustee of the estates of the members and of the partnership is to get in, realise and distribute the estates of the members and the partnership property in accordance with the following provisions of this Chapter.

(2) The trustee shall have all the functions and powers in relation to the partnership and the partnership property that he has in relation to the members and their estates.

(3) In the carrying out of his functions and in the management of the members' estates and the partnership property the trustee is entitled, subject to the following provisions of this Chapter, to use his own discretion.

(4) It is the duty of the trustee, if he is not the official receiver—

(a) to furnish the official receiver with such information,

(b) to produce to the official receiver, and permit inspection by the official receiver of, such books, papers and other records, and

(c) to give the official receiver such other assistance,

as the official receiver may reasonably require for the purpose of enabling him to carry out his functions in relation to the bankruptcy of the members and the winding up of the partnership business and administration of its property.

(5) The official name of the trustee in his capacity as trustee of a member shall be “the trustee of the estate of, a bankrupt” (inserting the name of the member concerned); but he may be referred to as “the trustee in bankruptcy” of the particular member.

(6) The official name of the trustee in his capacity as trustee of the partnership shall be “the trustee of, a partnership” (inserting the name of the partnership concerned).”.

Article 285: Obligation to surrender control to trustee

20. Article 285 is modified so as to read as follows—

“285.—(1) This Article applies where orders are made by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and a trustee is appointed.

(2) Any person who is or has been an officer of the partnership in question, or who is an executor or administrator of the estate of a deceased officer of the partnership, shall deliver up to the trustee of the partnership, for the purposes of

the exercise of the trustee's functions under this Order, possession of any partnership property which he holds for the purposes of the partnership.

(3) Without prejudice to the general duties of the members as bankrupts under Article 306, each member shall deliver up to the trustee possession of any property, books, papers or other records of which he has possession or control and of which the trustee is required to take possession.

(4) If any of the following is in possession of any property, books, papers or other records of which the trustee is required to take possession, namely—

- (a) the official receiver,
- (b) a person who has ceased to be a trustee of a member's estate,
- (c) a person who has been the administrator of the partnership or supervisor of a voluntary arrangement approved in relation to the partnership under Part II,
- (d) a person who has been the supervisor of a voluntary arrangement approved in relation to a member under Chapter II of Part VIII,

the official receiver or, as the case may be, that person shall deliver up possession of the property, books, papers or records to the trustee.

(5) Any banker or agent of a member or of the partnership, or any other person who holds any property to the account of, or for, a member or the partnership shall pay or deliver to the trustee all property in his possession or under his control which forms part of the member's estate or which is partnership property and which he is not by law entitled to retain as against the member, the partnership or the trustee.

(6) If any person without reasonable excuse fails to comply with any obligation imposed by this Article, he is guilty of a contempt of court and liable to be punished accordingly (in addition to any other punishment to which he may be subject)."

Article 300: Priority of expenses and debts

21. Article 300 is modified so as to read as follows—

"Priority of expenses

300.—(1) The provisions of this Article shall apply in a case where Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 applies, as regards priority of expenses incurred by a person acting as trustee of the estates of the members of an insolvent partnership and as trustee of that partnership.

(2) The joint estate of the partnership shall be applicable in the first instance in payment of the joint expenses and the separate estate of each insolvent member shall be applicable in the first instance in payment of the separate expenses relating to that member.

(3) Where the joint estate is insufficient for the payment in full of the joint expenses, the unpaid balance shall be apportioned equally between the separate estates of the insolvent members against whom insolvency orders have been made and shall form part of the expenses to be paid out of those estates.

(4) Where any separate estate of an insolvent member is insufficient for the payment in full of the separate expenses to be paid out of that estate, the unpaid balance shall form part of the expenses to be paid out of the joint estate.

(5) Where after the transfer of any unpaid balance in accordance with paragraph (3) or (4) any estate is insufficient for the payment in full of the

expenses to be paid out of that estate, the balance then remaining unpaid shall be apportioned equally between the other estates.

(6) Where after an apportionment under paragraph (5) one or more estates are insufficient for the payment in full of the expenses to be paid out of those estates, the total of the unpaid balances of the expenses to be paid out of those estates shall continue to be apportioned equally between the other estates until provision is made for the payment in full of the expenses or there is no estate available for the payment of the balance finally remaining unpaid, in which case it abates in equal proportions between all the estates.

(7) Without prejudice to paragraphs (3) to (6), the trustee may, with the sanction of any creditors' committee established under Article 274 or with the leave of the High Court obtained on application—

- (a) pay out of the joint estate as part of the expenses to be paid out of that estate any expenses incurred for any separate estate of an insolvent member; or
- (b) pay out of any separate estate of an insolvent member any part of the expenses incurred for the joint estate which affects that separate estate.

Priority of debts in joint estate

300A.—(1) The provisions of this Article and Article 300B (which are subject to the provisions of section 9 of the Partnership Act 1890(a) as respects the liability of the estate of a deceased member) shall apply as regards priority of debts in a case where Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 applies.

(2) After payment of expenses in accordance with Article 300 and subject to Article 300C(2), the joint debts of the partnership shall be paid out of its joint estate in the following order of priority—

- (a) the preferential debts;
- (b) the debts which are neither preferential debts nor postponed debts;
- (c) interest under Article 300D on the joint debts (other than postponed debts);
- (d) the postponed debts;
- (e) interest under Article 300D on the postponed debts.

(3) The responsible insolvency practitioner shall adjust the rights among themselves of the members of the partnership as contributories and shall distribute any surplus to the members or, where applicable, to the separate estates of the members, according to their respective rights and interests in it.

(4) The debts referred to in each of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (2) rank equally between themselves, and in each case if the joint estate is insufficient for meeting them, they abate in equal proportions between themselves.

(5) Where the joint estate is not sufficient for the payment of the joint debts in accordance with sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (2), the responsible insolvency practitioner shall aggregate the value of those debts to the extent that they have not been satisfied or are not capable of being satisfied, and that aggregate amount shall be a claim against the separate estate of each member of the partnership against whom an insolvency order has been made which—

(a) shall be a debt provable by the responsible insolvency practitioner in each such estate, and

(b) shall rank equally with the debts of the member referred to in Article 300B(1)(b).

(6) Where the joint estate is sufficient for the payment of the postponed joint debts in accordance with sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (2) but not for the payment of interest under sub-paragraph (c) of that paragraph, the responsible insolvency practitioner shall aggregate the value of that interest to the extent that it has not been satisfied or is not capable of being satisfied, and that aggregate amount shall be a claim against the separate estate of each member of the partnership against whom an insolvency order has been made which—

(a) shall be a debt provable by the responsible insolvency practitioner in each such estate, and

(b) shall rank equally with the interest on the separate debts referred to in Article 300B(1)(c).

(7) Where the joint estate is not sufficient for the payment of the postponed joint debts in accordance with sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (2), the responsible insolvency practitioner shall aggregate the value of those debts to the extent that they have not been satisfied or are not capable of being satisfied, and that aggregate amount shall be a claim against the separate estate of each member of the partnership against whom an insolvency order has been made which—

(a) shall be a debt provable by the responsible insolvency practitioner in each such estate, and

(b) shall rank equally with the postponed debts of the member referred to in Article 300B(1)(d).

(8) Where the joint estate is sufficient for the payment of the postponed joint debts in accordance with sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (2) but not for the payment of interest under sub-paragraph (e) of that paragraph, the responsible insolvency practitioner shall aggregate the value of that interest to the extent that it has not been satisfied or is not capable of being satisfied, and that aggregate amount shall be a claim against the separate estate of each member of the partnership against whom an insolvency order has been made which—

(a) shall be a debt provable by the responsible insolvency practitioner in each such estate, and

(b) shall rank equally with the interest on the postponed debts referred to in Article 300B(1)(e).

(9) Where the responsible insolvency practitioner receives any distribution from the separate estate of a member in respect of a debt referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (5), (6), (7) or (8), that distribution shall become part of the joint estate and shall be distributed in accordance with the order of priority set out in paragraph (2).

Priority of debts in separate estate

300B.—(1) The separate estate of each member of the partnership against whom an insolvency order has been made shall be applicable, after payment of expenses in accordance with Article 300 and subject to Article 300C(2), in payment of the separate debts of that member in the following order of priority—

(a) the preferential debts;

(b) the debts which are neither preferential debts nor postponed debts (including any debt referred to in Article 300A(5)(a));

- (c) interest under Article 300D on the separate debts and under Article 300A(6);
- (d) the postponed debts of the member (including any debt referred to in Article 300A(7)(a));
- (e) interest under Article 300D on the postponed debts of the member and under Article 300A(8).

