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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1992 No. 546**

**HARBOURS, DOCKS, PIERS AND FERRIES**

**The Forth Ports Authority Scheme  
1992 Confirmation Order 1992**

*Made* - - - - *5th March 1992*  
*Coming into force* - - *6th March 1992*

Whereas the Secretary of State for Transport is for the purposes of Part I of the Ports Act 1991<sup>(1)</sup> the appropriate Minister in relation to the Forth Ports Authority;

And whereas the Secretary of State has in pursuance of subsection (6) of section 9 of that Act considered the representations duly made to him before the end of the period allowed pursuant to subsection (4)(c) of that section and not withdrawn:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, after consulting the said Authority in pursuance of paragraph (a) of the said subsection (6), in exercise of the powers conferred on him by subsections (6) and (7) of the said section 9 and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Forth Ports Authority Scheme 1992 Confirmation Order 1992 and shall come into force on 6th March 1992.

**Confirmation of Scheme**

- 2.—(1) The Forth Ports Authority Scheme 1992 is hereby confirmed with modifications.  
(2) The text of the said Scheme as so confirmed is set out in the Schedule hereto.

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(1) 1991 c. 52; for the definition of “the appropriate Minister”, see section 20(1) and (2).

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

5th March 1992

*Patrick McLoughlin*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department of Transport

## SCHEDULE

Article 2

### THE FORTH PORTS AUTHORITY SCHEME 1992

The Forth Ports Authority, being a relevant port authority within the meaning of section 1(3) of the Ports Act 1991, make this Scheme under Part I of that Act.

#### **Citation and interpretation**

- 1.—(1) This Scheme may be cited as the Forth Ports Authority Scheme 1992.
- (2) In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires—
  - “the 1991 Act” means the Ports Act 1991;
  - “the Authority” means the Forth Ports Authority;
  - “the dissolution date” means the date on which the Authority are dissolved by an order made under section 7 of the 1991 Act;
  - “local statutory provision” means—
    - (a) a provision contained in, or in a document made or issued under, any local Act (including an Act confirming a provisional order); or
    - (b) a provision of any other instrument which is in the nature of a local enactment;
  - “the Successor Company” means the company specified in paragraph 3 below;
  - “the transfer date” means the date upon which this Scheme takes effect.

#### **Purpose of Scheme**

2. This Scheme is made with a view to securing the transfer to the Successor Company under section 2 of the 1991 Act of—
  - (a) all property, rights and liabilities of the Authority other than—
    - (i) the securities of the Successor Company held by the Authority;
    - (ii) any rights or liabilities of the Authority in respect of such securities held by a nominee of the Authority; and
    - (iii) any liability of the Authority incurred by virtue of section 19 of the 1991 Act in connection with any proposal for maximising participation by employees of the Successor Company in ownership of its equity share capital; and
  - (b) all functions conferred or imposed on the Authority by any provision contained in the Forth Ports Authority Orders 1966 to 1980 or any other local statutory provision.

#### **Specification of Successor Company**

3. FORTH PORTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY, a company formed in pursuance of section 1 of the 1991 Act and registered under the Companies Act 1985(2) with the number 134741 which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Authority, is hereby specified to be the Authority’s successor company for the purposes of Part I of the 1991 Act.

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(2) 1985 c. 6.

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#### **Accounts of Authority up to 31st December 1991**

4.—(1) Where the financial year dealt with in the last statement of accounts prepared by the Authority under section 42 of the Harbours Act 1964<sup>(3)</sup> before the transfer date does not end on 31st December 1991, it shall be the duty of the Successor Company to prepare a statement of accounts giving a true and fair view of the state of affairs and the income and expenditure of the Authority in respect of the financial year ending on 31st December 1991.

(2) The statement of accounts prepared under sub-paragraph (1) above shall be audited by auditors appointed by the Authority (or, if no such appointment has been made before the dissolution date, by the Successor Company), and a person shall not be qualified to be so appointed unless that person is eligible for appointment as a company auditor in accordance with section 25 of the Companies Act 1989.

(3) Subsections (2) to (9) of section 42 of the Harbours Act 1964 (accounts and reports relating to harbour activities and associated activities), and any regulations made under subsection (7) or (9) of that section, shall apply in relation to the preparation under sub-paragraph (1) above of the statement of accounts by the Successor Company in respect of the financial year ending on 31st December 1991 and to the statement of accounts so prepared as they apply in relation to the preparation under that section of a statement of accounts by a statutory harbour undertaker in respect of that period and to the statement of accounts so prepared.

