

# European Union Referendum Act 2015

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# **EUROPEAN UNION REFERENDUM ACT 2015**

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## The referendum period

1 (1) For the purposes of Part 7 of the 2000...

## Permitted participants

2 Section 105(1) of the 2000 Act (bodies and individuals who...

Notifications and declarations for purpose of becoming permitted participant

3 (1) Section 106 of the 2000 Act (declarations and notifications...

Registration under section 107 of the 2000 Act

4 Where a statement under 106(6A) of the 2000 Act (treated...

#### Responsible person

5 Section 105(2) of the 2000 Act (meaning of "responsible person")...

Person may not be responsible for compliance for two or more permitted participants

6 (1) A person who is the responsible person for a...

Unincorporated associations with offensive etc names

- 7 (1) This paragraph applies to a notification which, in relation...
- 8 (1) Where— (a) a permitted participant is an unincorporated association...

Designation of organisations: designation of one organisation only

- 9 (1) Section 108 of the 2000 Act (designation of organisations...
- 10 Accordingly, for the purposes of the referendum, section 109 of...
- 11 (1) This paragraph applies if the Electoral Commission designate only...

Applying to become a designated organisation: period for making application

12 Subsections (2), (3) and (6) of section 109 of the...

Grants to designated organisations may be paid in instalments

13 (1) This paragraph applies to a grant under section 110(2)...

Assistance available to designated organisations

14 (1) Schedule 12 to the 2000 Act (assistance available to...

#### Referendum agents

- 15 (1) A permitted participant may, in relation to any voting...
- 16 (1) If a permitted participant appoints a referendum agent for...
- 17 If a counting officer is notified under paragraph 16 that...

#### Referendum expenses: definition

- 18 Schedule 13 to the 2000 Act (expenses that are referendum...
- 19 (1) In relation to the referendum, expenses mentioned in sub-paragraph...

the European Union Referendum Act 2015. (See end of Document for details)

(1) In section 117(5) of the 2000 Act (certain expenditure... 20

#### Creditors' rights

21 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) a contract is made,...

Expenses incurred by persons acting in concert

- 22 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) referendum expenses are incurred...
- 23 (1) Section 120 of the 2000 Act (returns in respect...

Restriction on making claims in respect of referendum expenses

24 Section 115(7) of the 2000 Act (which applies subsections (7)...

Limits on referendum expenses by permitted participants

(1) In Schedule 14 to the 2000 Act (limits on... 25

Permissible donors: donations to registered parties other than minor parties

- (1) This paragraph applies in relation to a donation received...
- Where paragraph 26 applies in relation to a donation received...

Financial limit on certain donations etc to registered parties other than minor parties

(1) This paragraph applies where the permitted maximum is exceeded...

Permissible donors: donations to minor parties and to persons who are not parties

- Paragraph 1 of Schedule 15 to the 2000 Act (control...
- 30 Paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 15 to the 2000 Act (payments...
- (1) Paragraph 6 of Schedule 15 to the 2000 Act... 31

Acceptance or return of donations

Paragraph 7(2) of Schedule 15 to the 2000 Act (application...

Evasion of restrictions on donations

33 Paragraph 8 of Schedule 15 to the 2000 Act (application...

Reporting of donations from permissible donors

34 (1) Paragraph 10 of Schedule 15 to the 2000 Act...

Returns in respect of referendum expenses and donations

35 For the purposes of the referendum, the following section is...

Declaration of responsible person as to donations

(1) Section 123 of the 2000 Act (declaration of responsible...

Declaration where no referendum expenses incurred in referendum period

37 (1) For the purposes of the referendum, the following section...

Application to Gibraltar public bodies of restriction on publication of promotional material

38 (1) Section 125 of the 2000 Act (restriction on publication...

Reporting of donations during referendum period

39 (1) In this paragraph references to a permitted participant are...

Declaration of responsible person as to donation reports under paragraph 39

40 (1) Each report delivered under paragraph 39 must be accompanied...

Public inspection of donation reports under paragraph 39

- 41 (1) Where the Electoral Commission receive a report under paragraph...
- 42 Section 149(2) to (5) and (7) of the 2000 Act...

Referendum campaign broadcasts

43 Section 127 of the 2000 Act (referendum campaign broadcasts) has...

#### Enforcement

44 (1) Section 145(1)(a) and (6A) of the 2000 Act (general...

## Interpretation

45 Section 160 of the 2000 Act (general interpretation) has effect...

# SCHEDULE 2 — CONTROL OF LOANS ETC TO PERMITTED PARTICIPANTS

Control of loans etc to permitted participants

1 For the purposes of the referendum, the 2000 Act has...

Further modifications of 2000 Act relating to loans etc

2 (1) Section 120 of the 2000 Act (returns in respect...

Transactions entered into before commencement: operation of paragraphs 1 and 2

- 3 (1) In this paragraph and paragraph 4 "Schedule 15A" means...
- 4 Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 15A do not apply...

Reporting of regulated transactions during referendum period

5 (1) In this paragraph references to a permitted participant are...

Declaration of responsible person as to reports under paragraph 5

6 (1) Each report delivered under paragraph 5 must be accompanied...

Public inspection of reports under paragraph 5

- 7 (1) Where the Electoral Commission receive a report under paragraph...
- 8 Section 149(2) to (5) and (7) of the 2000 Act...

## Enforcement

9 (1) Section 145(1)(a) and (6A) of the 2000 Act (general...

Persons with whom certain registered parties may enter into loan agreements etc

- 10 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies if— (a) a permitted participant—
- Where paragraph 10 applies in relation to a transaction to...
- 12 (1) This paragraph applies to a variation of a regulated...
- 13 (1) Section 71L of the 2000 Act (offences relating to...

#### SCHEDULE 3 — FURTHER PROVISION ABOUT THE REFERENDUM

# Interpretation

1 In this Schedule a reference to functions includes functions conferred...

Appointment of Chief Counting Officer

2 (1) Section 128 of the 2000 Act (Chief Counting Officers,...

# Counting officers

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies to determine, for the purposes of...
- 4 (1) Accordingly, section 128 of the 2000 Act (Chief Counting...

## Regional Counting Officers

5 (1) For the purposes of the referendum, the Chief Counting...

Assistance to counting officers etc

6 (1) A local authority whose area forms a particular voting...

General duties of counting officers etc

7 (1) The Chief Counting Officer, Regional Counting Officers and counting...

Appointment of deputies and clerks

8 (1) The Chief Counting Officer or a Regional Counting Officer...

Counting officers etc: correction of procedural errors

9 (1) A Regional Counting Officer or counting officer may take...

#### Public notices

10 A public notice required by or under this Act or...

#### Role of Electoral Commission

11 (1) The Electoral Commission must take whatever steps they think...

#### Encouraging participation

12 (1) The Chief Counting Officer must take whatever steps the...

# Supply and use of register of electors

- 13 (1) The Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations...
- 14 (1) The Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (S I
- 15 (1) The Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008...

Payments to counting officers and Regional Counting Officers

16 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (3) and (4), a counting officer...

Taxation of counting officer's or Regional Counting Officer's account

17 (1) An application for the account of a counting officer...

**Electoral Commission accounts** 

18 (1) If directed to do so by the Treasury, the...

Restriction on challenge to referendum result

19 (1) No court may entertain any proceedings for questioning the...

# **Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the European Union Referendum Act 2015.