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Companies Act 2006

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An Act to reform company law and restate the greater part of the enactments relating to companies; to make other provision relating to companies and other forms of business organisation; to make provision about directors' disqualification, business names, auditors and actuaries; to amend Part 9 of the Enterprise Act 2002; and for connected purposes.

[8th November 2006]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act: Pts. 1-39 and 45-39 modified (6.4.2007) by The Companies Acts (Unregistered Companies) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/318), regs. 4, 5 (with reg. 6)
- C2 Act applied (15.12.2007 with application as mentioned in rule 3 of the amending S.I.) by The PPP Administration Order Rules 2007 (S.I. 2007/3141), rule 32(5)
- C3 Act applied in part (with modifications) (6.4.2008) by The Companies (Revision of Defective Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/373), regs. 3(1)(4), 19(1) (as amended (1.10.2013) by S.I. 2013/2224, regs. 1(2), 4)
- C4 Act modified (6.4.2008) by The Companies (Revision of Defective Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/373), reg. 10(1)
- C5 Act modified (6.4.2008) by The Companies (Revision of Defective Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/373), reg. 11(1) (as amended (1.10.2013) by S.I. 2013/2224, regs. 1(2), 10 and (1.1.2018) by The Statutory Auditors Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1164), reg. 1(2)(3), 11 (with reg. 2(6)(7)))
- C6 Act modified (6.4.2008) by The Companies (Revision of Defective Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/373), reg. 12(5)
- C7 Act applied in part (6.4.2008) by The Companies (Summary Financial Statement) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/374), regs. 1(2), **8(1)**
- C8 Act applied (with modifications) (6.4.2008) by S.I. 1989/638, reg. 18, Sch. 4 (as amended by The Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments etc) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/948), art. 3(1), Sch. 1 paras. 163, 164 (with arts. 6, 11, 12))

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- C9 Act applied (with modifications) (6.4.2008) by S.R. 1989/216, reg. 18, Sch. 4 (as amended by The Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments etc) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/948), art. 3(1), Sch. 1 paras. 173, 174 (with arts. 6, 11, 12))
- C10 Act modified (S.) (21.2.2009) by The Banking Act 2009 (Parts 2 and 3 Consequential Amendments) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/317), art. 3, Sch.
- C11 Act modified (12.3.2009) by Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008 (c. 31), ss. 13, 31(1)(2); S.I. 2009/490, art. 2 (with art. 3)
- C12 Act modified (1.10.2009) by The Companies Act 2006 (Commencement No. 8, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/2860), art. 5, Sch. 2 (with arts. 7, 8) (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18)
- C13 Act applied in part (with modifications) by S.I. 1989/638, reg. 18, Sch. 4 (as amended (1.10.2009) by The European Economic Interest Grouping (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/2399), regs. 19, 23 (with reg. 2))
- C14 Act: (Pts. 1-39, 45-47 as defined by s. 2) extended (1.10.2009) by The Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1941), art. 12(1), Sch. 3 para. 2 (with art. 10)
- C15 Pts. 1-39 and 45-47 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2009) by The Unregistered Companies Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/2436), regs. 3-5, **Sch. 1 para. 21** (with transitional provisions and savings in regs. 7, 9, Sch. 2)
- C16 Pts. 1-39, 45-47 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2009) by The Companies (Companies Authorised to Register) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/2437), regs. 18-23 (with transitional provisions and savings in reg. 24)
- C17 Act applied (1.11.2009) by The Water Industry (Special Administration) Rules 2009 (S.I. 2009/2477), rule 58(2)(b) (with rules 3(2), 4)
- C18 Act excluded (1.4.2010) by Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (c. 17), ss. 167(5)(c), 325; S.I. 2010/862, art. 2, (with Sch.)
- C19 Act: power to modify conferred (E.W.) (1.10.2010 for certain purposes otherwise prosp.) by Water Act 1991(c. 56), s. 23(2E)-(2G) (as inserted by 2010 c. 29, ss. 34, 49(3)(a), Sch. 5 para. 3 (with s. 49(1) (6)); S.I. 2010/2169, art. 4, Sch. (with art. 5))
- C20 Act applied in part (with modifications) (8.2.2011) by The Investment Bank Special Administration Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/245), reg. 27, Sch. 6 Pt. 1
- C21 Act excluded (1.4.2012) by Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 17), ss. 106(7)(c), 166(2); S.S.I. 2012/39, art. 2, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2)
- C22 Act applied in part (with application in accordance with reg. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by The Companies (Receipt of Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1973), reg. 9(1)
- C23 Act applied (with modifications) (10.1.2015) by The Bank Recovery and Resolution (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3348), art. 220(4), Sch. 4 (as amended (28.12.2020) by The Bank Recovery and Resolution (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1350), regs. 1(2), 60)
- C24 Act excluded (10.1.2015) by The Bank Recovery and Resolution (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3348), art. 217
- C25 Act excluded (10.1.2015) by The Bank Recovery and Resolution (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3348), art. 220(3)
- C26 Act excluded (12.7.2016) by Energy Act 2016 (c. 20), ss. 1(3), 84(3); S.I. 2016/602, reg. 3(a) (as substituted by S.I. 2016/710, reg. 2)
- C27 Act applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2014/3348, art. 220A (as inserted (16.12.2016) by The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/1239), arts. 1(2), 41(16))
- **C28** Act applied (26.6.2017) by The Scottish Partnerships (Register of People with Significant Control) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/694), reg. 77(2)
- C29 Act excluded in part by 2005 c. 5, s. 271B(2) (as inserted (with effect in accordance with Sch. 2 para. 64 of the amending Act) by Finance (No. 2) Act 2017 (c. 32), Sch. 2 para. 13)
- C30 Act excluded (8.12.2017) by The Risk Transformation Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1212), regs. 1(2), 12(8) (with reg. 189)

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