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Participating interests

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- 4 (1) For "related companies", wherever occurring in any other context,...

Consistency of accounting policies

5 For paragraph 11 (consistency of accounting policy from one year...

Revaluation reserve

6 In paragraph 34 (revaluation reserve), for sub-paragraph (3) (circumstances in...

Compliance with accounting standards

7 After paragraph 36 (disclosure of accounting policies) insert—

Provision for taxation

8 For paragraph 47 (provision for taxation) substitute—

Loans in connection with assistance for purchase of company's own shares

- 9 In paragraph 51(2) (disclosure of outstanding loans in connection with...
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General rules

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- 2 (1) The consolidated balance sheet and profit and loss account...
- 3 (1) Where assets and liabilities to be included in the...
- 4 Any differences of accounting rules as between a parent company's...
- 5 Amounts which in the particular context of any provision of...

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Elimination of group transactions

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Acquisition and merger accounting

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- 9 (1) The acquisition method of accounting is as follows.
- 10 (1) The conditions for accounting for an acquisition as a...
- 11 (1) The merger method of accounting is as follows.
- 12 (1) Where a group is acquired, paragraphs 9 to 11...
- 13 (1) The following information with respect to acquisitions taking place...
- 14 (1) There shall also be stated in a note to...
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- 16 The information required by paragraph 13, 14 or 15 above...

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Holdings in subsidiary undertakings

2 (1) There shall be stated in relation to shares of...

Financial information about subsidiary undertakings

3 (1) There shall be disclosed with respect to each subsidiary...

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4 Where the financial year of one or more subsidiary undertakings...

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Further information about subsidiary undertakings

5 (1) There shall be disclosed—(a) any qualifications contained in...

Shares and debentures of company held by subsidiary undertakings

6 (1) The number, description and amount of the shares in...

Significant holdings in undertakings other than subsidiary undertakings

- 7 (1) The information required by paragraphs 8 and 9 shall...
- 8 (1) The name of the undertaking shall be stated.
- 9 (1) Where the company has a significant holding in an...

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10 (1) This paragraph applies to arrangements attracting merger relief, that

Parent undertaking drawing up accounts for larger group

11 (1) Where the company is a subsidiary undertaking, the following...

Identification of ultimate parent company

12 (1) Where the company is a subsidiary undertaking, the following...

Constructions of references to shares held by company

13 (1) References in this Part of this Schedule to shares...
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14 In this Part of this Schedule "the group" means the...

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16 (1) The following information shall be given with respect to...

Financial information about subsidiary undertakings not included in the consolidation

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18 (1) The following information shall be given with respect to...

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19 Where the financial year of one or more subsidiary undertakings...

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20 (1) The number, description and amount of the shares in...

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21 (1) The following information shall be given where an undertaking...

Associated undertakings

22 (1) The following information shall be given where an undertaking...

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- 23 (1) The information required by paragraphs 24 and 25 shall...
- 24 (1) The name of the undertaking shall be stated.
- 25 (1) Where the company has a significant holding in an...
- 26 (1) The information required by paragraphs 27 and 28 shall...
- 27 (1) The name of the undertaking shall be stated.
- 28 (1) Where the holding of the group amounts to 20...

Arrangements attracting merger relief

29 (1) This paragraph applies to arrangements attracting merger relief, that...

Parent undertaking drawing up accounts for larger group

30 (1) Where the parent company is itself a subsidiary undertaking,...

Identification of ultimate parent company

31 (1) Where the parent company is itself a subsidiary undertaking,...

Construction of references to shares held by parent company or group

32 (1) References in this Part of this Schedule to shares...

SCHEDULE 4 — Disclosure of Information: Emoluments and Other Benefits of Directors and Others

- 1 Schedule 6 to the Companies Act 1985 is amended as...
- 2 For the heading substitute— Disclosure of information: emoluments and other...
- 3 Insert the following provisions (which reproduce, with amendments, the former...
- 4 (1) For the heading to the present Part I substitute—...
- 5 In paragraph 14 (renumbered 27), make the existing provision subparagraph...
- 6 (1) For the heading to the present Part II substitute—...
- 7 Omit the present Part III (disclosure required in case of...

SCHEDULE 5 — Matters to be included in Directors' Report

1 Schedule 7 to the Companies Act 1985 (matters to be...

Subsidiary undertakings

2 (1) In paragraph 1(1) (significant changes in fixed assets) for...