(2) The debts referred to in each of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1) rank equally between themselves, and in each case if the separate estate is insufficient for meeting them, they abate in equal proportions between themselves.

(3) Where the responsible insolvency practitioner receives any distribution from the joint estate or from the separate estate of another member of the partnership against whom an insolvency order has been made, that distribution shall become part of the separate estate and shall be distributed in accordance with the order of priority set out in paragraph (1).

Provisions generally applicable in distribution of joint and separate estates

300C.—(1) Distinct accounts shall be kept of the joint estate of the partnership and of the separate estate of each member of that partnership against whom an insolvency order is made.

(2) No member of the partnership shall prove for a joint or separate debt in competition with the joint creditors, unless the debt has arisen—

(a) as a result of fraud, or

(b) in the ordinary course of a business carried on separately from the partnership business.

(3) For the purpose of establishing the value of any debt referred to in Article 300A(5)(a) or (7)(a), that value may be estimated by the responsible insolvency practitioner in accordance with Article 295 or (as the case may be) in accordance with the Rules.

(4) Interest under Article 300D on preferential debts ranks equally with interest on debts which are neither preferential debts nor postponed debts.

(5) Articles 300A and 300B are without prejudice to any provision of this Order or of any other statutory provision concerning the ranking between themselves of postponed debts and interest thereon, but in the absence of any such provision postponed debts and interest thereon rank equally between themselves.

(6) If any two or more members of an insolvent partnership constitute a separate partnership, the creditors of such separate partnership shall be deemed to be a separate set of creditors and subject to the same statutory provisions as the separate creditors of any member of the insolvent partnership.

(7) Where any surplus remains after the administration of the estate of a separate partnership, the surplus shall be distributed to the members or, where applicable, to the separate estates of the members of that partnership according to their respective rights and interests in it.

(8) Neither the official receiver, the Department nor a responsible insolvency practitioner shall be entitled to remuneration or fees under the Insolvency Rules (Northern Ireland) 1991, the Insolvency Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 or the Insolvency (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 for his services in connection with—

- (a) the transfer of a surplus from the joint estate to a separate estate under Article 300A(3),
- (b) a distribution from a separate estate to the joint estate in respect of a claim referred to in Article 300A(5), (6), (7) or (8), or
- (c) a distribution from the estate of a separate partnership to the separate estates of the members of that partnership under paragraph (7).

Interest on debts

300D.—(1) In the bankruptcy of each of the members of an insolvent partnership and in the winding up of that partnership's business and administration of its property, interest is payable in accordance with this Article, in the order of priority laid down by Articles 300A and 300B, on any debt proved in the bankruptcy including so much of any such debt as represents interest on the remainder.

(2) Interest under this Article is payable on the debts in question in respect of the periods during which they have been outstanding since the relevant order was made by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

(3) The rate of interest payable under this Article in respect of any debt ("the official rate" for the purposes of any provision of this Order in which that expression is used) is whichever is the greater of—

- (a) the rate applicable to a money judgment of the High Court on the day on which the relevant order was made, and
- (b) the rate applicable to that debt apart from the bankruptcy or winding up."

Article 304: Final meeting

22. Article 304 is modified so as to read as follows—

"304.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Article and to Article 305, this Article applies where—

- (a) it appears to the trustee of the estates of the members and of the partnership that the administration of any member's estate or the winding up of the partnership business and administration of the partnership property is for practical purposes complete, and
- (b) the trustee is not the official receiver.

(2) The trustee shall summon a final general meeting of the creditors of any such member or of the partnership (as the case may be) or a combined final general meeting of the creditors of any such members or (as the case may be) the creditors of any such members and of the partnership which—

- (a) shall as appropriate receive the trustee's report of the administration of the estate of the member or members or of the winding up of the partnership business and administration of the partnership property, and
- (b) shall determine whether the trustee should have his release under Article 272 in respect (as the case may be) of the administration of the estate of the member or members, or of the winding up of the partnership business and administration of the partnership property.

(3) The trustee may, if he thinks fit, give the notice summoning the final general meeting at the same time as giving notice under Article 303(1); but, if summoned for an earlier date, that meeting shall be adjourned (and, if necessary, further adjourned) until a date on which the trustee is able to report that the administration of the estate of the member or members or the winding up of the

partnership business and administration of the partnership property is for practical purposes complete.

(4) In the administration of the members' estates and the winding up of the partnership business and administration of the partnership property it is the trustee's duty to retain sufficient sums from the property of the members and of the partnership to cover the expenses of summoning and holding any meeting required by this Article."

Article 347: The "relevant date"

23. Article 347 is modified so as to read as follows—

"**347.** Where an order has been made in respect of an insolvent partnership by virtue of Article 11 of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995, references in Schedule 4 to the relevant date (being the date which determines the existence and amount of a preferential debt) are to the date on which the said order was made."

Provisions of Part II of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 which apply with modifications for the purposes of Article 16

The following provisions of Part II of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(a) are modified so as to read as follows—

“Duty of High Court to disqualify unfit officers of insolvent partnership

9.—(1) The High Court shall make a disqualification order against a person in any case where, on an application under this Article, it is satisfied—

- (a) that he is or has been an officer of a partnership which has at any time become insolvent (whether while he was an officer or subsequently), and
- (b) that his conduct as an officer of that partnership (either taken alone or taken together with his conduct as an officer of any other partnership or partnerships, or as a director of any company or companies) makes him unfit to be concerned in the management of a company.

(2) For the purposes of this Article and Article 10—

- (a) a partnership becomes insolvent if—
 - (i) the High Court makes an order for it to be wound up as an unregistered company at a time when its assets are insufficient for the payment of its debts and other liabilities and the expenses of the winding up; or
 - (ii) an administration order is made in relation to the partnership; and
- (b) a company becomes insolvent if—
 - (i) the company goes into liquidation at a time when its assets are insufficient for the payment of its debts and other liabilities and the expenses of the winding up,
 - (ii) an administration order is made in relation to the company, or
 - (iii) an administrative receiver of the company is appointed.

(3) For the purposes of this Article and Article 10 references to a person’s conduct as an officer of any partnership or partnerships, or as a director of any company or companies, include, where the partnership or company concerned or any of the partnerships or companies concerned has become insolvent, that person’s conduct in relation to any matter connected with or arising out of the insolvency of that partnership or company.

(4) In this Article and in Article 10 “director” includes a shadow director.

(5) Under this Article the minimum period of disqualification is 2 years, and the maximum period is 15 years.

Applications to High Court under Article 9; reporting provisions

10.—(1) If it appears to the Department that it is expedient in the public interest that a disqualification order under Article 9 should be made against any person, an application for the making of such an order against that person may be made—

- (a) by the Department, or
- (b) if the Department so directs in the case of a person who is or has been an officer of a partnership which is being wound up by the High Court as an unregistered company, by the official receiver.

(2) Except with the leave of the High Court, an application for the making under Article 9 of a disqualification order against any person shall not be made after the end of the period of 2 years beginning with the day on which the partnership of which that person is or has been an officer became insolvent.

(3) If it appears to the office-holder responsible under this Article, that is to say—

(a) in the case of a partnership which is being wound up by the High Court as an unregistered company, the official receiver, or

(b) in the case of a partnership in relation to which an administration order is in force, the administrator,

that the conditions mentioned in Article 9(1) are satisfied as respects a person who is or has been an officer of that partnership, the office-holder shall forthwith report the matter to the Department.

(4) The Department or the official receiver may require any of the persons mentioned in paragraph (5)—

(a) to furnish him with such information with respect to any person's conduct as an officer of a partnership or as a director of a company, and

(b) to produce and permit inspection of such books, papers and other records relevant to that person's conduct as such an officer or director,

as the Department or the official receiver may reasonably require for the purpose of determining whether to exercise, or of exercising, any function of his under this Article.

(5) The persons referred to in paragraph (4) are—

(a) the liquidator or administrator, or former liquidator or administrator of the partnership,

(b) the liquidator, administrator or administrative receiver, or former liquidator, administrator or administrative receiver, of the company.

Disqualification after investigation

11.—(1) If it appears to the Department from a report made by inspectors under Article 430 of the Companies Order or from information or documents obtained under Article 440 or 441 of the Companies Order or section 83 of the Companies Act 1989(a) that it is expedient in the public interest that a disqualification order should be made against any person who is or has been an officer of any insolvent partnership, it may apply to the High Court for such an order to be made against that person.

(2) The Department may, on receipt of a report made by inspectors under section 94 or 177 of the Financial Services Act 1986(b) or information or documents obtained under section 105 of that Act, apply to the High Court for a disqualification order to be made against any person who is or has been an officer of any insolvent partnership.

