



Banking Act 2009

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PART 1

SPECIAL RESOLUTION REGIME

[^{F1}CHAPTER 3

SPECIAL RESOLUTION ACTION]

[^{F1}Bail-in option

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 48B-48W and cross-heading inserted (1.3.2014 for the insertion of s. 48P for specified purposes, 31.12.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Financial Services \(Banking Reform\) Act 2013 \(c. 33\)](#), s. 148(5), [Sch. 2 para. 4](#); S.I. 2014/377, art. 2(1)(b), Sch. Pt. 2; S.I. 2014/3160, art. 2(1)(b)

48B Special bail-in provision

- (1) “Special bail-in provision”, in relation to a bank, means any of the following (or any combination of the following)—
- provision cancelling a liability owed by the bank;
 - provision modifying, or changing the form of, a liability owed by the bank;
 - provision that a contract under which the bank has a liability is to have effect as if a specified right had been exercised under it.
- (2) “Special bail-in provision”, in relation to a bank, also includes any associated provision (see subsection (3)) that the Bank of England may think it appropriate to make in consequence of any provision under subsection (1) that—
- is made in the same resolution instrument, or
 - has been made in another resolution instrument in respect of the bank.

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- (3) “Associated provision” means provision cancelling or modifying a contract under which a banking group company has a liability.
- (4) A power to make special bail-in provision—
- (a) may be exercised only for the purpose of, or in connection with, reducing, deferring or cancelling a liability of the bank;
 - (b) may not be exercised so as to affect any excluded liability.
- (5) The following rules apply to the interpretation of subsection (1).
- (1) The reference to cancelling a liability owed by the bank includes a reference to cancelling a contract under which the bank has a liability.
 - (2) The reference to modifying a liability owed by the bank includes a reference to modifying the terms (or the effect of the terms) of a contract under which the bank has a liability.
 - (3) The reference to changing the form of a liability owed by the bank, includes, for example—
 - (a) converting an instrument under which the bank owes a liability from one form or class to another,
 - (b) replacing such an instrument with another instrument of a different form or class,^{F2}...
 - (c) creating a new security (of any form or class) in connection with the modification of such an instrument^{F3}, or
 - (d) converting those liabilities into securities issued by a bridge bank or a UK parent undertaking (within the meaning of section 6C(7)).]
- (6) Examples of special bail-in provision include—
- (a) provision that transactions or events of any specified kind have or do not have (directly or indirectly) specified consequences or are to be treated in a specified manner for specified purposes;
 - (b) provision discharging persons from further performance of obligations under a contract and dealing with the consequences of persons being so discharged.
- (7) The form and class of the instrument (“the resulting instrument”) into which an instrument is converted, or with which it is replaced, do not matter for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b) of rule 3 in subsection (5); for instance, the resulting instrument may (if it is a security) fall within Class 1 or any other Class in section 14.
- [Liabilities of the bank are “excluded liabilities” if they are—
- ^{F4}(7A) (a) liabilities listed in subsection (8), or
- (b) liabilities which the Bank of England has excluded under subsection (10) from the application of special bail-in provision.]
- (8) The following liabilities of the bank [^{F5}are the excluded liabilities referred to in subsection (7A)(a)] —
- (a) liabilities representing protected deposits;
 - (b) any liability, so far as it is secured;
 - (c) liabilities that the bank has by virtue of holding client assets;
 - (d) liabilities with an original maturity of less than 7 days owed by the bank to a credit institution or investment firm;

