

# Companies Act 1985

## **1985 CHAPTER 6**

#### PART XXV

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

## 718 Unregistered companies.

- (1) The provisions of this Act specified in the first column of Schedule 22 (relating respectively to the matters specified in the second column of the Schedule) apply to all bodies corporate incorporated in and having a principal place of business in Great Britain, other than those mentioned in subsection (2) below, as if they were companies registered under this Act, but subject to any limitations mentioned in relation to those provisions respectively in the third column and to such adaptations and modifications (if any) as may be specified by regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (2) Those provisions of this Act do not apply by virtue of this section to any of the following—
  - (a) any body incorporated by or registered under any public general Act of Parliament,
  - (b) any body not formed for the purpose of carrying on a business which has for its object the acquisition of gain by the body or its individual members,
  - (c) any body for the time being exempted by direction of the Secretary of State (or before him by the Board of Trade).
- (3) Where against any provision of this Act specified in the first column of Schedule 22 there appears in the third column the entry "Subject to section 718(3)", it means that the provision is to apply by virtue of this section so far only as may be specified by regulations made by the Secretary of State and to such bodies corporate as may be so specified.
- (4) The provisions specified in the first column of the Schedule also apply in like manner in relation to any unincorporated body of persons entitled by virtue of letters patent to any of the privileges conferred by the MChartered Companies Act 1837 and not registered under any other public general Act of Parliament, but subject to the like

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exceptions as are provided for in the case of bodies corporate by paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (2).

- (5) This section does not repeal or revoke in whole or in part any enactment, royal charter or other instrument constituting or regulating any body in relation to which those provisions are applied by virtue of this section, or restrict the power of Her Majesty to grant a charter in lieu of or supplementary to any such charter as above mentioned; but, in relation to any such body, the operation of any such enactment, charter or instrument is suspended in so far as it is inconsistent with any of those provisions as they apply for the time being to that body.
- (6) The power to make regulations conferred by this section (whether regulations under subsection (1) or subsection (3)) is exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

C1 S. 718(2) extended (with modifications) by S.I. 1989/638, regs. 18, 21, Sch. 4 para. 20

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