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PART 2

INSURANCE COMPANIES CARRYING ON LONG-TERM BUSINESS

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTORY

Meaning of contract of “insurance” or “long-term insurance” and “insurance company”

65 Meaning of “insurance company”

- (1) This section defines for the purposes of this Part what is meant by an “insurance company”.
- (2) A person who carries on the activity of effecting or carrying out contracts of insurance is an “insurance company” if—
 - (a) the person has permission under Part 4 of FISMA 2000 to carry on that activity,
 - (b) the person is of the kind mentioned in paragraph 5(d) or (da) of Schedule 3 to FISMA 2000 (EEA passport rights) and carries on that activity in the United Kingdom through a permanent establishment there, or
 - (c) the person qualifies for authorisation under Schedule 4 to FISMA 2000 (Treaty rights) and carries on that activity in the United Kingdom through a permanent establishment there.
- (3) The above definition is subject to the following qualifications—
 - (a) a friendly society within the meaning of Part 3 is not an insurance company,and

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- (b) an insurance special purpose vehicle (see section 139) is an insurance company only if, in addition to falling within subsection (2)(a), (b) or (c), it is a BLAGAB group re-insurer.
- (4) A person is a “BLAGAB group re-insurer” if for an accounting period—
- (a) the person carries on basic life assurance and general annuity business,
 - (b) it is not the case that substantially all of the person’s long-term business is long-term business other than basic life assurance and general annuity business, and
 - (c) all of its life assurance business is re-insurance business of a description which is excluded business for the purposes of section 57(2)(e).