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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Incidental Provisions with respect to the Post Office and the Members thereof

Status

1 The Post Office shall be a body corporate having perpetual...

Members

- 2 (1) A member of the Post Office shall hold and...
- 3 (1) Before appointing a person to be a member of...
- 4 (1) The Post Office—(a) shall pay to the members...
- 5 (1) If the Minister is satisfied that a member of...

Proceedings

- 7 The validity of any proceedings of the Post Office shall...
- 8 The quorum of the Post Office shall be three; and,...
- 9 Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Schedule, the Post...

Staff

- 10 The Post Office shall appoint a secretary of the Post...
- 11 (1) Except so far as the Post Office is satisfied...
- 12 (1) Except with the Minister's consent, the Post Office shall...

Fixing of Seal and Proof of Instruments

- 13 The fixing of the seal of the Post Office shall...
- 14 A certificate signed by the secretary of the Post Office...
- 15 Every document purporting to be an instrument made or issued...
- SCHEDULE 2 Classes of Assets to be held by the Post Office to match its Debts to its banking Customers
 - Part I Classes of Assets to be held to match a Proportion, determined under Section 41 of this Act, of Debts
- 1 Cash.
- 2 Money held on current account by other bankers on behalf...
- 3 Loans repayable either on demand or not later than the...
- 4 Loans of either of the kinds mentioned in paragraph 9...
- 5 Treasury bills payable not more than ninety-one days from date...
- 6 Assets of such other class as may from time to...
 - Part II CLASSES OF ASSETS TO BE HELD TO MATCH THE RESIDUE OF DEBTS
- 7 Cash.
- 8 Money held as mentioned in paragraph 2 above.
- 9 Loans of the class specified in paragraph 3 above.
- 10 Loans of the class specified in paragraph 4 above.
- 11 Treasury bills and bills of Her Majesty's Government in Northern...
- 12 Assets of a class for the time being designated under...

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13	Marketable fixed interest securities issued by Her Majesty's
	Government in
14	Marketable fixed interest securities in the case of which the
15 16	Loans of either of the kinds mentioned in paragraph 9 Securities of the kind mentioned in the said paragraph 9,
17	Assets of such other class as may from time to
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SC	CHEDULE 3 — Modifications of Schedules 5 and 6 to the Roads Act (Northern Ireland) 1948 for the Purposes of Orders made under Section 56 of this Act
1	For any reference in Schedule 5 to the Roads Act
2	For any reference in Schedules 5 and 6 to the
3 4	(1) Paragraph 2(2) of the said Schedule 5 shall be For any reference in the said Schedules to the said
5	(1) For the purposes of a vesting order in respect
6	In paragraph 10 of the said Schedule 5, for the
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	Adaptations of Enactments relating to the Post
2 3	(1) With reference to any point of time after the As from the appointed day, section 1 of the Recorded
	Adaptations of Enactments relating to Telegraphs
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	Adaptations of Enactments relating to the Supply of Electricity
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10	As from the appointed day, references to a private generating
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	Adaptations of other Enactments
14	As from the appointed day section 11 of the Juries
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	26	The reference to the Destructor Conevel in section 70(2) of
28	27 29	The reference to the Postmaster General in section 79(3) of
20,	30	As from the appointed day, section 2(2)(e) of the Execution
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	33	(1) As from the appointed day, references to the Postmaster
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	35 36	(1) As from the appointed day, the authority shall be
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	51	As from the appointed day, references to post office business
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	54	As from the appointed day, references in section 6 of
	55	As from the appointed day, the reference to the Post
	56 57	As from the appointed day, the reference to the Post
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	59	(1) Where any work proposed to be done on or
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	67 68	As from the appointed day, section 7(1) of the Payment
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	70	As from the appointed day, Schedule 4 to the Public
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	73	As from the appointed day, the references to the Postmaster
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	77 78	As from the appointed day, the reference in section 1(4)
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	80	As from the appointed day, the Schedule to the Building
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	82	As from the appointed day, Schedule 2 to the Industrial

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	84	As from the appointed day, paragraph 45(e) of Schedule 4
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	90	As from the appointed day, the authority shall be deemed
	91	As from the appointed day, the reference to the Postmaster
	92	(1) As from the appointed day, section 212(1) of the
	93	(1) The authority shall be deemed to be statutory undertakers
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	95 06	(1) Nothing in (a) the Lendon Duilding Acts 1020 to
	96 97	(1) Nothing in— (a) the London Building Acts 1930 to
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	100	A benefit conferred on the Postmaster General by a provision
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	104	As from the appointed day, Article 7 of the Visiting
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	SC	CHEDULE 5 — Repair of minor Deficiencies in certain Acts
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	3	Section 63 of the Post Office Act 1953 shall have
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          (1) Section 3(1) of this Act shall not affect the...
          (1) Any agreement, and any provision in a document not...
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         (1) (2) Subsection (3) of section 10 of the Post...
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          An authorisation given under section 3(1), 61, 62 or 64...
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          An undertaking given under section 51(2) or (3) of the...
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          (1) This paragraph applies to the following instruments, namely,—
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         (1) Any licence operating by way of exception from the...
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          A notice or certificate given, request made or requirement imposed...
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          An authority granted under section 5(1) of the Telegraph Act...
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          Any such council as is mentioned in the Telegraph Act...
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         (1) A notice given under section 26 of the Electric...
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         (1) No steps shall be taken for the enforcement of...
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          (1) Nothing in Part III of this Act shall affect...
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          (1) Where, between the passing of this Act and the...
    28
         (1) Notwithstanding section 253 of the Town and Country Planning...
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         No enforcement notice shall be served by virtue of paragraph...
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         Neither an interim development authority, nor, where the Department
          of...
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         (1) Where a person enters the employment of the Post...
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         (1) Where a person enters the employment of the Post...
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          Where works on land vested in the Post Office by...
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          An indemnity given under section 13 of the National Debt...
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          Any reference to the Postmaster General in a prospectus issued...
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          Where the Crown retains possession of any documents of title...
         Any legal proceedings or applications pending on the appointed day...
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                         Inventions and Registered Designs
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         For the purposes of so much of section 32(1) of...
          (1) Where an agreement in the case of which rights...
          Where, by an agreement in force immediately before the appointed...
          (1) If an obligation of the department of the Postmaster...
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          Where, in the case of an invention, an authority for...
         The authority of the Post Office in respect of an...
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The Post Office shall have power to use, for...
 In relation to any use of a patented invention...

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- 9 (1) Any dispute as to the exercise by the Post...
- 10 (1) Where, in pursuance of an agreement made before the...
- 11 Expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Patents Act...

Part II — REGISTERED DESIGNS

- 12 (1) Where an agreement in the case of which rights...
- Where, by an agreement in force immediately before the appointed...
- 14 (1) If an obligation of the department of the Postmaster...
- Where, in the case of a design, an authority for...
- 16 The authority of the Post Office in respect of a...
- 17 (1) In the case of articles vested in the Post...
- 18 (1) In relation to any use of a registered design...
- 19 (1) Any dispute as to the exercise by the Post...
- 20 (1) Where, in pursuance of an agreement made before the...
- 21 Expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Registered Designs...

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