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- (e) liabilities [^{F6}with a remaining maturity of less than 7 days] arising from participation in designated settlement systems and owed to such systems or to operators of, or participants in, such systems;
 - [^{F7}(ea) liabilities with a remaining maturity of less than 7 days owed by the bank to a recognised central counterparty ^{F8}... or a third country central counterparty;]
 - ^{F9}(f)
 - (g) liabilities owed to an employee or former employee in relation to salary or other remuneration, except [^{F10}—
 - (i) variable remuneration that is not regulated by a collective bargaining agreement, and
 - (ii) variable remuneration of material risk takers [^{F11}within the meaning of rule 3 of Part 152 (remuneration) of the PRA rulebook (other than persons deemed by virtue of rule 3.2 not to be material risk takers and notified to the PRA in accordance with rule 3.2)];]
 - [^{F12}(h) liabilities owed to a pension scheme, except for liabilities owed in connection with variable remuneration of the kind mentioned in paragraph (g)(i) or (ii),]
 - (i) liabilities owed to creditors arising from the provision to the bank of goods or services (other than financial services) that are critical to the daily functioning of the bank's operations.
 - [^{F13}(j) liabilities owed by the bank to the scheme manager of the [^{F14}FSCS in relation to levies imposed by the scheme manager under section 213(3)(b) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000];]
 - [^{F15}(k) liabilities owed by the bank to another bank or a banking group company which (in either case)—
 - (i) is part of the same resolution group as the bank, and
 - (ii) is not itself a resolution entity,where the liabilities do not rank below ordinary non-preferential debts under the hierarchy of claims in normal insolvency proceedings.]
- (9) The following special rules apply in cases involving banking group companies—
- (a) a liability [^{F16}is not within subsection (8)(d)] if the credit institution or investment firm to which the liability is owed is a banking group company in relation to the bank (see section 81D);
 - (b) in subsection (8)(i) the reference to creditors does not include companies which are banking group companies in relation to the bank.
- [The Bank of England may, in a resolution instrument, exclude any [^{F18}bail-in] liability
- ^{F17}(10) or class of [^{F18}bail-in] liabilities from the application of any special bail-in provision in relation to the bank if, and only if, the Bank of England—
- (a) thinks the exclusion is justified on one or more of the grounds set out in subsection (12), ^{F19}...
 - ^{F19}(b)
- (11) The power conferred by subsection (10) may be exercised to exclude only part of [^{F20}a bail-in liability], or part of each of [^{F21}the bail-in liabilities] of a particular class; and where it is so exercised that part is treated as [^{F20}a bail-in liability] excluded under that subsection and the remainder is treated as an [^{F20}a bail-in liability] which has not been so excluded.
- (12) The grounds are—

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- (a) that it is not reasonably possible to give effect to special bail-in provision in relation to the liability or class within a reasonable time;
 - (b) that the exclusion is necessary and proportionate to achieve the continuity of critical functions and core business lines in a manner that maintains the ability of the bank to continue key operations, services and transactions;
 - (c) that the exclusion is necessary and proportionate to avoid giving rise to widespread contagion, in particular as regards protected deposits held by natural persons or [^{F22}micro, small and medium-sized enterprises], which would severely disrupt the functioning of financial markets, including financial market infrastructures, in a manner that could cause a serious disturbance to the economy of [^{F23}the United Kingdom];
 - (d) that the making of special bail-in provision in relation to the liability would cause a reduction in value such that the losses borne by other creditors would be higher than if the liability were excluded.
- (13) When deciding whether to exclude liabilities under subsection (10) or (11), the Bank of England must give due consideration to—
- (a) the principle that all the liabilities of the bank ought to be treated in accordance with the priority they would enjoy on a liquidation,
 - (b) the principle that any creditors who would have equal priority on a liquidation ought to bear losses on an equal footing with each other,
 - (c) the level of loss absorbing capacity that would remain in the bank if the liability or liabilities of a class were wholly or partly excluded, and
 - (d) the need to maintain adequate resources to deal with the implications for public funds of anything done, in future, in connection with the exercise of one or more of the stabilisation powers.

[The Treasury may by regulations made by statutory instrument make further provision ^{F24}(13A) in connection with the exercise of functions under subsection (10) (including provision about further circumstances in which functions under that subsection may or must be exercised).

- (13B) Regulations under subsection (13A) may—
- (a) amend subsections (12) and (13) by adding any provision;
 - (b) amend or revoke Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/860;
 - (c) amend that Regulation by adding, omitting or varying any provision (pending the revocation of the whole Regulation under paragraph (b)).

(13C) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (13A) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.]

- (14) For the purposes of subsection (12)—
- [^{F25}“core business lines” means business lines and associated services which represent material sources of revenue, profit or franchise value for the bank or a group which includes the bank (or in the case of an instrument made in relation to a resolution company, of the resolution company);]
 - “protected deposit” has the meaning given by section 48C, and
 - [^{F26}“micro, small and medium-sized enterprises” means micro, small and medium-sized enterprises as defined with regard to the annual turnover criterion referred to in Article 2(1) of the Annex to Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC.]]