(3) The High Court may make a disqualification order against a person where, on an application under this Article, it is satisfied that his conduct in relation to the partnership makes him unfit to be concerned in the management of a company.

(4) The maximum period of disqualification under this Article is 15 years.

(a) 1989 c. 40

(b) 1986 c. 60

Matters for determining unfitness of officers of partnership

12.—(1) This Article applies where it falls to the High Court to determine whether a person's conduct as an officer of a partnership (either taken alone or taken together with his conduct as an officer of any other partnership or partnerships or as a director or shadow director of any company or companies) makes him unfit to be concerned in the management of a company.

(2) The High Court shall, as respects that person's conduct as an officer of that partnership or each of those partnerships or as a director of that company or each of those companies, have regard in particular—

(a) to the matters mentioned in Part I of Schedule 1, and

(b) where the partnership or company (as the case may be) has become insolvent, to the matters mentioned in Part II of that Schedule;

and references in that Schedule to the officer and the partnership or, as the case may be, to the director and the company, are to be read accordingly.

(3) Paragraphs (2) and (3) of Article 9 apply for the purposes of this Article and Schedule 1 as they apply for the purposes of Articles 9 and 10.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), any reference in Schedule 1 to a statutory provision contained in the Companies Order or the Insolvency Order includes, in relation to any time before the coming into operation of that statutory provision, the corresponding statutory provision in force at that time.

(5) The Department may by order subject to affirmative resolution modify any of the provisions of Schedule 1; and such an order may contain such transitional provisions as may appear to the Department necessary or expedient.

SCHEDULE 1

Article 12

Matters for Determining unfitness of Officers of Partnership

PART I

MATTERS APPLICABLE IN ALL CASES

1. Any misfeasance or breach of any fiduciary or other duty by the officer in relation to the partnership or, as the case may be, by the director in relation to the company.

2. Any misapplication or retention by the officer or the director of, or any conduct by the officer or the director giving rise to an obligation to account for, any money or other property of the partnership or, as the case may be, of the company.

3. The extent of the officer's or the director's responsibility for the partnership or, as the case may be, the company entering into any transaction liable to be set aside under Article 367 to 369 of the Insolvency Order (provisions against debt avoidance).

4. The extent of the director's responsibility for any failure by the company to comply with any of the following provisions of the Companies Order, namely—

(a) Article 229 (companies to keep accounting records);

(b) Article 230 (where and for how long records to be kept);

- (c) Article 296 (register of directors and secretaries);
 - (d) Article 360 (obligation to keep and enter up register of members);
 - (e) Article 361 (location of register of members);
 - (f) Article 371 (duty of company to make annual returns); and
 - (g) Article 406 (company's duty to register charges it creates).
5. The extent of the director's responsibility for any failure by the directors of the company to comply with—
- (a) Articles 234 or 235 of the Companies Order (director's duty to prepare annual accounts), or
 - (b) Article 241 of that Order (approval and signing of accounts).
6. Any failure by the officer to comply with any obligation imposed on him by or under any of the following provisions of the Limited Partnerships Act 1907(a)—
- (a) section 8 (registration of particulars of limited partnership);
 - (b) section 9 (registration of changes in particulars);
 - (c) section 10 (advertisement of general partner becoming limited partner and of assignment of share of limited partner).

PART II

MATTERS APPLICABLE WHERE PARTNERSHIP OR COMPANY HAS BECOME INSOLVENT

7. The extent of the officer's or the director's responsibility for the causes of the partnership or (as the case may be) the company becoming insolvent.
8. The extent of the officer's or the director's responsibility for any failure by the partnership or (as the case may be) the company to supply any goods or services which have been paid for (in whole or in part).
9. The extent of the officer's or the director's responsibility for the partnership or (as the case may be) the company entering into any transaction or giving any preference, being a transaction or preference — liable to be set aside under Article 107 or Articles 202 to 204 of the Insolvency Order.
10. The extent of the director's responsibility for any failure by the directors of the company to comply with Article 84 of the Insolvency Order (duty to call creditors' meeting in creditors' voluntary winding up).
11. Any failure by the director to comply with any obligation imposed on him by or under any of the following provisions of the Insolvency Order—
- (a) Article 57 (company's statement of affairs to administrative receiver);
 - (b) Article 85 (directors' duty to attend meeting; statement of affairs in creditors' voluntary winding up).
12. Any failure by the officer or the director to comply with any obligation imposed on him by or under any of the following provisions of the Insolvency

Order (both as they apply in relation to companies and as they apply in relation to insolvent partnerships by virtue of the provisions of the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995).

- (a) Article 34 (company's statement of affairs in administration);
- (b) Article 111 (statement of affairs in winding up by the High Court);
- (c) Article 198 (duty of anyone with company's property to deliver it up);
- (d) Article 199 (duty to co-operate with liquidator, etc.)."

Forms

Form No.	Description
1.	Petition for administration order.
2.	Affidavit verifying petition to wind up partnership.
3.	Petition to wind up partnership by liquidator, administrator, trustee or supervisor.
4.	Written/statutory demand by creditor.
5.	Creditor's petition to wind up partnership (presented in conjunction with petitions against members).
6.	Creditor's petition to wind up corporate member (presented in conjunction with petition against partnership).
7.	Creditor's bankruptcy petition against individual member (presented in conjunction with petition against partnership).
8.	Advertisement of winding-up petition(s) against partnership (and any corporate members).
9.	Notice to court of progress on petitions presented.
10.	Demand by member.
11.	Members' petition to wind up partnership (presented in conjunction with petitions against members).
12.	Members' petition to wind up corporate member (presented in conjunction with petition against partnership).
13.	Member's bankruptcy petition against individual member (presented in conjunction with petition against partnership).
14.	Joint bankruptcy petition against individual members.
15.	Affidavit of individual member(s) as to concurrence of all members in presentation of joint bankruptcy petition against individual members.
16.	Bankruptcy orders on joint bankruptcy petition presented by individual members.
17.	Statement of affairs of member of partnership.
18.	Statement of affairs of partnership.

Petition for Administration Order

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN
IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION (BANKRUPTCY)

(a) Insert name of
partnership

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
("the partnership")
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNER-
SHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

To The High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

(b) Insert full name(s)
and address(es) of
petitioner(s)

The petition of (b) _____

(c) Delete if petition
not presented by the
partnership's
members

presented (c) [by the members] under Article 22 of the
Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 as modified by
the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995

(d) Insert address of
principal place of
business

1. The principal place of business of the partnership is
at (d) _____

(e) Insert nature of
partnership's
business

2. The nature of the partnership's business is (e)

(f) Delete such as are
inapplicable

3. The petitioner(s) believe(s) that the partnership is
unable to pay its debts and that an administration order
would be likely to achieve:

- (f) (i) the survival of the whole or any part of the
undertaking of the partnership as a going concern
- (ii) the approval of a voluntary arrangement with its
creditors under Part II of the Insolvency (Northern
Ireland) Order 1989 as modified by the Insolvent
Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995
- (iii) a more advantageous realisation of the partner-
ship property than would be effected on a winding
up

for the reasons stated in the affidavit of _____

_____ filed in support hereof.

(g) Insert full name(s)
and address(es) of
proposed
administrator(s)

4. The petitioner(s) propose(s) that during the period for
which the order is in force the affairs, business and
property of the partnership be managed by (g)

who is (are) to the best of the petitioner's(s') knowledge and belief qualified to act as (an) insolvency practitioner(s) in relation to the partnership.

(h) Insert full name of partnership

The petitioner(s) therefore pray(s) as follows:—

(1) that the Court make an administration order in relation to (h) _____

(j) Insert name(s) of proposed administrator(s)

(2) that (j) _____

be appointed to be the administrator(s) of the said partnership

(k) Insert details of any ancillary orders sought

(3) (k) _____

or

(4) that such other order may be made in the premises as shall be just.

Note:

It is intended to serve this petition on _____

(l) Insert here name, address, telephone number, fax number (if any) and reference (if any) of a solicitor acting for the petitioner(s)

This petition was issued by (l) _____

_____(solicitor for)

the petitioner(s) whose address for service is:

ENDORSEMENT

This petition against the partnership having been presented to the Court on _____ will be heard at Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street, Belfast, BT1 3JF

on:

Date _____

Time _____

(or as soon thereafter as the petition can be heard)

Schedule 3 para 3
Art. 185(8)

FORM 2

Schedule 4 para 3
Art. 185(9)

Affidavit Verifying Petition to Wind Up Partnership

Schedule 5
Art. 185(8)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN
IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION (BANKRUPTCY)

Schedule 6 para 3
Art. 185(9)

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
("the partnership")
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNER-
SHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

(a) Insert name of
partnership subject to
petition

I (b) _____

(b) Insert name and
address of person
making oath

Make oath and say as follows:—

1. (c) I am the petitioner. The statements in the petition
now produced and shown to me marked "A" are (d)
[true] [true to the best of my knowledge, information and
belief].

