

Companies Act 1985

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PART II

RE-REGISTRATION AS A MEANS OF ALTERING A COMPANY'S STATUS

Public company becoming private

53 Re-registration of public company as private

(1) A public company may be re-registered as a private company if—

- (a) a special resolution complying with subsection (2) below that it should be so re-registered is passed and has not been cancelled by the court under the following section;
- (b) an application for the purpose in the prescribed form and signed by a director or the secretary of the company is delivered to the registrar of companies, together with a printed copy of the memorandum and articles of the company as altered by the resolution; and
- (c) the period during which an application for the cancellation of the resolution under the following section may be made has expired without any such application having been made ; or
- (d) where such an application has been made, the application has been withdrawn or an order has been made under section 54(5) confirming the resolution and a copy of that order has been delivered to the registrar.
- (2) The special resolution must alter the company's memorandum so that it no longer states that the company is to be a public company and must make such other alterations in the company's memorandum and articles as are requisite in the circumstances.
- (3) A company cannot under this section be re-registered otherwise than as a company limited by shares or by guarantee.