



Estate Agents Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 38

Supplementary

32 Meaning of “associate”.

- (1) In this Act “associate” includes a business associate and otherwise has the meaning given by the following provisions of this section.
- (2) A person is an associate of another if he is the spouse [^{F1} or civil partner] or a relative of that other or of a business associate of that other.
- (3) In subsection (2) above “relative” means brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, lineal ancestor or lineal descendant, ^{F2}... references to a spouse include a former spouse and a [^{F3} reputed spouse, and references to a civil partner include a former civil partner [^{F4} and a reputed civil partner];] and for the purposes of this subsection a relationship shall be established as if an illegitimate child or step-child of a person [^{F5} were the legitimate child of the relationship in question] .
- (4) A body corporate is an associate of another body corporate—
 - (a) if the same person is a controller of both, or a person is a controller of one and persons who are his associates, or he and persons who are his associates, are controllers of the other; or
 - (b) if a group of two or more persons is a controller of each company, and the groups either consist of the same persons or could be regarded as consisting of the same persons by treating (in one or more cases) a member of either group as replaced by a person of whom he is an associate.
- (5) An unincorporated association is an associate of another unincorporated association if any person—
 - (a) is an officer of both associations;
 - (b) has the management or control of the activities of both associations; or
 - (c) is an officer of one association and has the management or control of the activities of the other association.
- (6) A partnership is an associate of another partnership if—

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- (a) any person is a member of both partnerships; or
- (b) a person who is a member of one partnership is an associate of a member of the other partnership; or
- (c) a member of one partnership has an associate who is also an associate of a member of the other partnership.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 32(2) inserted (5.12.2005) by Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33), s. 263(10)(b), **Sch. 27 para. 63(2)**; S.I. 2005/3175, art. 2(2)
- F2** Word in s. 32(3) repealed (5.12.2005) by Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33), s. 263(10)(b), Sch. 27 para. 63(3)(a), **Sch. 30**; S.I. 2005/3175, art. 2(2)(6)
- F3** Words in s. 32(3) substituted (5.12.2005) by Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33), s. 263(10)(b), **Sch. 27 para. 63(3)(b)**; S.I. 2005/3175, art. 2(2)
- F4** Words in s. 32(3) inserted (5.12.2005) by The Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Overseas Relationships and Consequential, etc. Amendments) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3129), art. 1, **Sch. 4 para. 5**
- F5** Words in s. 32(3) substituted (5.12.2005) by Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33), s. 263(10)(b), **Sch. 27 para. 63(3)(c)**; S.I. 2005/3175, art. 2(2)

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- s. 21A inserted by [2007 c. 17 s. 54\(1\)](#)