Directors' interests

3 For paragraph 2 (directors' interests) substitute—

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Profit and loss account

2 A copy of the company's profit and loss account need...

Disclosure of information in notes to accounts

3 (1) Of the information required by Part III of Schedule...

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4 A copy of the directors' report need not be delivered....
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5 The company may deliver a profit and loss account in...

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6 The information required by paragraph 55 of Schedule 4 (particulars... Part III — SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Statement that advantage taken of exemptions

7 (1) Where the directors of a company take advantage of...

Special auditors' report

8 (1) If the directors of a company propose to take...

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9 Paragraphs 7 and 8 above do not apply where the...

Requirements in connection with publication of accounts

10 (1) Where advantage is taken of the exemptions conferred by...

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- 4 After paragraph 18 of that Schedule insert—Supplementary provisions (1) Accounting policies shall be applied consistently within the same...
 - (1) Before paragraph 19 of that Schedule insert the heading...
- 6 For paragraph 20 of that Schedule substitute—
- 7 Omit paragraphs 21 to 26 of that Schedule.
- 8 (1) Before paragraph 27 of that Schedule insert the heading...
- 9 In paragraph 28 of that Schedule, in sub-paragraph (1) (twice)...
- 10 After that paragraph insert—
- Omit paragraphs 29 to 31 of that Schedule.
- 12 Before paragraph 32 of that Schedule insert the heading "...
- 13 In paragraph 36 of that Schedule for "this Schedule" substitute...

Part II — [PART II OF SCHEDULE 9 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985] ACCOUNTS OF BANKING OR INSURANCE GROUP

Undertakings to be included in consolidation

1 The following descriptions of undertaking shall not be excluded from...

General application of provisions applicable to individual accounts

2 (1) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 4A (application to group...

Treatment of goodwill

3 (1) The rules in paragraph 21 of Schedule 4 relating...

Minority interests and associated undertakings

4 The information required by paragraphs 17 and 20 to 22...

Companies entitled to benefit of exemptions

5 (1) Where a banking or insurance company is entitled to...

Information as to undertaking in which shares held as result of financial assistance operation

- 6 (1) The following provisions apply where the parent company of...
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- 1 Where accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions...
 - Part IV [PART IV OF SCHEDULE 9 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985] ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE: EMOLUMENTS AND OTHER BENEFITS OF DIRECTORS AND OTHERS
- 1 The provisions of this Part of this Schedule have effect...

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Other transactions, arrangements and agreements

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SCHEDULE 8 — [Schedule 10 to the Companies Act 1985]Directors' Report
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Turnover and profitability

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SCHEDULE 9 — [Schedule 10A to the Companies Act 1985]Parent and Subsidiary Undertakings: Supplementary Provisions

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1 The provisions of this Schedule explain expressions used in section...

Voting rights in an undertaking

2 (1) In section 258(2)(a) and (d) the references to the...

Right to appoint or remove a majority of the directors

3 (1) In section 258(2)(b) the reference to the right to...

Right to exercise dominant influence

4 (1) For the purposes of section 258(2)(c) an undertaking shall...

Rights exercisable only in certain circumstances or temporarily incapable of exercise

5 (1) Rights which are exercisable only in certain circumstances shall...

Rights held by one person on behalf of another

- 6 Rights held by a person in a fiduciary capacity shall...
- 7 (1) Rights held by a person as nominee for another...

Rights attached to shares held by way of security

8 Rights attached to shares held by way of security shall...

Rights attributed to parent undertaking

9 (1) Rights shall be treated as held by a parent...

