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## SCHEDULES

# [F1SCHEDULE B1

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Textual Amendments**

F1 Sch. B1 inserted (15.9.2003) by 2002 c. 40, ss. 248(2), 279, Sch. 16 (with s. 249(1)-(3)(6)); S.I. 2003/2093, art. 2(1), Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3-8 (as amended by S.I. 2003/2332, art. 2))

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

- C1 Sch. B1 applied in part (with modifications) (5.10.2004) by Energy Act 2004 (c. 20), ss. 159(1), 198, Sch. 20 Pts. 1-3; S.I. 2004/2575, art. 2(1), Sch. 1
- C1 Sch. B1 applied (with modifications) (1.7. 2005) by S.I. 1994/2421, art. 6(1), Sch. 2 (as amended (1.7.2005) by S.I. 2005/1516, arts. 3, 7, Sch. 1 (with art. 2))
- C1 Sch. B1: specified provisions applied (with modifications) (1.10.2011) by Postal Services Act 2011 (c. 5), ss. 73, 93(2)(3), {Sch. 10 Pts. 1, 2}; S.I. 2011/2329, art. 3 (with arts. 4, 5)

#### PROCESS OF ADMINISTRATION

## Announcement of administrator's appointment

- 46 (1) This paragraph applies where a person becomes the administrator of a company.
  - (2) As soon as is reasonably practicable the administrator shall—
    - (a) send a notice of his appointment to the company, and
    - (b) publish a notice of his appointment in the prescribed manner.
  - (3) As soon as is reasonably practicable the administrator shall—
    - (a) obtain a list of the company's creditors, and
    - (b) send a notice of his appointment to each creditor of whose claim and address he is aware.
  - (4) The administrator shall send a notice of his appointment to the registrar of companies before the end of the period of 7 days beginning with the date specified in subparagraph (6).
  - (5) The administrator shall send a notice of his appointment to such persons as may be prescribed before the end of the prescribed period beginning with the date specified in sub-paragraph (6).
  - (6) The date for the purpose of sub-paragraphs (4) and (5) is—
    - (a) in the case of an administrator appointed by administration order, the date of the order,
    - (b) in the case of an administrator appointed under paragraph 14, the date on which he receives notice under paragraph 20, and

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- (c) in the case of an administrator appointed under paragraph 22, the date on which he receives notice under paragraph 32.
- (7) The court may direct that sub-paragraph (3)(b) or (5)—
  - (a) shall not apply, or
  - (b) shall apply with the substitution of a different period.
- (8) A notice under this paragraph must—
  - (a) contain the prescribed information, and
  - (b) be in the prescribed form.
- (9) An administrator commits an offence if he fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement of this paragraph.

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

C1 Sch. B1 para. 46 applied (with modifications) (17.2.2009 for certain purposes, otherwise 21.2.2009) by Banking Act 2009 (c. 1), ss. 145, 263(1)(2) (with s. 247); S.I. 2009/296, arts. 2, 3, Sch. para. 3

### Statement of company's affairs

- 47 (1) As soon as is reasonably practicable after appointment the administrator of a company shall by notice in the prescribed form require one or more relevant persons to provide the administrator with a statement of the affairs of the company.
  - (2) The statement must—
    - (a) be verified by a statement of truth in accordance with Civil Procedure Rules,
    - (b) be in the prescribed form,
    - (c) give particulars of the company's property, debts and liabilities,
    - (d) give the names and addresses of the company's creditors,
    - (e) specify the security held by each creditor,
    - (f) give the date on which each security was granted, and
    - (g) contain such other information as may be prescribed.
  - (3) In sub-paragraph (1) "relevant person" means—
    - (a) a person who is or has been an officer of the company,
    - (b) a person who took part in the formation of the company during the period of one year ending with the date on which the company enters administration,
    - (c) a person employed by the company during that period, and
    - (d) a person who is or has been during that period an officer or employee of a company which is or has been during that year an officer of the company.
  - (4) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (3) a reference to employment is a reference to employment through a contract of employment or a contract for services.
  - (5) In Scotland, a statement of affairs under sub-paragraph (1) must be a statutory declaration made in accordance with the Statutory Declarations Act 1835 (c. 62) (and sub-paragraph (2)(a) shall not apply).