(c) Delete if affidavit
not made by
petitioner in person

OR

(d) Delete as
applicable

1. (e) I am (f) _____
of the petitioner.

2. (e) I am duly authorised by the petitioner to make this
affidavit on (d) [its] [his] behalf.

(e) Delete if affidavit
is made by petitioner
in person

3. (e) I have been concerned in the matters giving rise to
the petition and have the requisite knowledge of the
matters referred to in the petition because (g) _____

(f) State capacity e.g.
director, secretary,
solicitor, etc.

4. (e) The statements in the petition now produced and
shown to me marked "A" are (d) [true] [true to the best
of my knowledge, information and belief].

(g) State means of
knowledge of matters
sworn to in affidavit

Sworn at _____

Date _____

Signature(s) _____

Before me (signature) _____

(h) _____

(h) Insert name and
full address and
whether solicitor or
commissioner of
oaths or duly
authorised officer

A solicitor or commissioner of oaths or duly authorised
officer

**Petition to Wind Up Partnership by Liquidator,
Administrator, Trustee or Supervisor**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN
IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION (BANKRUPTCY)

(a) Insert name of
partnership subject to
petition

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
("the partnership")
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNER-
SHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

To The High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

(b) Insert full name(s)
and address(es) of
petitioner(s)

The petition of (b) _____

(c) Delete as
necessary

1. I am/We are the (c) [joint] liquidator(s)/
administrator(s)/trustee(s)/supervisor(s) of (d) _____
who is/was a member of the partnership, the nature of
whose business is/was (e) _____

(d) Insert name of
insolvent

2. (c) [The principal place of business of the partnership]
[A place of business at which business was carried on by
the partnership in the course of which the debt (or part
of the debt) arose which forms the basis of this petition]
is at (f) _____

(e) Insert the nature
of the partnership's
business

(f) Insert address of
business applicable
to show jurisdiction
of the Court

3. The partnership has carried on its business in
Northern Ireland at some time during the period of (g) [3
years] [1 year] ending with the day on which this petition
is presented.

(g) Delete as
necessary. If the
partnership has a
principal place of
business in both
Northern Ireland and
in Scotland the
relevant period is 1
year. In any other
case it is 3 years

4. (h) _____

5. In the circumstances the partnership should be
wound up.

(h) Set out the
grounds on which a
winding-up order is
sought

The petitioner(s) therefore pray(s) as follows:—

(1) that (a) _____
may be wound up by the Court under the provisions of
the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 as modified
by the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland)
1995

OR

(2) that such other order may be made as the Court thinks fit.

(j) Add full name and address of any other person on whom it is intended to serve this petition

Note:

It is intended to serve this petition on the partnership [and] (j) _____

ENDORSEMENT

This petition against the partnership having been presented to the Court on _____ will be heard at Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street, Belfast, BT1 3JF

on:

Date _____

Time _____

(or as soon thereafter as the petition can be heard)

The solicitor to the petitioner is:—

Name _____

Address _____

Tel. no. _____

Fax. no. _____

Reference _____

Art. 186(1)(a)

Art. 186(1)(b)

Art. 103(1)(a)

Art. 242(1)(a)

Written/Statutory Demand by Creditor

(a) Insert name of
partnership

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
("the partnership")
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNER-
SHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

WARNING TO DEBTOR — READ THE FOLLOWING NOTES CAREFULLY

- * This is an important document. Please read the demand and the notes entitled "How to comply with a demand" and "How to have a demand set aside (applicable to individual members only)" on page 5 below.
- * If the partnership has received this, the partnership must act upon it **within 21 days** or a winding-up order could be made against the partnership.
- * If a corporate member of the partnership has received this, that member must act upon it **within 21 days** or a winding-up order could be made against the company.
- * If, having received this as an individual member of the partnership, you wish to have this demand set aside, you must make application to do so **within 18 days** from its service on you. If you do not apply to set aside **within 18 days** or otherwise deal with this demand as set out in the notes **within 21 days** after its service on you, you could be made bankrupt and your property and goods taken away from you.

If you are in any doubt about your position you should seek advice **immediately** from a solicitor or your nearest Citizens Advice Bureau.

To: _____

Address: _____

This DEMAND is served on you by the creditor:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Notes for Creditor

- * If the creditor is entitled to the debt by way of assignment, details of the original creditor and any intermediary assignees should be given in Part B on page 4.
- * If the amount of the debt includes interest not previously notified to the partnership as included in its liability, details should be given, including the grounds upon which interest is charged. The amount of interest must be shown separately.
- * Any other charge accruing due from time to time may be claimed. The amount or rate of the charge must be identified and the grounds on which it is claimed must be stated.
- * In either case the amount claimed must be limited to that which has accrued due at the date of the demand.
- * If the creditor holds any security, the amount of the debt should be the sum the creditor is prepared to regard as unsecured for the purposes of this demand. Brief details of the total debt should be included and the nature of the security and the value put upon it by the creditor, as at the date of the demand, must be specified.
- * If signatory of the demand is a solicitor or other agent of the creditor, the name of his/her firm should be given.

DEMAND

The creditor claims that the partnership owes the sum of £_____, full particulars of which are set out on page 3;

The creditor demands that the partnership or a member or former member of the partnership named in Part C of this notice do pay the above debt or secure or compound for it to the creditor's satisfaction.

Signature of individual _____

Name _____

(BLOCK LETTERS)

Date _____

*Position with or relationship to creditor:

* I am authorised to make this demand on the creditor's behalf.

Address _____

Tel. no. _____ Fax. no. _____

Reference _____

N.B. The person making this demand must complete the whole of this page, page 3, page 4 and page 5.

* Delete if signed by the creditor himself.

Particulars of Debt.

These particulars must include

- (a) when the debt was incurred,
- (b) the consideration for the debt (or if there is no consideration the way in which it arose), and
- (c) the amount due as the date of this demand

Note for Creditor

Please make sure that you have read the notes on page 2 before completing this page.

Note:

If space is insufficient continue on reverse of page and clearly indicate on this page that you are doing so.

PART A

The individual or individuals to whom any communication regarding this demand may be addressed is/are:—

Name _____

(BLOCK LETTERS)

Address _____

Tel. no. _____

Fax. no. _____

Reference _____

PART B

For completion if the creditor is entitled to the debt by way of assignment

	Name	Date(s) of Assignment
Original creditor		
Assignees		

PART C

It is intended that a demand in respect of the debt shown on page 2 will also be served on the following:—

HOW TO COMPLY WITH A DEMAND

If the partnership or a corporate member wishes to avoid a winding-up petition being presented against it, it must pay the debt shown on page 2, particulars of which are set out on page 3 of this notice, within the period of **21 days after** its service. Alternatively, the partnership can attempt to come to a settlement with the creditor. To do this the partnership should:

- * inform the individual (or one of the individuals) named in Part A immediately that it is willing and able to offer security for the debt to the creditor's satisfaction; or
- * inform the individual (or one of the individuals) named in Part A immediately that it is willing and able to compound for the debt to the creditor's satisfaction.

If the partnership disputes the demand in whole or in part it should:

- * contact the individual (or one of the individuals) named in Part A immediately.

REMEMBER! The partnership has only 21 days after the date of the service on it of this document before the creditor may present a winding-up petition against the partnership and winding-up or bankruptcy petitions against those members listed in part C of this notice.

HOW TO HAVE A DEMAND SET ASIDE (applicable to individual members only)

If you are an individual member of the partnership and you consider that you have grounds to have this demand set aside or if you do not quickly receive a satisfactory written reply from the individual named at Part A whom you have contacted you should **apply within 18 days** from the date of service of this demand on you to the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland, Chichester Street, Belfast, BT1 3JF (Bankruptcy and Companies Office) to have the demand set aside.

Any application to set aside the demand (Form 6.04 in Schedule 2 to the Insolvency Rules (Northern Ireland) 1991) should be made within 18 days from the date of service upon you and be supported by an affidavit (Form 6.05 in Schedule 2 to those Rules) stating the grounds on which the demand should be set aside. The forms may be obtained from the Court when you attend to make the application.

REMEMBER! From the date of service on you of this document

- * you have only 18 days to apply to the Court to have the demand set aside, and
- * you have only 21 days before the creditor may present a bankruptcy against you.