Disregard of certain rights

10 The voting rights in an undertaking shall be reduced by...

Supplementary

11 References in any provision of paragraphs 6 to 10 to...

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1 2	In section 46 (meaning of "unqualified" auditors' report in section In section 209(5)(a)(i) for "an authorised institution" substitute "a banking
2	In sections 211(9) and 215(4) for "paragraph 3 or 10
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4	In section 271(3), for "section 236" substitute "section 235".
5	In section 272(3)— (a) for "section 228" substitute "section 226",
6	In sections 272(5) and 273(7) for "section 241(3)(b)" substitute "the
7	In section 276(b) for "34(4)(b)" substitute "34(3)(a)".
8	For section 279 substitute— Distributions by banking or insurance companies
9	In section 289(4) for "section 252(5)" substitute "section 250(3)".
10	In sections 338(4), 339(4), and 344(2) for
11	(), (),
12	In section 699(3) for "section 241(3)" substitute "section 242(1)".
13	In Part XXIII (oversea companies), for Chapter II (delivery of
14	In section 711(1)(k) for "section 241 (annual accounts)" substitute
14	
1.5	"section
15	For section 742 (expressions used in connection with accounts) substitute—
16	In section 744 (interpretation), omit the definition of "authorised institution"
17	In Schedule 1, in paragraph 2(2)(a) for "section 252(5)" substitute
18	(1) Schedule 2 (interpretation of references to "beneficial interest") is
19	(1) Part II of Schedule 3 (prospectuses: auditors' and accountants'
20	In paragraph 12(b) of Schedule 4, for "section 238" substitute
21	(1) Schedule 11 is amended as follows.
22	(1) In Schedule 15A (renumbered 15B) (provisions applicable to
	mergers
23	In Schedule 22 (provisions applying to unregistered companies), in the.
24	(1) Schedule 24 (punishment of offences) is amended as follows
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	Harbours Act 1964 (c.40)
26	(1) Section 42 of the Harbours Act 1964 (accounts and
	Coal Industry Act 1971 (c.16)
27	(1) Section 8 of the Coal Industry Act 1971 (further
	Ainquaft and Chinhuilding Industries Act 1077 (c. 2)
20	Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Act 1977 (c.3)
28	(1) Section 17 of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Act
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	Transport Act 1981 (c.56)
31	In section 11(4) of the Transport Act 1981, for "section
	Iron and Steel Act 1982 (c.25)
32	In section 24(5) of the Iron and Steel Act 1982
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33	In Schedule 3 to the Oil and Pipelines Act 1985
	Patents, Designs and Marks Act 1986 (c.39)
34	In Schedule 2 to the Patents, Designs and Marks Act
	Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 (c.46)
35	(1) The Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 is amended as
	Financial Services Act 1986 (c.60)
36	
	Banking Act 1987 (c.22)
37	
	Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (c.1)
38	(1) The Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 is amended
	Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Act 1988 (c.20)
39	In section 33 of the Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Act 1988 (duty
SCI	HEDULE 11 — Recognition of Supervisory Body Part I — GRANT AND REVOCATION OF RECOGNITION
	Application for recognition of supervisory body
1	(1) A supervisory body may apply to the Secretary of
	Grant and refusal of recognition
2	(1) The Secretary of State may, on an application duly
	Revocation of Recognition
3	(1) A recognition order may be revoked by a further Part II — REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOGNITION
	Holding of appropriate qualification
4 5	(1) The body must have rules to the effect that(1) The following provisions explain what is meant in paragraph
	Auditors to be fit and proper persons

(1) The body must have adequate rules and practices designed...

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Professional integrity and independence

7 (1) The body must have adequate rules and practices designed...

Technical standards

8 The body must have rules and practices as to the...

Procedures for maintaining competence

9 The body must have rules and practices designed to ensure...

Monitoring and enforcement

10 (1) The body must have adequate arrangements and resources for...

Independent monitoring of audits of listed and other major companies

10A (1) The body must— (a) participate in arrangements within paragraph...

Membership, eligibility and discipline

11 The rules and practices of the body relating to—

Investigation of complaints

12 (1) The body must have effective arrangements for the investigation...

Independent investigation for disciplinary purposes of public interest cases

12A (1) The body must— (a) participate in arrangements within paragraph...

Meeting of claims arising out of audit work

13 (1) The body must have adequate rules or arrangements designed...

Register of auditors and other information to be made available

14 The body must have rules requiring persons eligible under its...

Taking account of costs of compliance

15 The body must have satisfactory arrangements for taking account, in...

Promotion and maintenance of standards

16 The body must be able and willing to promote and...

Part 3 — Arrangements in which supervisory bodies are required to participate

- 17 Arrangements for setting standards relating to professional integrity and independence
- 18 Arrangements for setting technical standards
- 19 Arrangements for independent monitoring of audits of listed and other major companies
- 20 Arrangements for independent investigation for disciplinary purposes of public interest cases
- 21 Supplementary: arrangements to operate independently of body
- 22 Supplementary: "funded" arrangements etc.

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SCHEDULE 12 — Recognition of Professional Qualification Part I — GRANT AND REVOCATION OF RECOGNITION

Application for recognition of professional qualification

1 (1) A qualifying body may apply to the Secretary of...