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

- C2 Sch. B1 para. 47 applied (with modifications) (17.2.2009 for certain purposes, otherwise 21.2.2009) by Banking Act 2009 (c. 1), ss. 145, 263(1)(2) (with s. 247); S.I. 2009/296, arts. 2, 3, Sch. para. 3
- 48 (1) A person required to submit a statement of affairs must do so before the end of the period of 11 days beginning with the day on which he receives notice of the requirement.
  - (2) The administrator may—
    - (a) revoke a requirement under paragraph 47(1), or
    - (b) extend the period specified in sub-paragraph (1) (whether before or after expiry).
  - (3) If the administrator refuses a request to act under sub-paragraph (2)—
    - (a) the person whose request is refused may apply to the court, and
    - (b) the court may take action of a kind specified in sub-paragraph (2).
  - (4) A person commits an offence if he fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement under paragraph 47(1).

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

C3 Sch. B1 para. 48 applied (with modifications) (17.2.2009 for certain purposes, otherwise 21.2.2009) by Banking Act 2009 (c. 1), ss. 145, 263(1)(2) (with s. 247); S.I. 2009/296, arts. 2, 3, Sch. para. 3

### Administrator's proposals

- 49 (1) The administrator of a company shall make a statement setting out proposals for achieving the purpose of administration.
  - (2) A statement under sub-paragraph (1) must, in particular—
    - (a) deal with such matters as may be prescribed, and
    - (b) where applicable, explain why the administrator thinks that the objective mentioned in paragraph 3(1)(a) or (b) cannot be achieved.
  - (3) Proposals under this paragraph may include—
    - (a) a proposal for a voluntary arrangement under Part I of this Act (although this paragraph is without prejudice to section 4(3));
    - (b) a proposal for a compromise or arrangement to be sanctioned under [F2Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (arrangements and reconstructions)].
  - (4) The administrator shall send a copy of the statement of his proposals—
    - (a) to the registrar of companies,
    - (b) to every creditor of the company of whose claim and address he is aware, and
    - (c) to every member of the company of whose address he is aware.
  - (5) The administrator shall comply with sub-paragraph (4)—
    - (a) as soon as is reasonably practicable after the company enters administration, and

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- (b) in any event, before the end of the period of eight weeks beginning with the day on which the company enters administration.
- (6) The administrator shall be taken to comply with sub-paragraph (4)(c) if he publishes in the prescribed manner a notice undertaking to provide a copy of the statement of proposals free of charge to any member of the company who applies in writing to a specified address.
- (7) An administrator commits an offence if he fails without reasonable excuse to comply with sub-paragraph (5).
- (8) A period specified in this paragraph may be varied in accordance with paragraph 107.

#### **Textual Amendments**

F2 Words in Sch. B1 para. 49(3)(b) substituted (6.4.2008) by The Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments etc.) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/948), art. 3(1), Sch. 1 para. 100(a) (with arts. 6, 11, 12)

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

C4 Sch. B1 para. 49 applied (with modifications) (17.2.2009 for certain purposes, otherwise 21.2.2009) by Banking Act 2009 (c. 1), ss. 145, 263(1)(2) (with s. 247); S.I. 2009/296, arts. 2, 3, Sch. para. 3 (as amended (13.3.2018) by The Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (Consequential Amendments, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/208), regs. 1(3), 5(5))

### Creditors' meeting

- 50 (1) In this Schedule "creditors' meeting" means a meeting of creditors of a company summoned by the administrator—
  - (a) in the prescribed manner, and
  - (b) giving the prescribed period of notice to every creditor of the company of whose claim and address he is aware.
  - (2) A period prescribed under sub-paragraph (1)(b) may be varied in accordance with paragraph 107.
  - (3) A creditors' meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the rules.