**Creditor's Petition to Wind Up Partnership (Presented
in Conjunction with Petitions against Members)**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN
IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION (BANKRUPTCY)

(a) Insert name of
partnership subject to
petition

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
("the partnership")
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNER-
SHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

To The High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

(b) Insert full name(s)
and address(es) of
petitioner(s)

The petition of (b) _____

(c) Insert the nature
of the partnership's
business

1. The nature of the partnership's business is/was (c)

(d) Delete as
necessary

2. (d) [The principal place of business of the partnership]
[A place of business at which business was carried on by
the partnership in the course of which the debt (or part
of the debt) arose which forms the basis of this petition]
is at (e) _____

(e) Insert address of
business applicable
to show jurisdiction
of the Court

(f) Delete as
necessary. If the
partnership has a
principal place of
business in both
Northern Ireland and
in Scotland the
relevant period is 1
year. In any other
case it is 3 years

3. The partnership has carried on its business in
Northern Ireland at some time during the period of (f) [3
years] [1 year] ending with the day on which the petition
is presented.

(g) Insert date of
service

4. The partnership is justly and truly indebted to me [us]
in the aggregate sum of £ _____. The above-
mentioned debt is for a liquidated sum payable
immediately.

(h) State manner of
service of demand

On (g) _____ a demand was served upon the
partnership by (h) _____

in respect of the above-mentioned debt. To the best of
my knowledge and belief the demand has not been
complied with.

(j) Insert full name of member(s)

On (g) _____ (a) demand(s) was/were served upon (j) _____ (a) member(s) of the partnership by (h) _____

in respect of the above-mentioned debt. To the best of my knowledge and belief the demand(s) has/have not been complied with.

5. The partnership is unable to pay its debts and in the circumstances the partnership should be wound up.

The petitioner(s) therefore pray(s) as follows:—

(1) that (a) _____ may be wound up by the Court under the provisions of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 as modified by the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

OR

(2) that such other order may be made as the Court thinks fit.

NOTE 1:

Petitions are also being presented against the following members of the partnership:

NAME	ADDRESS	TYPE OF PETITION (WINDING UP OR BANKRUPTCY)	DATE DEMAND SERVED

NOTE 2:

It is intended to serve this petition on the partnership.

ENDORSEMENT

This petition having been presented to the Court on _____ will be heard at
Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street, Belfast,
BT1 3JF

on:

Date _____

Time _____

(or as soon thereafter as the petition can be heard)

The solicitor to the petitioner is:

Name _____

Address _____

Tel. no. _____

Fax. no. _____

Reference _____

**Creditor's Petition to Wind Up Corporate Member
(Presented in Conjunction with Petition against
Partnership)**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN
IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION (BANKRUPTCY)

(a) Insert name of corporate member subject to winding-up petition

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
("the company")
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNERSHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

To The High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

(b) Insert full name(s) and address(es) of petitioner(s)

The petition of (b) _____

(c) Insert date of incorporation

1. The company was incorporated on (c) _____
under (d) _____

(d) Insert title of Companies Act or Order under which the company was incorporated

2. The registered office of the company is at (e)

(e) Insert address of registered office

3. The nominal capital of the company is £ _____
divided into _____ shares of £ _____ each. The amount of the capital paid up or credited as paid up is £ _____

(f) Insert full name of partnership against which winding-up petition has been presented to this Court

4. The principal objects for which the company was established are as follows:—

(g) Delete as necessary. If the partnership has a principal place of business in both Northern Ireland and in Scotland the relevant period is 1 year. In any other case it is 3 years

and other objects stated in the memorandum of association of the company.

5. The subject of this petition is a member of (f) _____

which has carried on business in Northern Ireland at some time during the period of (g) [3 years] [1 year] ending with (h) _____, the day on which a winding-up petition was presented to this Court against the partnership.

(h) Insert appropriate date

FORM 6 (cont'd)

(j) State manner of
service of demand

6. The partnership is justly and truly indebted to me [us] in the aggregate sum of £_____. The above-mentioned debt is for a liquidated sum payable immediately. On (h) _____ a demand was served upon the company and the partnership by (j) _____

_____ in respect of the above-mentioned debt. To the best of my knowledge and belief the demand has not been complied with.

7. The partnership is unable to pay its debts and in the circumstances the corporate member should be wound up.

The petitioner(s) therefore pray(s) as follows:—

(1) that (a) _____ may be wound up by the Court under the provisions of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 as modified by the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995

OR

(2) that such other order may be made as the Court thinks fit.

NOTE 1:

Petitions are also being presented against the following members of the partnership:

NAME	ADDRESS	TYPE OF PETITION (WINDING UP OR BANKRUPTCY)	DATE DEMAND SERVED

NOTE 2:

It is intended to serve this petition on (a) _____

ENDORSEMENT

This petition having been presented to the Court on _____ will be heard at
Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street, Belfast,
BT1 3JF

on:

Date _____

Time _____

(or as soon thereafter as the petition can be heard)

The solicitor to the petitioner is:

Name _____

Address _____

Tel. no. _____

Fax. no. _____

Reference _____

Creditor's Bankruptcy Petition against Individual Member (Presented in Conjunction with Petition against Partnership)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND
IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION (BANKRUPTCY)

(a) Insert name of individual member subject to petition

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNERSHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

To The High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

(b) Insert full name(s) and address(es) of petitioner(s)

I/We (b) _____

(c) Insert full name, place of residence and occupation of individual member

petition the Court that a bankruptcy order may be made against (c) _____

(d) Insert in full any other name(s) by which the member is or has been known

[also known as (d) _____]
_____]

[and carrying on business as (e) _____
_____]

(e) Insert trading name (adding "with another or others", if this is so), business address and nature of business

[and lately residing at (f) _____
_____]

(f) Insert any former address(es) at which the member has resided after the time at which the petition debt of the partnership was incurred

[and lately carrying on business as (g) _____
_____]

(g) Give the same details as specified in note (e) above for any other businesses which have been carried on at or after the time at which the petition debt of the partnership (h) was incurred or at which the member may have incurred debts or liabilities still unpaid or unsatisfied

(h) Insert name of partnership subject to winding-up position

(j) Delete as necessary. If the partnership has a principal place of business in both Northern Ireland and in Scotland the relevant period is 1 year. In any other case it is 3 years

(k) Insert appropriate date

(l) State date of service of demand

(m) State manner of service of demand

On the grounds that:

he is a member of (h) _____
which has carried on business in Northern Ireland at some time during the period of (j) [3 years] [1 year] ending with (k) _____, the day on which a winding-up petition was presented to this Court against the partnership. The partnership is justly and truly indebted to me [us] in the aggregate sum of £ _____

The above-mentioned debt is for a liquidated sum payable immediately.

On (l) _____ a demand was served upon the member and the partnership by (m) _____

in respect of the above-mentioned debt.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the demand has neither been complied with nor set aside in accordance with the Rules and no application made to set it aside is outstanding.

The partnership is unable to pay its debts, and in the circumstances a bankruptcy order should be made against (a) _____

NOTE 1:

Petitions are also being presented against the following members of the partnership:

NAME	ADDRESS	TYPE OF PETITION (WINDING UP OR BANKRUPTCY)	DATE DEMAND SERVED

NOTE 2:

It is intended to serve this petition on (a) _____

ENDORSEMENT

This petition having been presented to the Court on _____ it is ordered that the petition shall be heard as follows:

Date _____

Time _____

Place Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street,
Belfast, BT1 3JF

and you, the above-named (n) _____

are to take notice that if you intend to oppose the petition you must not later than 7 days before the dated fixed for the hearing:

- (i) file in Court a notice in Form 6.20 in Schedule 2 to the Insolvency Rules (Northern Ireland) 1991 specifying the grounds on which you object to the making of a bankruptcy order; and
- (ii) send a copy of the notice to the petitioner or his solicitor.

The solicitor to the petitioner is (o):

Name _____

Address _____

Tel. no. _____

Fax. no. _____

Reference _____

(n) Insert name of member

(o) Only to be completed where the petitioning creditor is represented by a solicitor

Schedule 4 para 8
Art. 104(3)(b)
Schedule 6 para 1
Article 104(4)(b)

FORM 8

**Advertisement of Winding-Up Petition(s)
against Partnership (and any Corporate Members)**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN
IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION (BANKRUPTCY)

(a) Insert name of
partnership

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
("the partnership")
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNER-
SHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

(b) Insert full name(s)
of partnership, and
any corporate
members, and
partnership's
principal place of
business or place
debt incurred and
nature of its business

Petition(s) to wind up (b) _____

presented on (c) _____
by (d) _____

(c) Insert date

(d) Insert name and
address of petitioner

(f) [claiming to be a creditor of the partnership] will be
heard at the Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street,
Belfast, BT1 3JF

(e) Delete as
applicable

on:
Date _____
Time _____

(f) Insert date, which
should be the
business day before
that appointed for the
hearing

(or as soon thereafter as the petition can be heard)
Any person intending to appear on the hearing of the
petition(s) (whether in support or opposition) must give
notice of intention to do so to the petitioner or his/its
solicitor in accordance with Rule 4.016 of the Insolvency
Rules (Northern Ireland) 1991 by 1600 hours on

(g) Where applicable
insert name and
address of solicitor

(f) _____
The petitioner's solicitor is (g) _____

Dated _____

Note: Details of individual members of the partnership
against whom bankruptcy petitions are being presented
in conjunction with the winding-up petition against the
partnership MUST NOT BE included in this advertise-
ment.