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- [For the purposes of the definition of “core business lines”—
- ^{F27}(15) (a) Article 7 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/778 (criteria relating to the determination of core business lines) applies, and
- (b) “group” has the meaning given by section 3(2)(b).
- (16) The Treasury may by regulations made by statutory instrument specify criteria for the determination of the business lines and associated services referred to in the definition of “core business lines”.
- (17) The power conferred by subsection (16) includes—
- (a) power to amend or revoke Article 7 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/778; and
- (b) power to amend or repeal subsection (15)(a).
- (18) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (16) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Word in s. 48B(5) omitted (1.1.2015) by virtue of [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **48(3)**
- F3** Words in s. 48B(5) inserted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **48(3)**
- F4** S. 48B(7A) inserted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **48(2)**
- F5** Words in s. 48B(8) substituted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **48(4)(a)**
- F6** Words in s. 48B(8)(e) inserted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **48(4)(b)**
- F7** S. 48B(8)(ea) inserted (28.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1350\)](#), regs. 1(2), **10(a)**
- F8** Words in s. 48B(8)(ea) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Bank Recovery and Resolution \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1350\)](#), regs. 1(3), **63**
- F9** S. 48B(8)(f) omitted (1.1.2015) by virtue of [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **48(4)(c)**
- F10** Words in s. 48B(8)(g) substituted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **48(4)(d)**
- F11** Words in s. 48B(8)(g) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution and Miscellaneous Provisions \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1394\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 19(2)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F12** S. 48B(8)(h) substituted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **48(4)(e)**
- F13** S. 48B(8)(j) inserted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **48(4)(f)**
- F14** Words in s. 48B(8)(j) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution and Miscellaneous Provisions \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1394\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 19(3)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F15** S. 48B(8)(k) inserted (28.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1350\)](#), regs. 1(2), **10(b)**
- F16** Words in s. 48B(9)(a) substituted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **48(5)**

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- F17** Ss. 48B(10)-(14) inserted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **48(6)**
- F18** Word in s. 48B(10) substituted (28.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1350\)](#), regs. 1(2), **10(c)**
- F19** S. 48B(10)(b) and word omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Bank Recovery and Resolution and Miscellaneous Provisions \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1394\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 19(4)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F20** Words in s. 48B(11) substituted (28.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1350\)](#), regs. 1(2), **10(d)(i)**
- F21** Words in s. 48B(11) substituted (28.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1350\)](#), regs. 1(2), **10(d)(ii)**
- F22** Words in s. 48B(12)(c) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution and Miscellaneous Provisions \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1394\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 19(5)(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F23** Words in s. 48B(12)(c) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution and Miscellaneous Provisions \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1394\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 19(5)(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F24** S. 48B(13A)-(13C) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution and Miscellaneous Provisions \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1394\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 19(6)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F25** Words in s. 48B(14) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution and Miscellaneous Provisions \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1394\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 19(7)(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F26** Words in s. 48B(14) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution and Miscellaneous Provisions \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1394\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 19(7)(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F27** S. 48B(15)-(18) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution and Miscellaneous Provisions \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1394\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 19(8)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 48B modified (31.12.2020 immediately before IP completion day) by S.I. 2019/341, reg. 18(1) (as inserted by [The Financial Services \(Miscellaneous\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/710\)](#), regs. 1(2), **20(5)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1))

48C Meaning of “protected deposit”

[^{F28}(1) A deposit is “protected” so far as it is covered by [^{F29}the FSCS].]

- (4) In [^{F30}subsection (1)] and section 48B(8)(a), “deposit” has the meaning given by article 5(2) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/544), but ignoring the exclusions in article 6.

Textual Amendments

- F28** S. 48C(1) substituted for s. 48C(1)-(3) (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **49(2)**
- F29** Words in s. 48C(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution and Miscellaneous Provisions \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1394\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 20**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F30** Words in s. 48C(4) substituted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **49(3)**

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48D General interpretation of section 48B

(1) In section 48B—

“client assets” means assets which the bank has undertaken to hold on trust for, or on behalf of, a client;

“contract” includes any instrument;

“credit institution” means any credit institution as defined in Article 4.1(1) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, other than an entity mentioned in [F31 Article 2.5(2), (3) or [F32(24)]] of Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council;

[F33 “designated settlement system” means a system which is designated in accordance with the Financial Markets and Insolvency (Settlement Finality) Regulations 1999 (S.I. 1999/2979);]

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...

“employee” includes the holder of an office;

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“pension scheme” includes any arrangement for the payment of pensions, allowances and gratuities;

[F37 “recognised central counterparty” has the meaning given in section 285 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000;]

“secured” means secured against property or rights, or otherwise covered by collateral arrangements;

[F38 “third country central counterparty” has the meaning given in section 285 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.]

(2) In subsection (1)—

“assets” has the same meaning as in section 232(4) (ignoring for these purposes section 232(5A)(b));

“collateral arrangements” includes arrangements which are title transfer collateral arrangements for the purposes of section 48.

[The definition of “investment firm” in section 258A applies for the purposes of F39(2A) section 48B but for these purposes—

(a) any exclusions made under the power conferred by subsection (2)(b) of section 258A are to be ignored; and

(b) an institution is to be treated as falling within the definition only if it has permission to carry on the investment services and activities in point 3 or 6 of Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001.]