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

C5 Sch. B1 para. 50-58 applied (with modifications) (17.2.2009 for certain purposes, otherwise 21.2.2009) by Banking Act 2009 (c. 1), ss. 145, 263(1)(2) (with s. 247); S.I. 2009/296, arts. 2, 3, Sch. para. 3

## Requirement for initial creditors' meeting

- 51 (1) Each copy of an administrator's statement of proposals sent to a creditor under paragraph 49(4)(b) must be accompanied by an invitation to a creditors' meeting (an "initial creditors' meeting").
  - (2) The date set for an initial creditors' meeting must be—
    - (a) as soon as is reasonably practicable after the company enters administration, and

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- (b) in any event, within the period of ten weeks beginning with the date on which the company enters administration.
- (3) An administrator shall present a copy of his statement of proposals to an initial creditors' meeting.
- (4) A period specified in this paragraph may be varied in accordance with paragraph 107.
- (5) An administrator commits an offence if he fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement of this paragraph.

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

- C6 Sch. B1 para. 50-58 applied (with modifications) (17.2.2009 for certain purposes, otherwise 21.2.2009) by Banking Act 2009 (c. 1), ss. 145, 263(1)(2) (with s. 247); S.I. 2009/296, arts. 2, 3, Sch. para. 3 (as amended (13.3.2018) by The Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (Consequential Amendments, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/208), regs. 1(3), 5(5))
- 52 (1) Paragraph 51(1) shall not apply where the statement of proposals states that the administrator thinks—
  - (a) that the company has sufficient property to enable each creditor of the company to be paid in full,
  - (b) that the company has insufficient property to enable a distribution to be made to unsecured creditors other than by virtue of section 176A(2)(a), or
  - (c) that neither of the objectives specified in paragraph 3(1)(a) and (b) can be achieved.
  - (2) But the administrator shall summon an initial creditors' meeting if it is requested—
    - (a) by creditors of the company whose debts amount to at least 10% of the total debts of the company,
    - (b) in the prescribed manner, and
    - (c) in the prescribed period.
  - (3) A meeting requested under sub-paragraph (2) must be summoned for a date in the prescribed period.
  - (4) The period prescribed under sub-paragraph (3) may be varied in accordance with paragraph 107.

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

C7 Sch. B1 para. 50-58 applied (with modifications) (17.2.2009 for certain purposes, otherwise 21.2.2009) by Banking Act 2009 (c. 1), ss. 145, 263(1)(2) (with s. 247); S.I. 2009/296, arts. 2, 3, Sch. para. 3 (as amended (13.3.2018) by The Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (Consequential Amendments, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/208), regs. 1(3), 5(5))

## Business and result of initial creditors' meeting

- 53 (1) An initial creditors' meeting to which an administrator's proposals are presented shall consider them and may—
  - (a) approve them without modification, or
  - (b) approve them with modification to which the administrator consents.

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- (2) After the conclusion of an initial creditors' meeting the administrator shall as soon as is reasonably practicable report any decision taken to—
  - (a) the court,
  - (b) the registrar of companies, and
  - (c) such other persons as may be prescribed.
- (3) An administrator commits an offence if he fails without reasonable excuse to comply with sub-paragraph (2).

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

C8 Sch. B1 para. 50-58 applied (with modifications) (17.2.2009 for certain purposes, otherwise 21.2.2009) by Banking Act 2009 (c. 1), ss. 145, 263(1)(2) (with s. 247); S.I. 2009/296, arts. 2, 3, Sch. para. 3 (as amended (13.3.2018) by The Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (Consequential Amendments, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/208), regs. 1(3), 5(5))

## Revision of administrator's proposals

- 54 (1) This paragraph applies where—
  - (a) an administrator's proposals have been approved (with or without modification) at an initial creditors' meeting,
  - (b) the administrator proposes a revision to the proposals, and
  - (c) the administrator thinks that the proposed revision is substantial.
  - (2) The administrator shall—
    - (a) summon a creditors' meeting,
    - (b) send a statement in the prescribed form of the proposed revision with the notice of the meeting sent to each creditor,
    - (c) send a copy of the statement, within the prescribed period, to each member of the company of whose address he is aware, and
    - (d) present a copy of the statement to the meeting.
  - (3) The administrator shall be taken to have complied with sub-paragraph (2)(c) if he publishes a notice undertaking to provide a copy of the statement free of charge to any member of the company who applies in writing to a specified address.
  - (4) A notice under sub-paragraph (3) must be published—
    - (a) in the prescribed manner, and
    - (b) within the prescribed period.
  - (5) A creditors' meeting to which a proposed revision is presented shall consider it and may—
    - (a) approve it without modification, or
    - (b) approve it with modification to which the administrator consents.
  - (6) After the conclusion of a creditors' meeting the administrator shall as soon as is reasonably practicable report any decision taken to—
    - (a) the court,
    - (b) the registrar of companies, and
    - (c) such other persons as may be prescribed.