Grant and refusal of recognition

2 (1) The Secretary of State may, on an application duly...

Revocation of recognition

3 (1) A recognition order may be revoked by a further... Part II — REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOGNITION

Entry requirements

4 (1) The qualification must only be open to persons who...

Course of theoretical instruction

5 The qualification must be restricted to persons who have completed...

Sufficient period of professional experience

6 (1) The references in paragraphs 4 and 5 to a...

Examination

7 (1) The qualification must be restricted to persons who have...

Practical training

8 (1) The qualification must be restricted to persons who have...

The body offering the qualification

9 (1) The body offering the qualification must have—

SCHEDULE 13 — Supplementary Provisions with Respect to Delegation Order

Introductory

1 The following provisions have effect in relation to a body...

Status

2 The body shall not be regarded as acting on behalf...

Name, members and chairman

3 (1) The body shall be known by such name as...

Financial provisions

4 (1) The body shall pay to its chairman and members...

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Proceedings

5 (1) The delegation order may contain such provision as the...

Fees

6 (1) The body may retain fees payable to it.

Legislative functions

- 7 (1) Regulations made by the body in the exercise of...
- 8 (1) Immediately after an instrument is made it shall be...
- 9 (1) The production of a printed copy of an instrument...

Report and accounts

10 (1) The body shall at least once in each year...

Other supplementary provisions

- 11 (1) The transfer of a function to a body established...
- 12 Where a delegation order is revoked, the Secretary of State...
- 13 (1) This paragraph applies where the body is an unincorporated...

SCHEDULE 14 — Supervisory and qualifying bodies: Restrictive practices Part I — PREVENTION OF RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES

Refusal of recognition on grounds related to competition

1 (1) The Secretary of State shall before deciding whether to...

Notification of changes to rules or guidance

2 (1) Where a recognised supervisory or qualifying body amends, revokes...

Continuing scrutiny by the Director General of Fair Trading

3 (1) The Director shall keep under review the rules made...

Investigatory powers of the Director

- 4 (1) The following powers are exercisable by the Director for...
- 4A Enforcement
- 4B (1) A person commits an offence if he intentionally alters,...

Publication of Director's reports

5 (1) The Director may, if he thinks fit, publish any...

Powers exercisable by the Secretary of State in consequence of report

6 (1) The powers conferred by this section are exercisable by...

Supplementary provisions

7 (1) A direction under paragraph 6 is, on the application...
Part II — CONSEQUENTIAL EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPETITION LAW

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	Fair Trading Act 1973 (c. 41)
8	(1) For the purpose of determining whether a monopoly situation
	The Competition Act 1998
9	(1) The Chapter I prohibition does not apply to an
	Competition Act 1980 (c. 21)
10	
SCI	HEDULE 15 — Charges on Property of Oversea Companies
SCI	HEDULE 16 — Amendments Consequential on Part IV
	Land Charges Act 1972 (c. 61)
1	
	Companies Act 1985 (c. 6)
1A 2	
	Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45)
3	······································
	Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 (c. 46)
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SC	HEDULE 17 — Company Contracts, Seals, &c.: Further Provisions
	Execution of deeds abroad
1	(1) Section 38 of the Companies Act 1985 (execution of
	Official seal for use abroad
2	(1) Section 39 of the Companies Act 1985 (power to
	Official seal for share certificates, &c.
3	(1) Section 40 of the Companies Act 1985 (official seal
	Authentication of documents
4	In section 41 of the Companies Act 1985 (authentication of
	Share certificate as evidence of title
5	For section 186 of the Companies Act 1985 (certificate to
	Share warrants to bearer
6	For section 188 of the Companies Act 1985 (issue and

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	Identification of company on common seal
7	In section 350 of the Companies Act 1985 (identification of
	Floating charges under Scots law
8 9 10	In section 466(2) of the Companies Act 1985 (execution of
SCI	HEDULE 18 — "Subsidiary" and related expressions: consequential amendments and savings
1	Coal Industry Nationalisation Act 1946 (c. 59) In Schedule 2A to the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act 1946
2	Electricity Act 1947 (c. 54) In section 67 of the Electricity Act 1947 (interpretation)—
3	Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (c. 56) In section 42 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954
4	Transport Act 1962 (c. 46) In the Transport Act 1946, in the definition of "subsidiary"
5	Harbours Act 1964 (c. 40) In section 57(1) of the Harbours Act 1964 (interpretation), in
6	General Rate Act 1967 (c. 9) In section 32A of the General Rate Act 1967 (rateable
7	Transport Act 1968 (c. 73)
8	Post Office Act 1969 (c. 48) In section 86 of the Post Office Act 1969 (interpretation),
9	Industry Act 1972 (c. 63) In section 10 of the Industry Act 1972 (construction credits),
10	Coal Industry Act 1973 (c. 8) In section 12(1) of the Coal Industry Act 1973 (interpretation)
11	Industry Act 1975 (c. 68) In section 37(1) of the Industry Act 1975 (interpretation), in