F40 (3)

Textual Amendments

F31 Words in s. 48D(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution and Miscellaneous Provisions \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1394\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 1 para. 21\(2\)](#); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F32 Word in s. 48D(1) substituted (17.8.2022) by [The Financial Services Act 2021 \(Prudential Regulation of Credit Institutions and Investment Firms\) \(Consequential Amendments and Miscellaneous Provisions\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/838\)](#), regs. 1(2), [7\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with regs. 24-26)

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- F33** Words in s. 48D(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Financial Markets and Insolvency \(Amendment and Transitional Provision\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/341\)](#), regs. 1(3), **3(2)** (with reg. 21) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1301](#), regs. 1, 3, Sch. para. 23(b) and with savings in [S.I. 2019/680](#), reg. 11); [2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F34** Words in s. 48D(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Bank Recovery and Resolution \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1350\)](#), regs. 1(3), **64**
- F35** Words in s. 48D(1) omitted (17.8.2022) by virtue of [The Financial Services Act 2021 \(Prudential Regulation of Credit Institutions and Investment Firms\) \(Consequential Amendments and Miscellaneous Provisions\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/838\)](#), regs. 1(2), **7(2)(a)** (with regs. 24-26)
- F36** Words in s. 48D(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Bank Recovery and Resolution \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1350\)](#), regs. 1(3), **64**
- F37** Words in s. 48D(1) inserted (28.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1350\)](#), regs. 1(2), **11(c)**
- F38** Words in s. 48D(1) inserted (28.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1350\)](#), regs. 1(2), **11(d)**
- F39** [S. 48D\(2A\)](#) inserted (17.8.2022) by [The Financial Services Act 2021 \(Prudential Regulation of Credit Institutions and Investment Firms\) \(Consequential Amendments and Miscellaneous Provisions\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/838\)](#), regs. 1(2), **7(3)** (with regs. 24-26)
- F40** [S. 48D\(3\)](#) omitted (1.1.2015) by virtue of [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **50**

48E Report on special bail-in provision

- (1) This section applies where the Bank of England makes a resolution instrument containing special bail-in provision (see section 48B).
- (2) The Bank of England must report to the Chancellor of the Exchequer stating the reasons why that provision has been made in the case of the liabilities concerned.
- (3) If the provision departs from the insolvency treatment principles, the report must state the reasons why it does so.
- (4) The insolvency treatment principles are that where an instrument includes special bail-in provision—
 - (a) the provision made by the instrument must be consistent with treating all the liabilities of the bank in accordance with the priority they would enjoy on a liquidation, and
 - (b) any creditors who would have equal priority on a liquidation are to bear losses on an equal footing with each other.
- (5) A report must comply with any other requirements as to content that may be specified by the Treasury.
- (6) A report must be made as soon as reasonably practicable after the making of the resolution instrument to which it relates.
- (7) The Chancellor of the Exchequer must lay a copy of each report under subsection (2) before Parliament.

48F Power to amend definition of “excluded liabilities”

- (1) The Treasury may by order amend section 48B(8) by—
 - (a) adding to the list of excluded liabilities;

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- (b) amending or omitting any paragraph of that subsection, other than paragraphs (a) to (c).
- (2) The Treasury may by order amend section 48C or 48D.
 - (3) The powers conferred by subsections (1) and (2) include power to make consequential and transitional provision.
 - (4) An order under this section—
 - (a) is to be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) may not be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.
 - (5) The Treasury must consult before laying a draft order under this section before Parliament.

48G Priority between creditors

- (1) The Treasury may, for the purpose of ensuring that the treatment of liabilities in any instrument that contains special bail-in provision is aligned to an appropriate degree with the treatment of liabilities on an insolvency, by order specify matters or principles to which the Bank of England is to be required to have regard in making any such instrument.
- (2) An order may, for example, specify the insolvency treatment principles (as defined in section 48E(4)) or alternative principles.
- (3) An order may specify the meaning of “insolvency” for one or more purposes of the order.
- (4) An order may amend sections 44C(4) and 48E(4).
- (5) An order—
 - (a) is to be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) may not be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

48H Business reorganisation plans

- (1) A resolution instrument may require a [^{F41}resolution administrator], or one or more directors of the bank, to—
 - (a) draw up a business reorganisation plan with respect to the bank, ^{F42}...
 - (b) submit it to the Bank of England within the period allowed by (or under) the instrument [^{F43}; and
 - (c) submit to the Bank of England progress reports on the implementation of the plan at such intervals as the instrument may require.]
- (2) “Business reorganisation plan” means a plan that includes—
 - (a) an assessment of the factors that caused Condition 1 in section 7 to be met in the case of the bank,
 - (b) a description of the measures to be adopted with a view to restoring the viability of the bank, and
 - (c) a timetable for the implementation of those measures.