#### **Accounts of Authority from 1st January 1992 to transfer date**

5.—(1) The statutory accounts prepared by the directors of the Successor Company in respect of a period which consists of or includes the whole or any part of the residual accounting period of the Authority shall deal with the affairs of the Authority during so much of the residual accounting period as falls within that period as well as, and as one with, the affairs of the Successor Company.

(2) In this paragraph—

(a) “statutory accounts” means, in relation to the Successor Company,—

(i) any accounts prepared by that company for the purposes of any provision of the Companies Act 1985, including group accounts; and

(ii) any statement of accounts prepared by that company under section 42 of the Harbours Act 1964;

(b) references to the residual accounting period of the Authority are references to the period beginning with 1st January 1992 and ending with the date before the transfer date.

#### **Accounts of Authority after transfer date**

6.—(1) It shall be the duty of the Authority—

(a) to keep proper accounts in respect of the period beginning with the transfer date and ending immediately before the dissolution date and proper records in relation to the accounts; and

(b) to prepare in respect of each new accounting period a statement of accounts giving a true and fair view of the state of affairs and the income and expenditure of the Authority.

(2) A statement of accounts of the Authority prepared in pursuance of sub-paragraph (1)(b) above shall be audited by auditors appointed by the Authority, and a person shall not be qualified to be so appointed unless that person is eligible for appointment as a company auditor in accordance with section 25 of the Companies Act 1989.

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(3) 1964 c. 40; section 42 was substituted by the Transport Act 1981 (c. 56), Schedule 6, paragraph 10, and amended by the Companies Act 1989 (c. 40), Schedule 10, paragraph 26.

(3) The Authority shall send to the Secretary of State a copy of the statement of accounts prepared in pursuance of sub-paragraph (1)(b) above together with a copy of the auditor's report on it.

(4) In this paragraph "new accounting period" means—

- (a) a period of twelve months beginning with the transfer date or with an anniversary of that date; and
- (b) any period of less than twelve months which begins with the transfer date or an anniversary of that date and ends immediately before the dissolution date.

### **Transitional provisions with respect to reserves, etc**

7.—(1) For the purposes of any statutory accounts of the Successor Company, the value of any asset and the amount of any liability transferred to the Successor Company under section 2 or 7 of the 1991 Act shall be taken to be the pre-transfer value of that asset or (as the case may be) the pre-transfer amount of that liability.

(2) An amount equal to the accumulated realised profits of the Authority at the transfer date shall be treated as accumulated realised profits of the Successor Company.

(3) Subject to sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) above, for the purposes of any statutory accounts of the Successor Company the amount to be included in respect of any item shall be determined as if anything done by the Authority (whether by way of acquiring, revaluing or disposing of any asset or incurring, revaluing or discharging any liability, or by carrying any amount to any provision or reserve, or otherwise) had been done by the Successor Company.

(4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) above the pre-transfer value of an asset or (as the case may be) the pre-transfer amount of a liability is—

- (a) in the case of an asset or liability transferred under section 2 of the 1991 Act, the value or (as the case may be) the amount which would have been assigned to that asset or liability for the purposes of the last statement of accounts prepared by the Authority under section 42 of the Harbours Act 1964 before the transfer date if the accounting year of the Authority dealt with in that statement of accounts had ended immediately before the transfer date; and
- (b) in the case of an asset or liability transferred under section 7 of the 1991 Act, the value or (as the case may be) the amount assigned to that asset or liability for the purposes of the last statement of accounts prepared by the Authority in pursuance of paragraph 6 above.

(5) Any reference in this paragraph to the statutory accounts of the Successor Company is a reference to—

- (a) any accounts prepared by that company for the purposes of any provision of the Companies Act 1985, including group accounts; and
- (b) any statement of accounts prepared by the Successor Company under section 42 of the Harbours Act 1964.

### **Dividend by Successor Company before laying or delivery of accounts**

8.—(1) Where it is proposed to declare a distribution during the accounting reference period of the Successor Company which includes the transfer date, or before any accounts are laid or delivered to the registrar of companies in respect of that period, sections 270 to 276 of the Companies Act 1985(4)(relevant accounts for determining whether a distribution is lawful) shall apply in relation to the distribution as if—

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(4) Sections 271, 272, 273 and 276 were amended by the Companies Act 1989, Schedule 10, paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7.