Scottish Development Agency Act 1975 (c. 69)

In section 25(1) of the Scottish Development Agency Act 1975...

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	Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 (c. 70)
13	In section 27(1) of the Welsh Development Agency Act 1975
	Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 (c. 41)
14	
	Industrial Common Ownership Act 1976 (c. 78)
15	In section 2(5) of the Industrial Common Ownership Act 1976
	Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Act 1977 (c. 3)
16	In section 56(1) of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Act
	Nuclear Industry (Finance) Act 1977 (c. 7)
17	In section 3 of the Nuclear Industry (Finance) Act 1977
	Coal Industry Act 1977 (c. 39)
18	In section 14(1) of the Coal Industry Act 1977 (interpretation),
	Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Act 1978 (c. 11)
19	In section 1(4) of the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Act 1978
	Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 (c. 14)
20	
	Crown Agents Act 1979 (c. 43)
21	In section 31(1) of the Crown Agents Act 1979 (interpretation),
	Competition Act 1980 (c. 21)
22	In sections 11(3)(f) and 12 of the Competition Act 1980
	British Aerospace Act 1980 (c. 26)
23	In section 14(1) of the British Aerospace Act 1980 (interpretation)—
	Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65)
24	In sections 100(1), 141(7) and 170(1)(d) and (2) of the
	British Telecommunications Act 1981 (c. 38)
25	In section 85 of the British Telecommunications Act 1981 (interpretation),
	Transport Act 1981 (c. 56)
26	In section 4(2) of the Transport Act 1981 (interpretation of
	Value Added Tax Act 1983 (c. 55)
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Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12)

28 In section 73(1) of the Telecommunications Act 1984 (interpretation of...

London Regional Transport Act 1984 (c. 32)

29 In section 68 of the London Regional Transport Act 1984...

Inheritance Tax Act 1984 (c. 51)

30 (1) The Inheritance Tax Act 1984 is amended as follows....

Ordnance Factories and Military Services Act 1984 (c. 59)

31 In section 14 of the Ordnance Factories and Military Services...

Companies Act 1985 (c. 6)

- 32 (1) The following provisions have effect with respect to the...
- 33 (1) Section 153 of the Companies Act 1985 (transactions excepted...
- 34 Section 293 of the Companies Act 1985 (age limit for...
- Nothing in section 144(1) affects the operation of Part XIIIA...
- 36 For the purposes of section 719 of the Companies Act...
- For the purposes of section 743 of the Companies Act...
- In Schedule 25 to the Companies Act 1985 "subsidiary" has...

Transport Act 1985 (c. 67)

39 In section 137(1) of the Transport Act 1985 (interpretation), in...

Housing Act 1985 (c. 68)

40 In section 622 of the Housing Act 1985 (minor definitions:...

Housing Associations Act 1985 (c. 69)

41 In section 101 of the Housing Associations Act 1985 (minor...

Atomic Energy Authority Act 1986 (c. 3)

42 In section 9 of the Atomic Energy Authority Act 1986...

Airports Act 1986 (c. 31)

43 In section 82 of the Airports Act 1986 (general interpretation),...

Gas Act 1986 (c. 44)

44 In the Gas Act 1986— (a) in section 48(1) (interpretation...

Building Societies Act 1986 (c. 53)

45 In section 119 of the Building Societies Act 1986 (interpretation)....

Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (c. 1)

46 In section 141 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act...

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British Steel Act 1988 (c. 35)

47 In section 15(1) of the British Steel Act 1988 (interpretation),...

SCHEDULE 19 — Minor amendments of the Companies Act 1985

Correction of cross-reference

1 In section 131(1) of the Companies Act 1985 (merger relief)...

Particulars to be given of directors and secretaries

- 2 (1) Section 289 of the Companies Act 1985 (particulars of...
- 3 (1) Section 290 of the Companies Act 1985 (particulars of...
- 4 (1) Section 305 of the Companies Act 1985 (directors' names...
- 5 (1) Section 686 of the Companies Act 1985 (documents to...
- 6 In section 691 of the Companies Act 1985 (documents to...
- 7 (1) Schedule 1 to the Companies Act 1985 (particulars of...

