STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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PART III

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS ABOUT THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND REGISTERED PARTIES

Appointment of sub-agent for registered parties

- **12.**—(1) A national election agent or a person authorised by him may appoint to act in any electoral region one, but not more than one, deputy election agent and in any part of an electoral region one, but not more than one, deputy election agent (referred to in these Regulations and the 1983 Act, as applied by these Regulations, as a sub-agent).
- (2) An election agent of a registered party may appoint to act in any part of the electoral region one, but not more than one, deputy election agent (referred to in these Regulations and the 1983 Act, as applied by these Regulations, as a sub-agent).
- (3) As regards matters in the area for which there is a sub-agent, the election agent (including the national election agent), may act by the sub-agent and—
 - (a) anything done for the purposes of the 1983 Act, as applied by these Regulations, by or to the sub-agent in his area shall be deemed to be done by or to the election agent (including the national election agent); and
 - (b) any act or default of a sub-agent which, if he were the election agent (including the national election agent), would be an illegal practice or other offence against the 1983 Act (as so applied) shall be an illegal practice and offence against that Act (as so applied) committed by the sub-agent and the sub-agent shall be liable to punishment accordingly.
- (4) Not later than the second day before the day of the poll (calculated in accordance with section 119 of the 1983 Act(1) as applied by these Regulations) the national election agent or a person acting on his behalf or, as the case may be, the election agent shall declare in writing to the returning officer—
 - (a) the name and address of every sub-agent, and
 - (b) the area for which he is appointed to act.
- (5) The appointment of a sub-agent shall not be vacated by the national election agent or, as the case may be, the election agent who appointed him ceasing to be such an agent.
- (6) The appointment of a sub-agent may be revoked by whoever is for the time being the national election agent or, as the case may be, election agent.
- (7) Where the appointment of a sub-agent is revoked or the sub-agent dies, another sub-agent may be appointed, and the national election agent or a person acting on his behalf or, as the case may be, the election agent shall forthwith declare in writing to the returning officer—
 - (a) the name and address of the sub-agent, and

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- (b) the area for which he is appointed to act.
- (8) On receipt of a declaration under paragraph (4) or (7) above, the returning officer shall forthwith give public notice of the name, address and area so declared.
 - (9) References in this regulation to an election agent are to the election agent of a registered party.