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**2008 No.**

The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act  
2000 (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2008

PART II

*Extension of categories of authorised participants in relation to Northern Ireland participants*

**Irish bodies as authorised participants**

4.—(1) The description or category of body prescribed, for the purposes of section 71Z1(1)(b) of the 2000 Act, is any of the bodies set out in paragraph (2) which keeps an office in Ireland or Northern Ireland being an office from which the carrying on of one or more of its principal activities is directed.

(2) The prescribed bodies are—

- (a) a company—
  - (i) appearing on the Register of Companies of Ireland; and
  - (ii) incorporated within Ireland or another member State;
- (b) a political party appearing on the Register of Political Parties of Ireland;
- (c) a trade union registered by the Registrar of Friendly Societies of Ireland;
- (d) a building society registered by the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland;
- (e) a limited liability partnership registered by the Registrar of Companies of Ireland;
- (f) a friendly society or industrial and provident society registered by the Registrar of Friendly Societies of Ireland; and
- (g) any unincorporated association of two or more persons which does not fall within any of the preceding paragraphs but which carries on business or other activities wholly or mainly in Ireland and whose main office is there.