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- (a) such accounts as are mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) below were accounts relevant under section 270; and
  - (b) references in section 273 to initial accounts included references to any such accounts.
- (2) The accounts referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(a) and (b) above are such accounts as, on the assumptions stated in sub-paragraph (3) below, would have been prepared under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985<sup>(5)</sup> in respect of the relevant year.
- (3) Those assumptions are—
- (a) that the relevant year had been a financial year of the Successor Company;
  - (b) that the transfer effected by section 2(2) of the 1991 Act had been a vesting of all the property, rights, liabilities and functions to which the Authority were entitled or subject immediately before the beginning of the relevant year and had been effected immediately after the beginning of that year;
  - (c) that the value of any asset and the amount of any liability of the Authority transferred to the Successor Company by virtue of the said section 2(2) had been the value or (as the case may be) the amount assigned to that asset or liability for the purposes of the statement of accounts prepared by the Authority in respect of their financial year immediately preceding the relevant year;
  - (d) that any securities of the Successor Company issued or allotted on any terms before the declaration of the distribution had been issued or allotted on those terms before the end of the relevant year; and
  - (e) such other assumptions (if any) as may appear to the directors of the Successor Company to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of this paragraph.
- (4) For the purposes of such accounts as are mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) above the amount to be included in respect of any item shall be determined as if anything done by the Authority (whether by way of acquiring, revaluing or disposing of any asset or incurring, revaluing or discharging any liability, or by carrying any amount to any provision or reserve, or otherwise) had been done by the Successor Company.
- Accordingly (but without prejudice to the generality of the preceding provision) the amount to be included in any reserves of the Successor Company as representing its accumulated realised profits shall be determined as if any profits realised and retained by the Authority had been realised and retained by the Successor Company.
- (5) Any such accounts shall not be regarded as statutory accounts for the purposes of paragraph 5 or 7 above.
- (6) In this paragraph—
- “the relevant year” means the last financial year of the Authority ending before the transfer date;
  - “financial year”, in relation to the Authority, means any period of twelve months ending with 31st December.

### **Power to redeem funded debt**

**9.—**(1) At any time on or after the transfer date the Successor Company, as transferee (by virtue of section 2(2) of the 1991 Act) of the property, rights, liabilities and functions of the Authority in respect of funded debt, may (notwithstanding the terms specified or referred to in any certificate of funded debt) redeem any such debt at such price and on such other terms and conditions as may be agreed between the Successor Company and the holder of the debt.

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(5) Part VII consists of sections 221 to 262A, which were inserted by the Companies Act 1989, sections 2 to 22.

(2) In this paragraph “funded debt” means Leith Harbour funded debt created under section 108 of the Leith Harbour and Docks Consolidation Order 1935(6) and outstanding at 15th May 1968.

### **Retirement Benefits Scheme**

**10.** The transfer effected by section 2(2) of the 1991 Act shall not affect any entitlement to benefits or other rights under any deeds or other documents constituting a scheme established by the Authority for the payment of pensions, lump sums, gratuities or other like benefits to or in respect of employees or former employees of the Authority; and, accordingly, for the purposes of any such deed or other document (as it has effect by virtue of section 2(2) of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to, that Act in relation to employment with the Successor Company)—

- (a) any period of employment with the Authority shall count as employment with the Successor Company; and
- (b) any decision taken, or other thing done, before the transfer date by the Authority shall be treated as having been taken or done by the Successor Company.

### **Constitution of the Authority**

**11.—(1)** For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that, notwithstanding section 2(2) of the 1991 Act and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to that Act, the provisions of article 3(2) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Forth Harbour Reorganisation Scheme 1966(7), the Forth Ports Authority (Constitution) Revision Order 1973(8) and the Forth Ports Authority (No. 2) Order 1980(9)(which make provision as respects the constitution of the Authority) shall have no effect in relation to the Successor Company.

(2) For the purposes of the provisions of those enactments in their application to the Authority on and after the transfer date—

- (a) the general manager of the Successor Company (whether designated by that company as general manager, managing director or otherwise) shall be taken to be the general manager of the Authority, and
- (b) a full-time employee of the Successor Company shall be taken to be a full-time officer of the Authority;

and accordingly—

- (i) if the person who is the general manager of the Authority immediately before the transfer date becomes the general manager (however designated) of the Successor Company on the transfer date, he shall not thereby cease to be an ex-officio member of the Authority; and
- (ii) any person who, immediately before the transfer date, is a full-time officer of the Authority and (in that capacity) a member of the Authority and who on that date becomes a full-time employee of the Successor Company shall not thereby cease to be a member of the Authority.