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(7) An administrator commits an offence if he fails without reasonable excuse to comply with sub-paragraph (6).

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C9 Sch. B1 para. 50-58 applied (with modifications) (17.2.2009 for certain purposes, otherwise 21.2.2009) by Banking Act 2009 (c. 1), ss. 145, 263(1)(2) (with s. 247); S.I. 2009/296, arts. 2, 3, Sch. para. 3 (as amended (13.3.2018) by The Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (Consequential Amendments, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/208), regs. 1(3), 5(5))

## Failure to obtain approval of administrator's proposals

- 55 (1) This paragraph applies where an administrator reports to the court that—
  - (a) an initial creditors' meeting has failed to approve the administrator's proposals presented to it, or
  - (b) a creditors' meeting has failed to approve a revision of the administrator's proposals presented to it.
  - (2) The court may—
    - (a) provide that the appointment of an administrator shall cease to have effect from a specified time;
    - (b) adjourn the hearing conditionally or unconditionally;
    - (c) make an interim order;
    - (d) make an order on a petition for winding up suspended by virtue of paragraph 40(1)(b);
    - (e) make any other order (including an order making consequential provision) that the court thinks appropriate.

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

C10 Sch. B1 para. 50-58 applied (with modifications) (17.2.2009 for certain purposes, otherwise 21.2.2009) by Banking Act 2009 (c. 1), ss. 145, 263(1)(2) (with s. 247); S.I. 2009/296, arts. 2, 3, Sch. para. 3 (as amended (13.3.2018) by The Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (Consequential Amendments, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/208), regs. 1(3), 5(5))

### Further creditors' meetings

- 56 (1) The administrator of a company shall summon a creditors' meeting if—
  - (a) it is requested in the prescribed manner by creditors of the company whose debts amount to at least 10% of the total debts of the company, or
  - (b) he is directed by the court to summon a creditors' meeting.
  - (2) An administrator commits an offence if he fails without reasonable excuse to summon a creditors' meeting as required by this paragraph.

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

C11 Sch. B1 para. 50-58 applied (with modifications) (17.2.2009 for certain purposes, otherwise 21.2.2009) by Banking Act 2009 (c. 1), ss. 145, 263(1)(2) (with s. 247); S.I. 2009/296, arts. 2, 3, Sch. para. 3

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#### Creditors' committee

- 57 (1) A creditors' meeting may establish a creditors' committee.
  - (2) A creditors' committee shall carry out functions conferred on it by or under this Act.
  - (3) A creditors' committee may require the administrator—
    - (a) to attend on the committee at any reasonable time of which he is given at least seven days' notice, and
    - (b) to provide the committee with information about the exercise of his functions.

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

C12 Sch. B1 paras. 50-58 applied (with modifications) (17.2.2009 for certain purposes, otherwise 21.2.2009) by Banking Act 2009 (c. 1), ss. 145, 263(1)(2) (with s. 247); S.I. 2009/296, arts. 2, 3, Sch. para. 3 (as amended (13.3.2018) by The Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (Consequential Amendments, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/208), regs. 1(3), 5(5))

#### Correspondence instead of creditors' meeting

- 58 (1) Anything which is required or permitted by or under this Schedule to be done at a creditors' meeting may be done by correspondence between the administrator and creditors—
  - (a) in accordance with the rules, and
  - (b) subject to any prescribed condition.
  - (2) A reference in this Schedule to anything done at a creditors' meeting includes a reference to anything done in the course of correspondence in reliance on subparagraph (1).
  - (3) A requirement to hold a creditors' meeting is satisfied by conducting correspondence in accordance with this paragraph.]

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

C13 Sch. B1 para. 50-58 applied (with modifications) (17.2.2009 for certain purposes, otherwise 21.2.2009) by Banking Act 2009 (c. 1), ss. 145, 263(1)(2) (with s. 247); S.I. 2009/296, arts. 2, 3, Sch. para. 3

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