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## SCHEDULES

### [<sup>F1</sup>SCHEDULE B1

#### ADMINISTRATION

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. B1 inserted (15.9.2003) by 2002 c. 40, ss. 248(2), 279, Sch. 16 (with s. 249(1)-(3)(6)); S.I. 2003/2093, art. 2(1), Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3-8 (as amended by S.I. 2003/2332, art. 2))

##### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 2 (including Sch. B1) applied (with modifications) (1.2.2011) by The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Administration Orders Relating to Insurers) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/3023), art. 2, Sch. (with art. 6) (as amended (1.4.2013) by S.I. 2013/472, Sch. 2 para. 195(c); and (7.4.2017) by S.I. 2017/400, regs. 1(2), 9)
- C1** Pt. 2 (including Sch. B1) applied (with modifications) (6.4.2014) by The Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies and Credit Unions (Arrangements, Reconstructions and Administration) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/229), art. 2(2), Sch. 1 (as renamed (1.8.2014) by S.I. 2014/1815, Sch. para 33; and as amended (1.8.2014) by S.I. 2014/1822, art. 5; and (13.3.2018) by S.I. 2018/208, regs. 1(3), 15(3)(b))
- C1** Sch. B1 applied in part (with modifications) (1.10.2011) by Postal Services Act 2011 (c. 5), ss. 73, 93(2) (3), Sch. 10 Pts. 1, 2; S.I. 2011/2329, art. 3 (with arts. 4, 5) (as amended (6.4.2017) by S.I. 2017/540, reg. 1, Sch. 1 para. 6(2) (with reg. 4))
- C1** Pt. 2 (including Sch. B1) applied (with modifications) (1.12.1994) by The Insolvent Partnerships Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/2421), art. 6(1), Sch. 2 (as amended (1.7.2005) by S.I. 2005/1516, art. 7, Sch. 1; (1.4.2013) by S.I. 2013/472, Sch. 2 para. 11(b)); (1.1.2015) by S.I. 2014/3486, arts. 1(2), 13 (with art. 3); (6.4.2017) by S.I. 2017/540, reg. 1, Sch. 2 para. 6 (with reg. 4); (19.12.2018) by S.I. 2018/1244, arts. 1(2), 19(2)(3) (with art. 3)); and (28.12.2020) (temp.) by S.I. 2020/1350, regs. 1(4), 121(3))
- C1** Sch. B1 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/3023, art. 2, Sch. (as amended (13.3.2018) by The Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (Consequential Amendments, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/208), regs. 1(3), 12 (with reg. 22))
- C1** Sch. B1 specified provisions applied (with modifications) (4.7.2018) by The Insolvency of Registered Providers of Social Housing Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/728), regs. 1, 2(2), Sch. 1 Pt. 1
- C1** Sch. B1 specified provisions applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2012/3013, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (as inserted (4.7.2018) by The Insolvency of Registered Providers of Social Housing Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/728), regs. 1, 3(6), Sch. 2)
- C1** Sch. B1 specified provisions applied (with modifications) (13.7.2018 for E.W.) by Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 (c. 33), s. 148(5), Sch. 6 para. 5; S.I. 2018/848, art. 2(b) (as amended by S.I. 2017/400, regs. 1(2), 6(a)(c); and S.I. 2018/208, regs. 1(3), 6(a))
- C1** Sch. B1 specified provisions applied (with modifications) (31.1.2019) by Technical and Further Education Act 2017 (c. 19), s. 47(2), Sch. 3; S.I. 2018/1161, reg. 3(c) (as amended (26.12.2023) by 2023 c. 55, s. 255(2)(c), Sch. 4 para. 210(a) (with s. 247))
- C1** Sch. B1 specified provisions applied (with modifications) (31.1.2019) by Technical and Further Education Act 2017 (c. 19), s. 47(2), Sch. 4; S.I. 2018/1161, reg. 3(d) (as amended: (28.6.2022) by 2022 c. 21, ss. 25(4), 36(2); and (26.12.2023) by 2023 c. 55, s. 255(2)(c), Sch. 4 para. 211(a) (with s. 247))

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- C1** Sch. B1 applied in part (with modifications) (5.10.2004) by [Energy Act 2004 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 159(1), 198, [Sch. 20 Pts. 1-3](#); [S.I. 2004/2575](#), art. 2(1), [Sch. 1](#) (as amended (26.6.2020) by [Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 49(1), [Sch. 9 para. 27](#) (with ss. 2(2), 5(2)))
- C1** Sch. B1 modified (28.12.2020 until IP completion day when the amending provision ceases to have effect in accordance with reg. 1(4) of the amending S.I.) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1350\)](#), regs. 1(4), [114](#) (with reg. 108)
- C1** Sch. B1 excluded in part (E.W.) (15.3.2024) by [The Water Industry \(Special Administration\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/205\)](#), regs. 2(2), [5\(2\)](#) (with reg. 64)

## APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR BY HOLDER OF FLOATING CHARGE

### *Power to appoint*

- 14 (1) The holder of a qualifying floating charge in respect of a company's property may appoint an administrator of the company.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) a floating charge qualifies if created by an instrument which—
- (a) states that this paragraph applies to the floating charge,
  - (b) purports to empower the holder of the floating charge to appoint an administrator of the company,
  - (c) purports to empower the holder of the floating charge to make an appointment which would be the appointment of an administrative receiver within the meaning given by section 29(2), or
  - (d) purports to empower the holder of a floating charge in Scotland to appoint a receiver who on appointment would be an administrative receiver.
- (3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) a person is the holder of a qualifying floating charge in respect of a company's property if he holds one or more debentures of the company secured—
- (a) by a qualifying floating charge which relates to the whole or substantially the whole of the company's property,
  - (b) by a number of qualifying floating charges which together relate to the whole or substantially the whole of the company's property, or
  - (c) by charges and other forms of security which together relate to the whole or substantially the whole of the company's property and at least one of which is a qualifying floating charge.

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Sch. B1 para. 14 restricted (5.10.2004) by [Energy Act 2004 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. [163](#), 198; [S.I. 2004/2575](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#)
- C2** Sch. B1 para. 14 modified (5.7.2018) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), ss. [107](#), 216(3) (with ss. 116, 117); [S.I. 2018/805](#), reg. 3(a)

### *Restrictions on power to appoint*

- 15 (1) A person may not appoint an administrator under paragraph 14 unless—
- (a) he has given at least two business days' written notice to the holder of any prior floating charge which satisfies paragraph 14(2), or

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- (b) the holder of any prior floating charge which satisfies paragraph 14(2) has consented in writing to the making of the appointment.
- (2) One floating charge is prior to another for the purposes of this paragraph if—
- (a) it was created first, or
  - (b) it is to be treated as having priority in accordance with an agreement to which the holder of each floating charge was party.
- (3) Sub-paragraph (2) shall have effect in relation to Scotland as if the following were substituted for paragraph (a)—
- (“ it has priority of ranking in accordance with section 464(4)(b) of the Companies Act 1985 (c. 6), ”.
- 16 An administrator may not be appointed under paragraph 14 while a floating charge on which the appointment relies is not enforceable.
- 17 An administrator of a company may not be appointed under paragraph 14 if—
- (a) a provisional liquidator of the company has been appointed under section 135, or
  - (b) an administrative receiver of the company is in office.

#### *Notice of appointment*

- 18 (1) A person who appoints an administrator of a company under paragraph 14 shall file with the court—
- (a) a notice of appointment, and
  - (b) such other documents as may be prescribed.
- (2) The notice of appointment must include a statutory declaration by or on behalf of the person who makes the appointment—
- (a) that the person is the holder of a qualifying floating charge in respect of the company's property,
  - (b) that each floating charge relied on in making the appointment is (or was) enforceable on the date of the appointment, and
  - (c) that the appointment is in accordance with this Schedule.
- (3) The notice of appointment must identify the administrator and must be accompanied by a statement by the administrator—
- (a) that he consents to the appointment,
  - (b) that in his opinion the purpose of administration is reasonably likely to be achieved, and
  - (c) giving such other information and opinions as may be prescribed.
- (4) For the purpose of a statement under sub-paragraph (3) an administrator may rely on information supplied by directors of the company (unless he has reason to doubt its accuracy).
- (5) The notice of appointment and any document accompanying it must be in the prescribed form.
- (6) A statutory declaration under sub-paragraph (2) must be made during the prescribed period.

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- (7) A person commits an offence if in a statutory declaration under sub-paragraph (2) he makes a statement—
- (a) which is false, and
  - (b) which he does not reasonably believe to be true.

*Commencement of appointment*

- 19 The appointment of an administrator under paragraph 14 takes effect when the requirements of paragraph 18 are satisfied.
- 20 A person who appoints an administrator under paragraph 14—
- (a) shall notify the administrator and such other persons as may be prescribed as soon as is reasonably practicable after the requirements of paragraph 18 are satisfied, and
  - (b) commits an offence if he fails without reasonable excuse to comply with paragraph (a).

*Invalid appointment: indemnity*

- 21 (1) This paragraph applies where—
- (a) a person purports to appoint an administrator under paragraph 14, and
  - (b) the appointment is discovered to be invalid.
- (2) The court may order the person who purported to make the appointment to indemnify the person appointed against liability which arises solely by reason of the appointment's invalidity.]

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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. 1986/1999, art. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 by [S.I. 2017/1119 Sch. 3 para. 1](#)
- Act savings and transitional provisions for amendments by S.I. 2022/1166 by [S.I. 2022/1172 Regulations](#)

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

- s. 41HB(2) words substituted by [2018 c. 14 s. 1\(3\)\(b\)](#)