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- (3) Where a person has submitted a business reorganisation plan to the Bank of England under subsection (1) (or has re-submitted a plan under subsection (4)), the Bank of England—
- (a) must approve the plan if satisfied that the plan is appropriately designed for meeting the objective mentioned in subsection (2)(b);
 - (b) must otherwise require the person to amend the plan in a specified manner.
- (4) Where the Bank of England has required a person to amend a business re-organisation plan, the person must re-submit the amended plan within the period allowed by (or under) the resolution instrument.
- (5) Before deciding what action to take under subsection (3) the Bank of England must (for each submission or re-submission of a plan) consult—
- (a) the PRA, and
 - (b) the FCA.
- (6) A business reorganisation plan may include recommendations by the person submitting the plan as to the exercise by the Bank of England of any of its powers under this Part in relation to the bank.
- (7) Where a resolution instrument contains provision under subsection (1), the instrument may—
- (a) specify further matters (in addition to those mentioned in subsection (2)) that must be dealt with in the business reorganisation plan;
 - (b) make provision about the timing of actions to be taken in connection with the making and approval of the plan;
 - (c) enable any provision that the Bank of England has power under paragraph (a) or (b) to make in the instrument to be made instead in an agreement between the Bank of England and the person required to draw up the business reorganisation plan.
- [The Bank of England may make technical standards which—
- ^{F44}(7A) (a) require progress reports mentioned in subsection (1)(c) to include such matters as are specified in the technical standards; or
- (b) otherwise relate to the content of those progress reports, so far as dealing with matters so specified.]
- (8) For the purposes of subsection (2)(b) the viability of a bank is to be assessed by reference to whether the bank satisfies, and (if so) for how long it may be expected to continue to satisfy, the threshold conditions (as defined in section 55B of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000).

Textual Amendments

- F41** Words in s. 48H(1) substituted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **51**
- F42** Word in s. 48H(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Bank Recovery and Resolution and Miscellaneous Provisions \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1394\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 22(2)(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F43** S. 48H(1)(c) and word inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution and Miscellaneous Provisions \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1394\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 22(2)(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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F44 S. 48H(7A) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution and Miscellaneous Provisions \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1394\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 22(3)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F45 48I Bail-in administrator: further functions

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Textual Amendments

F45 Ss. 48I-48K omitted (1.1.2015) by virtue of [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **52**

F45 48J Bail-in administrator: supplementary

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Textual Amendments

F45 Ss. 48I-48K omitted (1.1.2015) by virtue of [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **52**

F45 48K Bail-in administrator: money

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Textual Amendments

F45 Ss. 48I-48K omitted (1.1.2015) by virtue of [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **52**

48L Powers in relation to securities

- (1) A resolution instrument may—
 - (a) cancel or modify any securities to which this subsection applies;
 - (b) convert any such securities from one form or class into another.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies to securities issued by the bank that fall within Class 1 in section 14.
- (3) A resolution instrument may—
 - (a) make provision with respect to rights attaching to securities issued by the bank;
 - (b) provide for the listing of securities issued by the bank to be discontinued [^{F46}or suspended].

[^{F47}(c) provide for the listing or admission to trading on a regulated market of securities in class 1 (and related class 3 securities) created in accordance with that or any other resolution instrument;

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- (d) provide for the listing or admission to trading on a regulated market of existing securities in class 2 modified by that or any other resolution instrument ^{F48}(and, in that connection, for the disapplication of section 85(1) and (2) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (prohibition on listing etc of transferable securities without approved prospectus)].]
- (4) The reference in subsection (1)(b) to converting securities from one form or class into another includes creating a new security in connection with the modification of an existing security.
- [In subsection (2) any reference to a class of securities is to be construed in accordance ^{F49}(4A) with section 14.]
- (5) The provision that may be made under subsection (3)(a) includes, for example—
- (a) provision that specified rights attaching to securities are to be treated as having been exercised;
 - (b) provision that the Bank of England, or a ^{F50}resolution administrator], is to be treated as authorised to exercise specified rights attaching to securities;
 - (c) provision that specified rights attaching to securities may not be exercised for a period specified in the instrument.
- ^{F51}(6) In subsection (3)—
- (a) the reference to “listing” is to listing under section 74 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, and
 - (b) “regulated market” has the meaning given in section 103(1) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.]

[Where the listing of securities is suspended in accordance with a resolution instrument, ^{F52}(6A) those securities are to be treated for the purposes of section 96 of, and paragraph 23(6) of Schedule 1ZA to, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 as still being listed.]

(7) The provision that may be made under this section in relation to any securities is in addition to any provision that the Bank of England may have power to make in relation to them under section 48B.