(3) On or at any time after the transfer date the Secretary of State may, if he thinks fit, appoint one or more persons to be members of the Authority in addition to the members appointed in pursuance of the Forth Ports Authority (Constitution) Revision Order 1973:

Provided that the number of persons appointed in pursuance of this sub-paragraph and in office for the time being shall not be more than four.

(4) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that—

- (a) those provisions of—

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(6) See 1935 c.iv.

(7) See 1967 c.xli.

(8) S.I. 1973/1284.

(9) See 1980 c.iii.

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- (i) Schedule 1 to the Forth Harbour Reorganisation Scheme 1966; and
  - (ii) the Schedule to the Forth Ports Authority (Constitution) Revision Order 1973; which apply in respect of a member of the Authority appointed by the Secretary of State shall apply in respect of a person appointed in pursuance of sub-paragraph (3) above; and
- (b) the provisions of article 3(3) and (4) of the Forth Ports Authority (Constitution) Revision Order 1973 shall not apply in respect of a person appointed in pursuance of sub-paragraph (3) above.
- (5) A person appointed in pursuance of sub-paragraph (3) above shall come into office on such date and, subject to the provisions of Schedule 1 to the Forth Harbour Reorganisation Scheme 1966, shall continue in office for such period as the Secretary of State may specify when he makes the appointment.

### **Repeals**

**12.**—(1) On the transfer date the enactments specified in Part I of the Schedule to this Scheme shall, subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, be repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.

(2) On the dissolution date the enactments specified in Part II of that Schedule shall be repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.

(3) The repeal by sub-paragraph (1) above of article 35 of the Forth Harbour Reorganisation Scheme 1966 or any provision in Part III of or Schedule 2 to the Forth Ports Authority Order 1969<sup>(10)</sup> shall not apply in relation to—

- (a) any mortgages and other securities referred to in paragraph (1) of the said article 35, or
- (b) any bills, bonds, mortgages, funded debt or other securities created or issued by the Authority before the transfer date.

W. A. C. Thomson  
Chairman  
Charles Hammond  
Secretary

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<sup>(10)</sup> See 1969 c.xxxiv.



## SCHEDULE

## REPEALS

## PART I

## REPEALS TAKING EFFECT ON THE TRANSFER DATE

<i>Chapter or Number (1)</i>	<i>Short Title (2)</i>	<i>Extent of Repeal (3)</i>
<a href="#">1967 c.xli.</a>	Forth Harbour Reorganisation Scheme Confirmation (Special Procedure) Act 1967.	Article 35 of the Forth Harbour Reorganisation Scheme 1966.
See <a href="#">1969 c.xxxiv.</a>	Forth Ports Authority Order Confirmation Act 1969.	Sections 28 to 32, 34 and 37 to 41 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Forth Ports Authority Order 1969.
<a href="#">S.I.1974/924.</a>	Forth Ports Authority (Borrowing Powers) Revision Order 1973.	The whole Order.

## PART II

## REPEALS (OF ENACTMENTS RELATING TO CONSTITUTION OF AUTHORITY) TAKING EFFECT ON THE DISSOLUTION DATE

<i>Chapter or Number (1)</i>	<i>Short Title (2)</i>	<i>Extent of Repeal (3)</i>
<a href="#">1967 c.xli.</a>	Forth Harbour Reorganisation Scheme Confirmation (Special Procedure) Act 1967.	Article 3(2) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Forth Harbour Reorganisation Scheme 1966.
<a href="#">1969 c.xxxiv.</a>	Forth Ports Authority Order Confirmation Act 1969.	Section 88 of the Forth Ports Authority Order 1969.
<a href="#">S.I. 1973/1284.</a>	Forth Ports Authority (Constitution) Revision Order 1973.	The whole Order.
<a href="#">1980 c.iii.</a>	Forth Ports Authority (No. 2) Order Confirmation Act 1980.	The whole Act and the scheduled Order.

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IN WITNESS whereof the Forth Ports Authority have caused their Common Seal to be hereunto affixed the seventh day of January 1992.

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*W. A. C. Thomson*  
Chairman

*Charles Hammond*  
Secretary

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order confirms the Forth Ports Authority Scheme 1992, as modified by the Secretary of State for Transport.

The Scheme was made by the Forth Ports Authority under section 9 of the Ports Act 1991. By virtue of that section the Scheme takes effect on the date on which the Order comes into force. On that date all property, rights and liabilities of the Authority and all functions conferred or imposed on the Authority by any local statutory provision are transferred to and by virtue of section 2 of the Act become property, rights and liabilities or (as the case may be) functions of the successor company specified by paragraph 3 of the Scheme.