Notice to Court of Progress on Petitions Presented

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION
(BANKRUPTCY)

(a) Insert name of partnership

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
("the partnership")

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNERSHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

To the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Petitions are being presented in these proceedings as follows:

Name	Address	Type of petition (winding-up or bankruptcy)	Current position (details as to service of petition, whether pending, dismissed or order made, must be stated)
(b)			

(b) Insert name and details of all partners against whom petitions are being presented

Insolvency

No. 225

Demand by Member

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
("the partnership")
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNER-
SHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

Warning

* This is an important document.
This demand must be dealt with
within 21 days of its service
upon the partnership or a
winding-up order could be made
in respect of the partnership.

* **Please read the demand and
the notes "How to comply
with a demand" carefully**

Demand

To _____

Address: _____

This demand is served by the member:

Address: _____

The member claims that the partnership owes the following debt which
he/she has paid other than out of partnership property:

When incurred	Description of debt	Amount due at the date of this demand	Date of order, decree or judgment of court obtained by member and steps that he/ she has taken to enforce it
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Amount of debt £

The member demands that the partnership do pay the above debt or secure
or compound for it to his/her satisfaction.

Signature _____

Name of signatory (BLOCK LETTERS) _____

Date _____

Position with or relationship to member _____
_____ duly authorised _____

Address _____

Tel. no. _____

Fax. no. _____

Reference _____

Notes

- * If signatory is a solicitor or other agent of the creditor the name of his/her firm should be given.
- * The person making the demand must complete the whole of pages 1 and 2 and Part A overleaf.

PART A

The person(s) to whom any communication regarding the demand should be addressed is/are

Name(s) _____

Address(es) _____

Tel. no.(s) _____

Fax. no.(s) _____

How to comply with a demand

To avoid insolvency proceedings being taken, the debt set out on page 1 of this notice must be paid **within the period of 21 days of service** of the written demand. Alternatively, a settlement can be reached with the member. To do this the person named in Part A above must be informed immediately:—

- * of any security offered for the debt to the member's satisfaction, or
- * of any terms available for settlement of the debt to the member's satisfaction.

If the debt is disputed in whole or in part contact the person named in Part A immediately.

REMEMBER! There are only 21 days from the date of the service of this document before the member may present the winding-up petition.

**Members's Petition to Wind Up Partnership (Presented
in Conjunction with Petitions against Members)**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN
IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION (BANKRUPTCY)

(a) Insert name of
partnership subject to
petition

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
("the partnership")
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNER-
SHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

To The High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

(b) Insert full name(s)
and address(es) of
petitioner(s)

The petition of (b) _____

(c) Insert the nature
of the partnership's
business

1. The nature of the partnership business is/was (c) _____

(d) Insert address of
business applicable
to show jurisdiction
of the court

2. The principal place of business of the partnership is
at (d) _____

(e) Delete as
necessary. If the
partnership has a
principal place of
business in both
Northern Ireland and
in Scotland the
relevant period is 1
year. In any other
case it is 3 years

3. The partnership has carried on its business in
Northern Ireland at some time during the period of (e) [3
years] [1 year] ending with the day on which the petition
is presented.

This petition is presented by the members of the
partnership.

4. The partnership is unable to pay its debts and in the
circumstances the partnership should be wound up.

Note: the petition
should be presented
by all members
unless the Court has
otherwise directed
under Article 104(3)
of the Insolvency
(Northern Ireland)
Order 1989 as
modified by the
Insolvent
Partnerships Order
(Northern Ireland)
1995

The petitioner(s) therefore pray(s) as follows:—
(1) that (a) _____
may be wound up by the Court under the provisions of
the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 as modified
by the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland)
1995

OR

(2) that such other order may be made as the Court thinks
fit.

NOTE 1:

Petitions are also being presented against the following members of the partnership:

NAME	ADDRESS	TYPE OF PETITION (WINDING-UP OR BANKRUPTCY)

NOTE 2:

It is intended to serve this petition on the partnership.

ENDORSEMENT

This petition having been presented to the Court on _____ will be heard at
Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street, Belfast,
BT1 3JF

on:

Date _____

Time _____

(or as soon thereafter as the petition can be heard)

The solicitor to the petitioner is:

Name _____

Address _____

Tel. no. _____

Fax. no. _____

Reference _____

**Members' Petition to Wind Up Corporate Member
(Presented in Conjunction with Petition against
Partnership)**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN
IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION (BANKRUPTCY)

(a) Insert name of corporate member subject to winding-up petition

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
("the company")
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNERSHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

To The High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

(b) Insert full name(s) and address(es) of petitioner(s)

The petition of (b) _____

(c) Insert date of incorporation

1. The company was incorporated on (c) _____
under (d) _____

(d) Insert title of Companies Act or Order under which the company was incorporated

2. The registered office of the company is at (e)

(e) Insert address of registered office

3. The nominal capital of the company is £ _____
divided into _____ shares of £ _____ each. The amount of the capital paid up or credited as paid up is £ _____

4. The principal objects for which the company was established are as follows:—

and other objects stated in the memorandum of association of the company.

(f) Insert full name of partnership against which winding-up petition has been presented

(g) Delete as necessary. If the partnership has a principal place of business in both Northern Ireland and in Scotland the relevant period is 1 year. In any other case it is 3 years

(h) Insert appropriate date

Note: the petition should be presented by all members unless the Court has otherwise directed under Art. 104(3) of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 as modified by the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995. If the Court has so directed, then each member against whom a petition is being presented should state that he is willing for an insolvency order to be made against him.

5. The subject of this petition is a member of (f) _____

_____ which has carried on business in Northern Ireland at some time during the period of (g) [3 years] [1 year] ending with (h) _____, the day on which a winding-up petition was presented to this Court against the partnership.

6. A petition has been presented against the partnership by its members and this petition is presented in conjunction with that petition.

7. The partnership is unable to pay its debts, each member is willing for an insolvency order to be made against that member and in the circumstances the corporate member should be wound up.

The petitioner(s) therefore pray(s) as follows:—

(1) that (a) _____

may be wound up by the Court under the provisions of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 as modified by the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995

OR

(2) that such other order may be made as the Court thinks fit.

NOTE 1:

Petitions are also being presented against the following members of the partnership:

NAME	ADDRESS	TYPE OF PETITION (WINDING-UP OR BANKRUPTCY)

NOTE 2:

It is intended to serve this petition on (a) _____

ENDORSEMENT

This petition having been presented to the Court on _____ will be heard at
Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street, Belfast,
BT1 3JF

on:

Date _____

Time _____

(or as soon thereafter as the petition can be heard)

The solicitor to the petitioner is:

Name _____

Address _____

Tel. no. _____

Fax. no. _____

Reference _____

**Members' Bankruptcy Petition against Individual
Member (Presented in Conjunction with Petition
against Partnership)**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN
IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION (BANKRUPTCY)

(a) Insert name of
individual member
subject to petition

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNER-
SHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

To The High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

(b) Insert full name(s)
and address(es) of
petitioner(s)

I/We (b) _____

(c) Insert full name,
place of residence
and occupation of
member

petition the Court that a bankruptcy order may be made
against (c) _____

(d) Insert in full any
other name(s) by
which the member is
or has been known

[also known as (d) _____
_____]

[and carrying on business as (e) _____
_____]

(e) Insert trading
name (adding "with
another or others", if
this is so), business
address and nature of
business

[and lately residing at (f) _____
_____]

(f) Insert any former
address(es) at which
the member has
resided after the time
at which the petition
debt of the
partnership (j) was
incurred

[and lately carrying on business as (g) _____
_____]

(g) Give the same
details as specified in
note (e) above for any
other businesses
which have been
carried on at or after
the time at which the
petition debt of the
partnership (h) was
incurred or at which
the member may
have incurred debts
or liabilities still
unpaid or unsatisfied

(h) Insert name of partnership subject to winding-up petition

On the grounds that:

he is a member of (h) _____

(j) Delete as necessary. If the partnership has a principal place of business in both Northern Ireland and in Scotland the relevant period is 1 year. In any other case it is 3 years

which has carried on business in Northern Ireland at some time during the period of (j) [3 years] [1 year] ending with (k) _____, the day on which a winding-up petition was presented to this Court against the partnership.