Textual Amendments

- F46** Words in s. 48L(3)(b) inserted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **53(2)(a)**
- F47** S. 48L(3)(c)(d) inserted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **53(2)(b)**
- F48** Words in s. 48L(3)(d) omitted (30.1.2024 for specified purposes) by virtue of [The Public Offers and Admissions to Trading Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/105\)](#), reg. 2(2)(3), **Sch. 3 para. 25** (with regs. 48-50)
- F49** S. 48L(4A) inserted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **53(3)**
- F50** Words in s. 48L(5)(b) substituted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **53(4)**
- F51** S. 48L(6) substituted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **53(5)**
- F52** S. 48L(6A) inserted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **53(6)**

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^{F53} 48M Termination rights, etc

Textual Amendments

F53 S. 48M omitted (1.1.2015) by virtue of [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), [54](#)

48N Directors [^{F54} and senior managers]

- (1) A resolution instrument may enable the Bank of England—
 - (a) to remove a director [^{F55} or senior manager] of a specified bank;
 - (b) to vary the service contract of a director [^{F55} or senior manager] of a specified bank;
 - (c) to terminate the service contract of a director [^{F55} or senior manager] of a specified bank;
 - (d) to appoint a director [^{F55} or senior manager] of a specified bank.
- (2) Subsection (1) also applies to a director [^{F56} or senior manager] of any undertaking which is a banking group company in respect of a specified bank.
- (3) Appointments under subsection (1)(d) are to be on terms and conditions agreed with the Bank of England.

[In this section “senior manager” means a person who—

- ^{F57}(4) (a) exercises executive functions within a specified bank or banking group company, and
- (b) is responsible, and directly accountable to the directors, for the day to day management of that bank or banking group company.]

Textual Amendments

F54 Words in s. 48N heading inserted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), [55\(4\)](#)

F55 Words in s. 48N(1) inserted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), [55\(2\)](#)

F56 Words in s. 48N(2) inserted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), [55\(2\)](#)

F57 S. 48N(4) inserted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), [55\(3\)](#)

48O Directions in or under resolution instrument

- (1) A resolution instrument may—
 - (a) require one or more directors of the bank to comply with any general or specific directions that may be set out in the instrument;
 - (b) enable the Bank of England to give written directions (whether general or specific) to one or more directors of the bank.
- (2) A director—

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- (a) is not to be regarded as failing to comply with any duty owed to any person (for example, a shareholder, creditor or employee of the bank) by virtue of any action or inaction in compliance with a direction given under subsection (1) (a) or (b);
 - (b) is to be immune from liability in damages in respect of action or inaction in accordance with a direction.
- (3) A director must comply with a direction within the period of time specified in the direction, or if no period of time is specified, as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (4) A direction under subsection (1)(a) or (b) is enforceable on an application made by the Bank of England, by injunction or, in Scotland, by an order for specific performance under section 45 of the Court of Session Act 1988.
- [See also section 83ZR for further provision about enforcement of a direction under ^{F58}(5) this section.]

Textual Amendments

F58 S. 480(5) inserted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), 56

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 S. 480 applied (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), **86(1)(a)** (with reg. 88)

48P Orders for safeguarding certain financial arrangements

- (1) In this section “protected arrangements” means security interests, title transfer collateral arrangements, set-off arrangements and netting arrangements.
- (2) In subsection (1)—
- “netting arrangements” means arrangements under which a number of claims or obligations can be converted into a net claim or obligation, and includes, in particular, “close-out” netting arrangements, under which actual or theoretical debts are calculated during the course of a contract for the purpose of enabling them to be set off against each other or to be converted into a net debt;
 - “security interests” means arrangements under which one person acquires, by way of security, an actual or contingent interest in the property of another;
 - “set-off arrangements” means arrangements under which two or more debts, claims or obligations can be set off against each other;
 - “title transfer collateral arrangements” means arrangements under which Person 1 transfers assets to Person 2 on terms providing for Person 2 to transfer assets if specified obligations are discharged.
- (3) The Treasury may by order—
- (a) restrict the exercise of any power within the scope of this paragraph in cases that involve, or where the exercise of the power might affect, protected arrangements;

