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SCHEDULE 14

Section 37

MEETINGS OF COMPANIES AND OTHER BODIES

Meaning of “qualifying body”

- 1 In this Schedule “qualifying body” means—
- (a) a registered society within the meaning of the [Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1969 \(c. 24\(N.I.\)\)](#),
 - (b) a credit union within the meaning of the Credit Unions (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 ([S.I. 1985/1205 \(N.I. 12\)](#)),
 - (c) a building society within the meaning of the Building Societies Act 1986,
 - (d) a society that is registered within the meaning of the Friendly Societies Act 1974 or incorporated under the Friendly Societies Act 1992,
 - (e) a registered branch within the meaning of the Friendly Societies Act 1992,
 - (f) a Scottish charitable incorporated organisation within the meaning of Chapter 7 of Part 1 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ([asp 10](#)),
 - (g) a company within the meaning of section 1(1) of the Companies Act 2006,
 - (h) a charitable incorporated organisation within the meaning of Part 11 of the Charities Act 2011, and
 - (i) a registered society within the meaning of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

Meaning of “relevant period”

- 2 (1) In this Schedule the “relevant period” means the period which—
- (a) begins with 26 March 2020, and
 - (b) ends with 30 September 2020.
- (2) The appropriate national authority may by regulations substitute for the date for the time being specified in sub-paragraph (1)(b)—
- (a) an earlier date, or
 - (b) a later date that is not more than three months after the date for the time being so specified and is not later than 5 April 2021.

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- (3) Regulations under sub-paragraph (2) may make consequential or transitional provision or savings.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (2) “the appropriate national authority” means—
- (a) in relation to a qualifying body within paragraph 1(c), (d), (e), (g), (h), or (i), the Secretary of State,
 - (b) in relation to a qualifying body within paragraph 1(f), the Scottish Ministers, and
 - (c) in relation to a qualifying body within paragraph 1(a) or (b), the Department for the Economy in Northern Ireland.

Meetings of qualifying bodies held during the relevant period

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies to a meeting within sub-paragraph (2) that is held during the relevant period.
- (2) A meeting is within this sub-paragraph if it is—
- (a) a general meeting of a qualifying body,
 - (b) a meeting of any class of members of a qualifying body, or
 - (c) a meeting of delegates appointed by members of a qualifying body.
- (3) The meeting need not be held at any particular place.
- (4) The meeting may be held, and any votes may be permitted to be cast, by electronic means or any other means.
- (5) The meeting may be held without any number of those participating in the meeting being together at the same place.
- (6) A member of the qualifying body does not have a right—
- (a) to attend the meeting in person,
 - (b) to participate in the meeting other than by voting, or
 - (c) to vote by particular means.
- (7) The provisions of any enactment relating to meetings within sub-paragraph (2) have effect subject to this paragraph.
- (8) The provisions of the constitution or rules of the qualifying body have effect subject to this paragraph.