A petition has been presented against the partnership by its members and this petition is presented in conjunction with that petition.

(k) Insert appropriate date

The partnership is unable to pay its debts, each member is willing for an insolvency order to be made against that member and in the circumstances a bankruptcy order should be made against (a) _____

Note: the petition should be presented by all members unless the Court has otherwise directed under Art. 104(3) of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 as modified by the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995. If the Court has so directed, then each member against whom a petition is being presented should state that he is willing for an insolvency order to be made against him.

NOTE 1:

Petitions are also being presented against the following members of the partnership:

NAME	ADDRESS	TYPE OF PETITION (WINDING-UP OR BANKRUPTCY)

NOTE 2:

It is intended to serve this petition on (a) _____

Signature _____

Date _____

ENDORSEMENT

This petition having been presented to the Court on _____ it is ordered that the petition shall be heard as follows:

Date _____

Time _____

Place Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street, Belfast, BT1 3JF

and you, the above-named (l) _____

are to take notice that if you intend to oppose the petition you must not later than 7 days before the day fixed for the hearing:

- (i) file in Court a notice in Form 6.20 in Schedule 2 to the Insolvency Rules (Northern Ireland) 1991 specifying the grounds on which you object to the making of a bankruptcy order; and
- (ii) send a copy of the notice to the petitioner or his solicitor.

The solicitor to the petitioner is (m):

Name _____

Address _____

Tel. no. _____

Fax. no. _____

Reference _____

(l) Insert name of member

(m) Only to be completed where the petitioner is represented by a solicitor

Joint Bankruptcy Petition against Individual Members

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN
IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION (BANKRUPTCY)

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
("the partnership")

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNER-
SHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

(a) Insert name of
partnership subject to
petition

Details of members

(b) Insert separately
for each member
their full name, any
other names by
which they are or
have been known and
their occupation

*(1) I, (b) _____

(c) _____

[and carrying on/lately carrying on business as

(c) Insert separately
for each member
their residential
address*

(d) _____

_____]

AND

(d) Excluding the
partnership, insert
separately for each
member the trading
name, business
address and nature of
any business carried
on at, or after, the
time the partnership
debts were incurred

*(2) I, (b) _____

(c) _____

[and carrying on/lately carrying on business as

(d) _____

_____]

AND

* Continue with
separate numbered
paragraphs for each
member

(e) Insert trading name, business address(es) and nature of partnership business the subject of this petition

*(3) I, (b) _____

(c) _____

[and carrying on/lately carrying on business as

(d) _____

_____]

being all the members of (e) _____

Notes

(1) The petition should be presented by all members unless the Court has otherwise directed under Art. 240(1) of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 as modified by the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.

(2) If this petition is not signed by all the partners presenting it, it must be accompanied by an affidavit in Form 15 made by the partner or one of the partners who signs the petition showing that all the partners are individual members and not limited partners and that all the partners presenting the petition concur in its presentation (Art. 238(4)).

and all of us being individual members and none of us being limited partners

and being unable to pay the debts of the partnership and the members of the partnership having carried on its business in Northern Ireland at some time during the period of 3 years ending with the day on which this petition is presented

petition the Court that bankruptcy orders be made against us and that the trustee of our estates wind up the partnership business and administer the partnership property.

Signature(s) _____

(member(s) of partnership)

Date _____

**Affidavit of Individual Member(s) as to Concurrence of
All Members in Presentation of Joint Bankruptcy
Petition against Individual Members**

Note:
Only use this Form if
the petition has not
been signed by all
members presenting
it

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN
IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION (BANKRUPTCY)

(a) Insert name of
partnership subject to
petition

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
("the partnership")
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNER-
SHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

(b) Insert full name(s)
and occupation(s) of
deponent(s)

I/We (b) _____

(c) Insert full
address(es) of
deponent(s)

of (c) _____

MAKE OATH AND SAY that:—

1. I am/we are member(s) of (a) _____

a partnership against all of whose members a joint
bankruptcy petition has today been presented.

2. All members of the partnership are individual
members and not limited partners and all partners
presenting this petition concur in its presentation.

Sworn at _____

Date _____

Signature(s) _____

Before me (Signature) _____

(d) Insert name and
full address of
solicitor or
commissioner of
oaths or duly
authorised officer

(d) _____

A solicitor or commissioner of oaths or duly authorised
officer.

**Before swearing the affidavit, the solicitor or
commissioner or duly authorised officer is particularly
requested to make sure that the full name, address and
description of the deponent(s) are stated, and to initial
any crossings-out or other alterations in the printed
form. A deficiency in the affidavit in any of the above
respects will mean that it is refused by the Court, and
will need to be re-sworn.**

**Bankruptcy Order on Joint Bankruptcy Petition
Presented by Individual Members**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN
IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION (BANKRUPTCY)

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNER-
SHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

(a) Insert names of
individual members

(b) Insert date

Upon the petition of the above-named individual
members of a partnership ("the partnership") which was
presented on (b) _____

And upon hearing _____

(c) Insert full
description of
individual members
as set out in the
petition

And upon reading the petition and statements of affairs
It is ordered that (c) _____

(d) Insert name of any
bankrupt in respect of
whom a certificate of
summary
administration is
issued under Art. 249
of the Insolvency
(Northern Ireland)
Order 1989 as
modified by the
Insolvent
Partnerships Order
(Northern Ireland)
1995

and (c) _____

[and (c) _____

be adjudged bankrupt.

[And it is certified that the estate(s) of (d) _____

the bankrupt(s) be administered in a summary manner].

And it is also ordered that the trustee of the bankrupts' estates be trustee of the partnership estate and that he wind up the affairs of the partnership and administer the partnership property.

Date _____

Time _____ hours

Important Notice to Bankrupts

The Official Receiver is by virtue of this order trustee of the bankrupts' estates and trustee of the partnership. You are required to attend upon the Official Receiver at (e)

(e) Insert address of Official Receivers office

immediately after you have received this order.

The Official Receiver's offices are open Monday to Friday (except on holidays) from 10.00 to 16.00 hours.

(f) Order to be endorsed where individual members are represented by a solicitor

ENDORSEMENT (f)	
The solicitor(s) to the individual members is (are):—	
Name of individual member: _____	

Name of solicitor: _____	

Address _____	

Tel. no. _____	
Fax. no. _____	
Reference _____	

Name of individual member: _____	

Name of solicitor: _____	
Address _____	

Tel. no. _____	
Fax. no. _____	
Reference _____	

Name of individual member: _____	

Name of solicitor: _____	
Address _____	

Tel. no. _____	
Fax. no. _____	
Reference _____	

Statement of Affairs of Member of Partnership

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN
IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION (BANKRUPTCY)

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
("the partnership")

(a) Insert name of
partnership

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNER-
SHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

Re (b) _____

a member of the partnership.

(b) Insert name of
member

**Show your current financial position by completing all
the pages of this form which will then be your statement
of affairs**

*Note: the partnership property and creditors will be
shown separately on Form 18 which must be completed
and sworn by a member of the partnership*

AFFIDAVIT

**When you have completed the rest of this form, this
affidavit must be sworn before a solicitor or
commissioner of oaths or an officer of the Court duly
authorised to administer oaths**

I (c) _____

(c) Insert full name
and occupation

of (d) _____

(d) Insert full address

Make oath and say that the several pages exhibited
hereto and marked _____ are to the best of
my knowledge and belief a full, true and complete
statement of my affairs as at today's date.

Sworn at _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Before me (Signature)

(e) _____

(e) Insert name and
full address of
solicitor,
commissioner of
oaths or duly
authorised officer

A solicitor or commissioner of oaths or duly authorised
officer.

**Before swearing the affidavit, the solicitor or
commissioner or duly authorised officer is particularly
requested to make sure that the full name, address and
description of the deponent are stated, and to initial any
crossings-out or other alterations to the printed form. A
deficiency in the affidavit in any of the above respects
will mean that it is refused by the Court, and will need
to be re-sworn.**

Tick Box

Yes

No

A

List of Secured Creditors of Member

Is anyone claiming something of yours or reduce their claim?