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- (b) impose conditions on the exercise of any power within the scope of this paragraph in cases that involve, or where the exercise of the power might affect, protected arrangements;
 - (c) require any instrument that makes special bail-in provision to include specified provision, or provision to a specified effect, in respect of or for purposes connected with protected arrangements;
 - (d) provide for an instrument to be void or voidable, or for other consequences to arise, if or in so far as the instrument is made or purported to be made in contravention of a provision of the order (or of another order under this section);
 - (e) specify principles to which the Bank of England is to be required to have regard in exercising specified powers—
 - (i) that involve protected arrangements, or
 - (ii) where the exercise of the powers might affect protected arrangements.
- (4) References to exercising a power within the scope of paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (3) are to making an instrument containing provision made in reliance on section 12A(3)(a) or 44B (special bail-in provision).
- (5) An order may apply to protected arrangements generally or only to arrangements—
 - (a) of a specified kind, or
 - (b) made or applying in specified circumstances.
- (6) An order may include provision for determining which arrangements are to be, or not to be, treated as protected arrangements; in particular, an order may provide for arrangements to be classified not according to their description by the parties but according to one or more indications of how they are treated, or are intended to be treated, in commercial practice.
- (7) In this section “arrangements” includes arrangements which—
 - (a) are formed wholly or partly by one or more contracts or trusts;
 - (b) arise under or are wholly or partly governed by the law of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom;
 - (c) wholly or partly arise automatically as a matter of law;
 - (d) involve any number of parties;
 - (e) operate partly by reference to other arrangements between parties.
- (8) An order—
 - (a) is to be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) may not be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

48Q Continuity

- (1) A resolution instrument may provide for anything (including legal proceedings) that relates to anything affected by the instrument and is in the process of being done immediately before the instrument takes effect to be continued from the time the instrument takes effect.
- (2) A resolution instrument may modify references (express or implied) in an instrument or document.

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- (3) A resolution instrument may require or permit any person to provide information and assistance to the Bank of England or another person, for the purposes of or in connection with provision made or to be made in that or another resolution instrument.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** S. 48Q applied (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), **86(1)(b)** (with reg. 88)

48R Execution and registration of instruments etc

- (1) A resolution instrument may permit or require the execution, issue or delivery of an instrument.
- (2) A resolution instrument may provide for any provision in the instrument to have effect irrespective of—
- (a) whether an instrument has been produced, delivered, transferred or otherwise dealt with;
 - (b) registration.
- (3) A resolution instrument may provide for the effect of an instrument executed, issued or delivered in accordance with the resolution instrument.
- (4) A resolution instrument may—
- (a) entitle a person to be registered in respect of a security;
 - (b) require a person to effect registration.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C4** S. 48R applied (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), **86(1)(c)** (with reg. 88)

48S Resolution instruments: general matters

- (1) Provision made in a resolution instrument takes effect despite any restriction arising by virtue of contract or legislation or in any other way.
- (2) A resolution instrument may include incidental, consequential or transitional provision.
- (3) In relying on subsection (2) a resolution instrument—
- (a) may make provision generally or only for specified purposes, cases or circumstances, and
 - (b) may make different provision for different purposes, cases or circumstances.

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C5** S. 48S applied (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), **86(1)(d)** (with reg. 88)

48T Procedure

- (1) As soon as is reasonably practicable after making a resolution instrument in respect of a bank the Bank of England must send a copy to—
 - (a) the bank,
 - (b) the Treasury,
 - (c) the PRA,
 - (d) the FCA, and
 - (e) any other person specified in the code of practice under section 5.
- (2) As soon as is reasonably practicable after making a resolution instrument the Bank of England must publish a copy—
 - (a) on the Bank's internet website,^{F59} ...
 - (b) in two newspapers, chosen by the Bank of England to maximise the likelihood of the instrument coming to the attention of persons likely to be affected^{F60}, and
 - (c) if securities issued by the bank have been admitted to trading on a regulated market (within the meaning of section 103(1) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000), by means of a regulatory information service (within the meaning of section 313D of that Act)),and arrange for the publication of a copy on the internet website of the bank in respect of which the instrument was made.]
- (3) Where the Treasury receive a copy of a resolution instrument under subsection (1) they must lay a copy before Parliament.

Textual Amendments

- F59** Word in s. 48T(2) omitted (1.1.2015) by virtue of [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **57**
- F60** Words in s. 48T(2) inserted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **57**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C6** S. 48T applied (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), **86(1)(e)** (with reg. 88)

48U Supplemental resolution instruments

- (1) This section applies where the Bank of England has made a resolution instrument (“the original instrument”) with respect to a bank.

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- (2) The Bank of England may make, with respect to the bank, one or more resolution instruments designated by the Bank of England as supplemental resolution instruments.
- (3) [^{F61}Section 7 does] not apply to a supplemental resolution instrument (but it is to be treated in the same way as a resolution instrument for all other purposes, including for the purposes of the application of a power under this Part).
- (4) Before making a supplemental resolution instrument the Bank of England must consult—
 - (a) the PRA,
 - (b) the FCA, and
 - (c) the Treasury.
- (5) The possibility of making a supplemental resolution instrument in reliance on subsection (2) is without prejudice to the possibility of making a new instrument in accordance with section 12A(2) (and not in reliance on subsection (2) above).

