



Companies Act 1985

1985 CHAPTER 6

PART VII

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

CHAPTER I

PROVISIONS APPLYING TO COMPANIES GENERALLY

Accounting records

221 Duty to keep accounting records.

F1

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 221 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

222 Where and for how long records to be kept.

F2

Textual Amendments

F2 S. 222 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2007/3495, art. 8(a), Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

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A company's financial year and accounting reference periods

223 A company's financial year.

F3

Textual Amendments

F3 S. 223 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

224 Accounting reference periods and accounting reference date.

F4

Textual Amendments

F4 S. 224 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

225 Alteration of accounting reference date.

F5

Textual Amendments

F5 S. 225 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

Annual accounts

226 Duty to prepare individual accounts.

F6

Textual Amendments

F6 S. 226 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

226A Companies Act individual accounts

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Textual Amendments

F7 S. 226A repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

226B IAS individual accounts

F8

Textual Amendments

F8 S. 226B repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

227 Duty to prepare group accounts.

F9

Textual Amendments

F9 S. 227 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

227A Companies Act group accounts

F10

Textual Amendments

F10 S. 227A repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

227B IAS group accounts

F11

Textual Amendments

F11 S. 227B repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

227C Consistency of accounts

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Textual Amendments

- F12** S. 227C repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

228 Exemption for parent companies included in accounts of larger group.

F13

Textual Amendments

- F13** S. 228 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

228A Exemption for parent companies included in non-EEA group accounts

F14

Textual Amendments

- F14** S. 228A repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

229 Subsidiary undertakings included in the consolidation.

F15

Textual Amendments

- F15** S. 229 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

230 Treatment of individual profit and loss account where group accounts prepared.

F16

Textual Amendments

- F16** S. 230 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

231 Disclosure required in notes to accounts:related undertakings.

F17

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Textual Amendments

F17 S. 231 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

231A Disclosure required in notes to annual accounts: particulars of staff

F18

Textual Amendments

F18 S. 231A repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

232 Disclosure required in notes to accounts: emoluments and other benefits of directors and others.

F19

Textual Amendments

F19 S. 232 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

Approval and signing of accounts

233 Approval and signing of accounts

F20

Textual Amendments

F20 S. 233 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

[^{F21}Directors' report]

Textual Amendments

F21 Cross-heading and ss. 234, 234ZZA, 234ZZB substituted for s. 234 and preceding cross-heading (22.3.2005) by The Companies Act 1985 (Operating and Financial Review and Directors' Report etc.) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/1011), **reg. 2**

234 Duty to prepare directors' report.

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Textual Amendments

F22 S. 234 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

234ZZA Directors' report: general requirements

F23

Textual Amendments

F23 S. 234ZZA repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12)

234ZZB Directors' report: business review

F24

Textual Amendments

F24 S. 234ZZB repealed (1.10.2007) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/2194, **art. 8**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with art. 12)

234ZA Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

F25

Textual Amendments

F25 S. 234ZA repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

234A Approval and signing of directors' report.

F26

Textual Amendments

F26 S. 234A repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

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F27

Textual Amendments

F27 Heading before s. 234AA omitted (12.1.2006) by virtue of [The Companies Act 1985 \(Operating and Financial Review\) \(Repeal\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3442\)](#), reg. 2(2)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 2**

234AA Duty to prepare operating and financial review

F28

Textual Amendments

F28 S. 234AA repealed (12.1.2006) by [The Companies Act 1985 \(Operating and Financial Review\) \(Repeal\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3442\)](#), **reg. 2(1)**

234AB Approval and signing of operating and financial review

F29

Textual Amendments

F29 S. 234AB omitted (12.1.2006) by virtue of [The Companies Act 1985 \(Operating and Financial Review\) \(Repeal\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3442\)](#), reg. 2(2)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 3**

Quoted companies: directors' remuneration report

234B Duty to prepare directors' remuneration report

F30

Textual Amendments

F30 S. 234B repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

234C Approval and signing of directors' remuneration report

F31

Textual Amendments

F31 S. 234C repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

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Auditors’ report

235 Auditors’ report.

F32

Textual Amendments

F32 S. 235 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

236 Signature of auditors’ report.

F33

Textual Amendments

F33 S. 236 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

237 Duties of auditors.

F34

Textual Amendments

F34 S. 237 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

Publication of accounts and reports

238 Persons entitled to receive copies of accounts and reports.

F35

Textual Amendments

F35 S. 238 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

[^{F36}238A Time allowed for sending out copies of accounts and reports

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Textual Amendments

- F36** S. 238A inserted (1.10.2007 with effect as mentioned in Sch. 4 para. 3(8) of the amending S.I.) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Commencement No. 3, Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2194\)](#), art. 10(1), **Sch. 4 para. 3(3)** (with art. 12)
- F37** S. 238A repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

239 Rights to demand copies of accounts and reports.

F38

Textual Amendments

- F38** S. 239 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

240 Requirements in connection with publication of accounts.

F39

Textual Amendments

- F39** S. 240 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

Laying and delivering of accounts and reports

241 Accounts and reports to be laid before company in general meeting.

F40

Textual Amendments

- F40** S. 241 repealed (1.10.2007 with application to private companies) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/2194, **art. 8**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with art. 12)

241A Members' approval of directors' remuneration report

F41

Textual Amendments

- F41** S. 241A repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

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242 Accounts and reports to be delivered to the registrar.

F42

Textual Amendments

F42 S. 242 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

242A Civil penalty for failure to deliver accounts.

F43

Textual Amendments

F43 S. 242A repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2)); table in s. 242A(2) expressed to be substituted and s. 242A(2A) expressed to be inserted (6.4.2008 with application in accordance with reg. 1 of the amending S.I.) by The Companies (Late Filing Penalties) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Filing Periods and Late Filing Penalties) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/497), **reg. 5** and {reg. 3} respectively

242B Delivery and publication of accounts in ECUs

F44

Textual Amendments

F44 S. 242B repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

243 Accounts of subsidiary undertakings to be appended in certain cases.

F45

Textual Amendments

F45 S. 243 omitted (12.11.2004 with effect as mentioned in reg. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by virtue of The Companies Act 1985 (International Accounting Standards and Other Accounting Amendments) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/2947), reg. 15, **Sch. 7 para. 6**

244 Period allowed for laying and delivering accounts and reports.

F46

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Textual Amendments

F46 S. 244 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

Revision of defective accounts and reports

245 Voluntary revision of annual accounts or directors' report.

F47

Textual Amendments

F47 S. 245 repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

245A Secretary of State's notice in respect of annual accounts.

F48

Textual Amendments

F48 S. 245A repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

245B Application to court in respect of defective accounts.

F49

Textual Amendments

F49 S. 245B repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

245C Other persons authorised to apply to court.

F50

Textual Amendments

F50 S. 245C repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

245D Disclosure of information held by Inland Revenue to persons authorised to apply to court

F51

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Textual Amendments

F51 S. 245D repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

245E Restrictions on use and further disclosure of information disclosed under section 245D

F52

Textual Amendments

F52 S. 245E repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

245F Power of authorised persons to require documents, information and explanations

F53

Textual Amendments

F53 S. 245F repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

245G Restrictions on further disclosure of information obtained under section 245F

F54

Textual Amendments

F54 S. 245G repealed (6.4.2008) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 8(a)**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with arts. 7, 12, Sch. 4 paras. 9(2), 12(2))

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