Transactions with directors not requiring authorisation

8 In section 321 of the Companies Act 1985 (exceptions from...

Time limit for holding extraordinary general meeting convened on members' requisition

9 In section 368 of the Companies Act 1985 (extraordinary general...

Removal of restriction on transfer of shares

10 (1) In section 456(3) of the Companies Act 1985 (removal...

Protection of company's members against unfair prejudice

11 In Part XVII of the Companies Act 1985 (protection of...

Requirements for registration by joint stock companies

12 In section 684(1) of the Companies Act 1985 (requirements for...

Delivery of documents by oversea companies

13 In Chapter I of Part XXIII of the Companies Act...

Companies' registered numbers

14 For section 705 of the Companies Act 1985 (Companies' registered...

Exemptions from limit of 20 on members of partnership

- 15 (1) Section 716 of the Companies Act 1985 (prohibition of...
- 16 (1) Section 717 of the Companies Act 1985 (limited partnerships:...

Meaning of "officer who is in default"

17 In section 730 of the Companies Act 1985 (punishment of...

Offences committed by partnerships and other unincorporated bodies

18 In section 734 of the Companies Act 1985 (criminal proceedings...

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Meaning of "office copy" in Scotland

19 In Part XXVI of the Companies Act 1985 (interpretation), after...

Index of defined expressions

20 In Part XXVI of the Companies Act 1985 (interpretation), after...

Fraudulent trading by unregistered companies

21 In Schedule 22 to the Companies Act 1985 (provisions applying...

SCHEDULE 20 — Amendments about mergers and related matters

Fair Trading Act 1973 (c. 41)

- 1 In section 46 of the Fair Trading Act 1973, subsection...
- 2 (1) In section 60 of that Act—
- 3 In section 63(1) of that Act, for "to 75 of...
- 4 In section 66 of that Act—(a) in subsections (1)...
- 5 (1) In section 67 of that Act, in subsection (2)(a),...
- 6 In section 68(4) of that Act, after "the Secretary of...
- 7 In section 71 of that Act—(a) in subsection (1)...
- 8 In section 74(1) of that Act—(a) the words "and...
- 9 In section 75(4) of that Act—(a) after "sections 66"...
- 10 Paragraphs 4 to 9 (and the repeals in Schedule 24...
- 11 At the end of section 76 of that Act there...
- 12 (1) In section 83 of that Act, after subsection (3)...
- 13 (1) In section 85 of that Act, for subsection (7)...
- 14 (1) In section 88 of that Act, in subsection (1)...
- 15 (1) In section 89 of that Act, in subsection (1),...
- 16 (1) Section 90 of that Act is amended as follows....
- 17 In section 132(1) of that Act, after "85(6)" there is...
- 18 (1) In Schedule 3 to that Act, in paragraph 16(2)...
- 19 (1) Schedule 8 to that Act is amended as follows....
- 20 (1) In Schedule 9 to that Act, in paragraph 4...

Competition Act 1980 (c. 21)

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25	Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12) (1) In section 13(9) of the Telecommunications Act 1984, after
	Financial Services Act 1986 (c. 60)
26	

SCHEDULE 21 — Part I — U.K. INVESTMENT EXCHANGES

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Default Rules

1 (1) The exchange must have default rules which, in the...

Content of rules

2 (1) The rules must provide for all rights and liabilities...

Notification to other parties affected

3 The exchange must have adequate arrangements for securing that—

Application of default rules to designated non-members

4 (1) The rules may make the same or similar provision...

Delegation of functions in connection with default procedures

5 The rules may make provision for the whole or part...

Co-operation with other authorities

6 The exchange must be able and willing to co-operate, by...

Margin

Where the exchange provides clearing services, paragraph 14 below applies...

Part II — U.K. CLEARING HOUSES

Default rules

8 (1) The clearing house must have default rules which, in...

Content of rules

- 9 (1) The rules must provide for all rights and liabilities...
- 10 (1) The reference in paragraph 9 to the rights and...