Textual Amendments

F61 Words in s. 48U(3) substituted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), 58

48V Onward transfer

- (1) This section applies where the Bank of England has made a resolution instrument (“the original instrument”) providing for securities issued by a specified bank to be transferred to any person.
- (2) The Bank of England may make one or more onward transfer resolution instruments.
- (3) An onward transfer resolution instrument is a resolution instrument which—
 - (a) provides for the transfer of—
 - (i) securities which were issued by the bank before the original instrument and have been transferred by the original instrument or a supplemental resolution instrument, or
 - (ii) securities which were issued by the bank after the original instrument;
 - (b) makes other provision for the purposes of, or in connection with, the transfer of securities issued by the bank (whether the transfer has been or is to be effected by that instrument, by another instrument or otherwise).
- (4) An onward transfer resolution instrument may not transfer securities to the transferor under the original instrument.
- (5) [^{F62}Section 7 does] not apply to an onward transfer resolution instrument (but it is to be treated in the same way as any other resolution instrument for all other purposes, including for the purposes of the application of a power under this Part).
- (6) Before making an onward transfer resolution instrument the Bank of England must consult—
 - (a) the PRA,
 - (b) the FCA, and

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(c) the Treasury.

(7) Section 48U applies where the Bank of England has made an onward transfer resolution instrument.

Textual Amendments

F62 Words in s. 48V(5) substituted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **59**

48W Reverse transfer

- (1) This section applies where the Bank of England has made an instrument (“the original instrument”) that is either—
- (a) a resolution instrument providing for the transfer of securities issued by a bank to a person (“the transferee”), or
 - (b) an onward transfer resolution instrument (see section 48V) providing for the transfer of securities issued by a bank to a person (“the onward transferee”).
- (2) In a case falling within subsection (1)(a) the Bank of England may make one or more reverse transfer resolution instruments in respect of securities issued by the bank and held by the transferee (whether or not they were transferred by the original instrument).
- (3) In a case falling within subsection (1)(b), the Bank of England may make one or more reverse transfer resolution instruments in respect of securities issued by the bank and held by the onward transferee.
- (4) A reverse transfer resolution instrument is a resolution instrument which—
- (a) provides for transfer to the transferor under the original instrument;
 - (b) makes other provision for the purposes of, or in connection with, the transfer of securities which are, or could be or could have been, transferred under paragraph (a).
- (5) Except where subsection (6) applies, the Bank of England may make a reverse transfer resolution instrument under subsection (2) only with the written consent of the transferee.
- (6) This subsection applies where the transferee is—
- (a) a [^{F63}resolution administrator], or
 - (b) a person who is not to be authorised to exercise any rights attaching to the securities except on the Bank of England’s instructions.
- (7) The Bank of England may make a reverse transfer resolution instrument under subsection (3) only with the written consent of the onward transferee.
- (8) [^{F64}Section 7 does] not apply to a reverse transfer resolution instrument (but it is to be treated in the same way as any other resolution instrument for all other purposes including for the purposes of an application of a power under this Part).
- (9) Before making a reverse transfer resolution instrument the Bank of England must consult—
- (a) the PRA,
 - (b) the FCA, and

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(c) the Treasury.

(10) Section 48U applies where the Bank of England has made a reverse transfer resolution instrument.]

Textual Amendments

F63 Words in s. 48W(6)(a) substituted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **60(2)**

F64 Words in s. 48W(8) substituted (1.1.2015) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/3329\)](#), arts. 1(2), **60(3)**

[^{F65}48WA] Bail-in option: recovery of expenses

- (1) The Bank of England may, in relation to the exercise of the bail-in option, direct a relevant bank to pay the Bank of England a fee to cover expenses reasonably incurred by the Bank in connection with exercising that option.
- (2) The Treasury may direct a relevant bank to pay the Treasury a fee to cover expenses reasonably incurred by the Treasury in connection with the exercise by the Bank of England of the bail-in option in relation to the relevant bank.
- (3) For the purposes of this section—
 - (a) a “relevant bank” is a bank in relation to which the Bank of England has made—
 - (i) a resolution instrument under section 12A(2),
 - (ii) a supplemental resolution instrument under section 48U(2), or
 - (iii) an instrument containing special bail-in provision under section 48B,
 - (b) the exercise of the bail-in option includes making any instrument containing special bail-in provision under section 48B.]

Textual Amendments

F65 S. 48WA inserted (16.12.2016) by [The Bank Recovery and Resolution Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1239\)](#), arts. 1(2), **14**

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

- s. 4(8A)(8B) inserted by [2012 c. 21 s. 96\(3\)](#)
- s. 8(2)(d) and word inserted by [2012 c. 21 s. 96\(4\)\(b\)](#)