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# Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

## **1992 CHAPTER 52**

#### PART I

TRADE UNIONS

#### CHAPTER VI

APPLICATION OF FUNDS FOR POLITICAL OBJECTS

### Supplementary

# 92 Manner of making union rules.

If the Certification Officer is satisfied, and certifies, that rules of a trade union made for any of the purposes of this Chapter and requiring approval by him have been approved—

- (a) by a majority of the members of the union voting for the purpose, or
- (b) by a majority of delegates of the union at a meeting called for the purpose, the rules shall have effect as rules of the union notwithstanding that the rules of the union as to the alteration of rules or the making of new rules have not been complied with.

## 93 Effect of amalgamation.

- (1) Where on an amalgamation of two or more trade unions—
  - (a) there is in force in relation to each of the amalgamating unions a political resolution and such rules as are required by this Chapter, and
  - (b) the rules of the amalgamated union in force immediately after the amalgamation include such rules as are required by this Chapter,

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the amalgamated union shall be treated for the purposes of this Chapter as having passed a political resolution.

- (2) That resolution shall be treated as having been passed on the date of the earliest of the ballots on which the resolutions in force immediately before the amalgamation with respect to the amalgamating unions were passed.
- (3) Where one of the amalgamating unions is a Northern Ireland union, the references above to the requirements of this Chapter shall be construed as references to the requirements of the corresponding provisions of the law of Northern Ireland.

#### 94 Overseas members of trade union.

- (1) Where a political resolution is in force in relation to the union—
  - (a) rules made by the union for the purpose of complying with section 74 (political ballot rules) in relation to a proposed ballot may provide for overseas members of the union not to be accorded entitlement to vote in the ballot, and
  - (b) rules made by the union for the purpose of complying with section 84 (notice of right to object to contribute to political fund to be given where resolution passed) may provide for notice not to be given by the union to its overseas members.
- (2) Accordingly, where provision is made in accordance with subsection (1)(a), the Certification Officer shall not on that ground withhold his approval of the rules; and where provision is made in accordance with subsection (1)(b), section 84(2) (duty to give notice) shall not be taken to require notice to be given to overseas members.
- (3) An "overseas member" means a member of the trade union (other than a merchant seaman or offshore worker) who is outside Great Britain throughout the period during which votes may be cast.

For this purpose—

"merchant seaman" means a person whose employment, or the greater part of it, is carried out on board sea-going ships; and

"offshore worker" means a person in offshore employment, other than one who is in such employment in an area where the law of Northern Ireland applies.

### 95 Appeals from Certification Officer.

An appeal lies to the Employment Appeal Tribunal on any question of law arising in proceedings before or arising from any decision of the Certification Officer under this Chapter.

#### 96 Meaning of "date of the ballot".

In this Chapter the "date of the ballot" means, in the case of a ballot in which votes may be cast on more than one day, the last of those days.

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