#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2007 No. 3494

# The Statutory Auditors and Third Country Auditors Regulations 2007

#### PART 4

#### RECOGNISED SUPERVISORY BODIES

### Professional integrity and independence

- **19.**—(1) Paragraph 9 of Schedule 10 to the Companies Act 2006 (professional integrity and independence) is amended as follows.
  - (2) In sub-paragraph (1)(a), after "integrity" omit "and".
  - (3) After sub-paragraph (1)(b) insert—
    - "(c) persons appointed as statutory auditors take steps to safeguard their independence from any significant threats to it,
    - (d) persons appointed as statutory auditors record any such threats and the steps taken to safeguard the proper conduct of the audit from them, and
    - (e) remuneration received or receivable by a statutory auditor in respect of statutory audit work is not—
      - (i) influenced or determined by the statutory auditor providing other services to the audited person, or
      - (ii) on a contingent fee basis.".
  - (4) For sub-paragraph (3) substitute—
    - "(3) The body must also have adequate rules and practices designed to ensure that—
      - (a) no firm is eligible under its rules for appointment as a statutory auditor unless the firm has arrangements to prevent any person from being able to exert any influence over the way in which a statutory audit is conducted in circumstances in which that influence would be likely to affect the independence or integrity of the audit;
      - (b) any rule of law relating to the confidentiality of information received in the course of statutory audit work by persons appointed as statutory auditors is complied with; and
      - (c) a person ceasing to hold office as a statutory auditor makes available to his successor in that office all relevant information which he holds in relation to that office."
  - (5) For sub-paragraph (4) substitute—
    - "(4) The rules referred to in sub-paragraph (3)(b) (confidentiality of information) must apply to persons who are no longer members of the body as they apply to members and any

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fine imposed in the enforcement of those rules shall be recoverable by the body as a debt due to it from the person obliged to pay it.".

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