If "YES" give details below:

Petitions are being presented in these proceedings as follows:

Name of creditor	Address (with postcode)	Amount owed to creditor £	What of yours is claimed and what is it worth?
1. _____ _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____ _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____ _____	_____	_____	_____

Insolvency

Signature _____

Date _____

C

ASSETS OF MEMBER

Now show anything else of yours which may be of value:	£
(a) Cash at bank or building society _____	_____
(b) Household furniture and belongings _____	_____
(c) Life policies _____	_____
(d) Money owed to you _____	_____
(e) Stock in trade _____	_____
(f) Motor vehicles _____	_____
(g) Other property:—	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
TOTAL	_____

Signature _____ Date _____

Statement of Affairs of Partnership

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN
IRELAND CHANCERY DIVISION (BANKRUPTCY)

(a) Insert name of
partnership

IN THE MATTER OF (a)
("the partnership")
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT PARTNER-
SHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995

STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS OF THE PARTNERSHIP

(b) Insert date of
presentation of
bankruptcy petition
against members

On the (b) _____, the date of the
presentation of the bankruptcy petition against the
members of the partnership.

**Show the partnership's current financial position by
completing all the pages of this form which will then be
your statement of the partnership's affairs.**

*Note: individual members' property and creditors will be
shown separately on Form 17 which must be completed
and sworn by members of the partnership*

AFFIDAVIT

**When you have completed the rest of this form, this
affidavit must be sworn before a solicitor or
commissioner of oaths or an officer of the Court duly
authorised to administer oaths**

(c) Insert full name
and occupation

I (c) _____

(d) Insert full address

of (d) _____

a member of (a) _____

Make oath and say that the several pages exhibited
hereto and marked _____ are to the best of my
knowledge and belief a full, true and complete statement
as to the affairs of the above-named partnership as at (b)
_____ the date of the presentation of the
bankruptcy petition against the members of the
partnership, and that the said partnership carried on
business as _____

Sworn at _____

Date _____

Signature(s) _____

Before me (Signature) _____

(e) _____

(e) Insert name and full address of solicitor or commissioner of oaths or duly authorised officer

A solicitor or commissioner of oaths or duly authorised officer.

Before swearing the affidavit, the solicitor or commissioner or duly authorised officer is particularly requested to make sure that the full name, address and description of the deponent are stated, and to initial any crossings-out or other alterations in the printed form. A deficiency in the affidavit in any of the above respects will mean that it is refused by the Court, and will need to be re-sworn.

A

Yes

No

List of Secured Creditors of the partnership's to clear

Is anyone claiming something of yours or reduce their claim?

If "YES" give details below:

Name of creditor	Address (with postcode)	Amount owed to creditor £	What of the partnerships is claimed and what is it worth?
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Signature _____

Date _____

C

PARTNERSHIP PROPERTY

Show all partnership property not already included on Part A

Description	Book Value £	Estimated to realise £
TOTAL	£	£

Signature _____ Date _____

Subordinate legislation applied

The Insolvency Practitioners (Recognised Professional Bodies) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991(a)

The Insolvency Rules (Northern Ireland) 1991(b)

The Insolvency Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991(c)

The Insolvency (Monetary Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991(d)

The Administration of Insolvent Estates of Deceased Persons Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 (e)

The Insolvency (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991(f)

The Insolvency (Deposits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991(g)

The Companies (Disqualification Orders) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991(h)

The Insolvent Companies (Reports on Conduct of Directors) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1991(i)

The Insolvent Companies (Disqualification of Unfit Directors) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1991(j)

The Insolvency Practitioners Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991(k)

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- (a) S.R. 1991 No. 301
 - (b) S.R. 1991 No. 364 as amended by S.R. 1994 No. 26
 - (c) S.R. 1991 No. 388
 - (d) S.R. 1991 No. 386
 - (e) S.R. 1991 No. 365
 - (f) S.R. 1991 No. 385 as amended by S.R. 1992 No. 398
 - (g) S.R. 1991 No. 384
 - (h) S.R. 1991 No. 413
 - (i) S.R. 1991 No. 368
 - (j) S.R. 1991 No. 367
 - (k) S.R. 1991 No. 302 as amended by S.R. 1993 No. 317 and S.R. 1993 No. 454

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order revokes and replaces the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 (S.R. 1991 No. 366) (“the 1991 Order”). Like the 1991 Order it provides a code for the winding up of insolvent partnerships, but it also introduces two new procedures — voluntary arrangements and administrations — for insolvent partnerships.

The Order differs in form from the 1991 Order in that, rather than making textual amendments to the provisions of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/2405 (N.I. 19)) (“the 1989 Order”) applied by the Order with modifications, it sets the modified provisions out in full in the Schedules to the Order. In doing so, any of the provisions applying to partnerships, individual members and corporate members (as defined in Article 2) have been amalgamated.

The following are the main provisions of the Order, and the main changes made to the 1986 Order:—

1. *Article 4 and Schedule 1* apply Part II of the 1989 Order (company voluntary arrangements) to insolvent partnerships for the first time, with appropriate modifications.

2. *Article 6 and Schedule 2* apply Part III of the 1989 Order (administration orders) to insolvent partnerships for the first time, with appropriate modifications.

3. Where an insolvent partnership is wound up under Part VI of the 1989 Order as an unregistered company without involving the concurrent insolvency of any of its members, separate provision is now made depending on whether the winding up is on the petition of a creditor, a responsible insolvency practitioner or the Department of Economic Development (*Article 7 and Schedule 3*) or a member’s petition (*Article 9 and Schedule 5*). A main change from the corresponding provisions in the 1991 Order is that the jurisdictional requirements of the 1991 Order have been modified so far as creditors’ petitions are concerned. Under the 1991 Order the High Court in Northern Ireland only had jurisdiction if the partnership had a *principal* place of business in Northern Ireland. Under the Order, whilst that remains the case on a member’s petition, the Court also has jurisdiction on a creditor’s petition if the insolvent partnership has a place of business in Northern Ireland at which business is carried on in the course of which the petition debt arose (*Schedule 3 paragraph 3; Schedule 5*). Special rules apply for partnerships which also have a principal place of business in England and Wales or Scotland.

4. Where the winding up of an insolvent partnership involves the concurrent insolvency of its members, separate provision is now made depending on whether the appropriate petitions are presented by a creditor

(Article 8 and Schedule 4) or a member (Article 10 and Schedules 4 and 6). Other main changes from the 1991 Order are:—

- (a) on a creditor's petition, a minimum of one member (rather than two as previously) needs to be made insolvent concurrently with the partnership (Article 8(1));
- (b) the jurisdictional requirements are as set out in paragraph 3 of this Note (Schedule 4, paragraph 3; Schedule 6, paragraph 1);
- (c) the Order makes further modifications to Article 245 of the 1989 Order. The corresponding section 271 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (1986 c. 45) was the subject of a decision of the Court of Appeal in *In Re Marr (A Bankrupt)* (1990 2 WLR 1264) (Schedule 4, paragraph 9; Schedule 6, paragraph 2);
- (d) on the making of a bankruptcy order against an individual member the official receiver no longer becomes receiver and manager pending the appointment of a trustee, but becomes trustee unless and until another responsible insolvency practitioner (as defined in Article 2) is appointed in his place (Schedule 4, paragraph 12);
- (e) the Order removes the mandatory requirement under Article 116 of the 1989 Order as modified by the 1991 Order for the official receiver to summon a meeting of creditors to choose a person to be responsible insolvency practitioner in his place and replaces it with a discretion to do so, as is the case in Article 116 in unmodified form. The official receiver is however under a duty to consider the exercise of that discretion under Article 116A (Schedule 4, paragraph 12); and
- (f) Schedule 4, paragraphs 23 and 24 contain modified provisions on the order of priority of payment of expenses and debts out of the joint and separate estates. In particular, where the joint estate is not sufficient for the payment of the joint debts, it provides for the responsible insolvency practitioner to lodge a claim representing the aggregate value of the outstanding amount of those debts in the separate estate of each member against whom an insolvency order has been made.

5. Provision for the individual members of an insolvent partnership to present a joint petition for their bankruptcy (provided there are no corporate or limited partners) is now made by Article 11 and Schedule 7. Main changes from the 1991 Order are:—

- (a) the court may issue a certificate of summary administration of the estate of any qualifying member (Schedule 7, paragraph 7); and
- (b) Schedule 7, paragraph 21 contains modified provisions on the order of priority of payment of expenses and debts out of the joint and separate estates. In particular it makes provisions similar to those referred to in paragraph 4(f) above.

6. Article 16 and Schedule 8 apply specified provisions of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/2404 (N.I. 18)) relating to disqualification of unfit officers where an insolvent partnership is wound up as an unregistered company under Part VI of the 1989 Order.

7. The relevant forms for use in proceedings under the Order are contained in *Schedule 9 (Article 17)*.

8. *Article 18 and Schedule 10* specify the subordinate legislation which is to apply for the purposes of giving effect to the provisions of the 1989 Order and of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 applied by the Order.

9. *Article 19* of the Order contains supplemental and transitional provisions.