Notification to other parties affected

11 The clearing house must have adequate arrangements for securing that...

Delegation of functions in connection with default procedures

12 The rules may make provision for the whole or part...

Co-operation with other authorities

13 The clearing house must be able and willing to co-operate,...

Margin

- 14 (1) The rules of the clearing house must provide that,...
 Part III OVERSEAS INVESTMENT EXCHANGES AND CLEARING HOUSES
- 15 (1) The rules and practices of the body, together with...

SCHEDULE 22 —

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Introductory

1 The provisions of this Schedule have effect for the purpose...

Recognised investment exchanges and clearing houses

- 2 (1) This Schedule applies to the following descriptions of contract...
- 3 The general law of insolvency has effect in relation to...
- 4 (1) None of the following shall be regarded as to...
- 5 (1) A liquidator or trustee of a defaulter shall not—...
- 6 (1) The following provisions apply with respect to the net...
- 7 (1) Sections 178, 186, 315 and 345 of the Insolvency...
- 8 (1) No order shall be made in relation to a...

Market charges

- 9 (1) The charges to which paragraphs 10 to 12 apply...
- 10 The general law of insolvency has effect in relation to...
- 11 (1) Sections 10(1)(b) and 11(3)(c) of the Insolvency Act 1986...
- 12 (1) No legal proceedings, execution or other legal process may...

Supplementary provisions

- 13 (1) In this Schedule "default rules" means—
- 14 (1) The following are relevant office-holders for the purposes of...
- 15 (1) In this Schedule—"clearing house" has the same meaning...

SCHEDULE 23 —

Part I — GENERAL AMENDMENTS

- 1 (1) Section 13 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (power...
- 2 (1) Section 48 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (conduct...
- 3 (1) Section 49 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (financial...
- 4 In section 50 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (power...
- 5 In section 52 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (notification...
- 6 (1) Section 55 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (clients'...
- 7 In section 56 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (unsolicited...
- 8 In section 86 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (collective...
- 9 In section 95 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (collective...
- 10 (1) Section 107 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (appointment...
- 11 After section 107 of the Financial Services Act 1986 insert—...
- 12 (1) Section 114 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (power...
- 13 (1) Section 115 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (resumption...
- 14 (1) Section 119 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (competition...
- 15 (1) Section 121 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (competition...
- 16 (1) Section 122 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (reports...
- 17 (1) Section 124 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (matters...
- 18 For section 205 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (regulations,...
- 19 In section 206(1) of the Financial Services Act 1986 (publication...
- 20 In Schedule 2 to the Financial Services Act 1986 (requirements...
- 21 In Schedule 3 to the Financial Services Act 1986 (requirements...
- 22 In Schedule 7 to the Financial Services Act 1986 (qualifications...
- 23 (1) Schedule 8 to the Financial Services Act 1986 (principles...
- 24 (1) Schedule 9 to the Financial Services Act 1986 (designated...
- 25 (1) Schedule 10 to the Financial Services Act 1986 (application...
 - Part II AMENDMENTS RELATING TO FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

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- 26 Schedule 11 to the Financial Services Act 1986 (friendly societies)...
- 27 In paragraph 3(2) (competition scrutiny: recognition of self-regulating organisation for...
- 28 (1) Paragraph 4 (requirements for recognition of self-regulating organisation for...
- 29 Omit paragraph 7.
- 30 (1) Paragraph 10 (competition scrutiny: circumstances in which powers are...
- 31 In paragraph 13, for "Paragraphs 14 to 25" substitute "Paragraphs...
- 32 Before paragraph 14 and after the heading "Conduct of investment...
- 33 (1) Paragraph 14 (conduct of business rules) is amended as...
- 34 (1) Paragraph 19 (clients' money regulations) is amended as follows....
- 35 For paragraph 20 (unsolicited calls) substitute—
- 36 After paragraph 22 (and after the paragraph inserted by section...
- For paragraph 29 (transfer of functions of making rules or...
- In paragraph 30(2), for "rules or regulations made" substitute "statements...
- 39 In paragraph 31(6)(c), for "as if the reference to section...
- 40 For paragraph 34 substitute—
- In paragraph 36 (competition scrutiny: transferee bodies) in subparagraphs (1)...
- 42 In paragraph 38(1) (publication of information and advice)—
- 43 In paragraph 45— (a) in sub-paragraph (1) for "make regulations,...

SCHEDULE 24 — Repeals

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