



# Companies Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 46

### PART 3

#### A COMPANY'S CONSTITUTION

### CHAPTER 2

#### ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

#### *General*

#### **18 Articles of association**

- (1) A company must have articles of association prescribing regulations for the company.
- (2) Unless it is a company to which model articles apply by virtue of section 20 (default application of model articles in case of limited company), it must register articles of association.
- (3) Articles of association registered by a company must—
  - (a) be contained in a single document, and
  - (b) be divided into paragraphs numbered consecutively.
- (4) References in the Companies Acts to a company's "articles" are to its articles of association.

**Changes to legislation:**

Companies Act 2006, Section 18 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 09 September 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2008/373 reg. 11(1) by [S.I. 2013/1971 reg. 9\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Amending Regulations revoked (1.10.2013) without ever being in force by S.I. 2013/2224, reg. 2)
- Act amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2008/373 reg. 3(4) by [S.I. 2013/1971 reg. 4](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Amending Regulations revoked (1.10.2013) without ever being in force by S.I. 2013/2224, reg. 2)

**Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):**

- s. 479A(2)(c)(zi) inserted by [S.I. 2019/177 reg. 4\(b\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 4 substituted by regs. 4, 4A immediately before IP completion day by S.I. 2019/1392, regs. 1(2), 4)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 Section (A) para. 25(m) inserted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 30 para. 30](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 Section (A) para. 25(j) omitted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 21 para. 10](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 Section (A) para. 28 words substituted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 18 para. 9\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 Section (A) para. 29 words substituted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 18 para. 9\(2\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 Section (A) para. 36 words substituted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 18 para. 9\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 10 para. 6(2D) inserted by [S.I. 2019/177 reg. 28\(e\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 28(e) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/523, regs. 1(2), 14(e)(iv))
- Sch. 10 para. 7(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/177 reg. 29\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 29 substituted immediately before IP completion day by S.I. 2020/523, regs. 1(2), 14(f))