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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No. 814**

**The Amendments to Law (Resolution of  
Dunfermline Building Society) Order 2009**

**PART 1**

**GENERAL**

**Citation and commencement**

**1.**—(1) This order may be cited as the Amendments to Law (Resolution of Dunfermline Building Society) Order 2009.

(2) This order comes into force on 30th March 2009 at 8 a.m.(1)

**Interpretation**

**2.** In this Order—

“the 2006 Act” means the Companies Act 2006;(2)

“the 1985 Act” means the Companies Act 1985;(3)

“the Building Societies Act” means the Building Societies Act 1986;(4)

“FSMA” means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000;(5)

“the Dunfermline Bridge Bank” means PT Shelfco (Scot) Limited, company registered number SC356970, while its only member is the Bank of England;

“Dunfermline Building Society” means Dunfermline Building Society, a building society incorporated (or deemed to be incorporated) under the Building Societies Act and authorised and regulated by the FSA (Reg no: 158765);

“Dunfermline Nominees” means Dunfermline BS Nominees Limited, company registered number SC113202;

“Nationwide” has the meaning given in paragraph 2 of the Property Transfer Instrument;

“the Nationwide transfer” means the transfer made by paragraph 2 of the Property Transfer Instrument;

“the Property Transfer Instrument” means the Dunfermline Building Society Property Transfer Instrument 2009, made by the Bank of England;

“subsidiary” has the meaning given in section 1159 of the 2006 Act;

“the transfer time” has the meaning given in paragraph 2 of the Property Transfer Instrument.

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(1) Being the time at which the Dunfermline Building Society Property Transfer Instrument 2009 comes into force.

(2) 2006 c. 46.

(3) 1985 c. 6.

(4) 1986 c. 53.

(5) 2000 c. 8.

## PART 2

### THE TRANSFER

#### Transfer of shares of Dunfermline Nominees

**3.—(1)** This article applies in connection with the transfer, by paragraph 3(1) of the Property Transfer Instrument, of shares owned by Dunfermline Building Society which were issued by Dunfermline Nominees, and references in this article to “the transfer” are to be construed accordingly.

(2) Nationwide enjoys the entitlement mentioned in paragraph 3(4) of the Property Transfer Instrument whether or not it is entered in the company register of members of Dunfermline Nominees, notwithstanding any provision of the 2006 Act, the 1985 Act, any other enactment or any rule of law.

(3) Section 776 of the 2006 Act (duty of company as to issue of certificates etc on transfer) has effect in relation to the transfer with the modifications specified in paragraph (4).

(4) The transfer is to be treated as—

- (a) a transfer under subsection (2)(a), and
- (b) lodged with Dunfermline Nominees at the transfer time.

(5) The following provisions of the 2006 Act are disapplied in relation to the transfer—

- (a) section 776(3) and (4) (qualifications as to duty to issue certificates);
- (b) section 777 (issue of certificates etc: cases within the Stock Transfer Act 1982);
- (c) section 778 (issue of certificates etc: allotment or transfer to a financial institution).

#### Employees

**4.—(1)** The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006<sup>(6)</sup> (“the Transfer Regulations”) and sections 257 and 258 of the Pensions Act 2004<sup>(7)</sup> apply on the Nationwide transfer as if any individual who is employed by Dunfermline Building Society is assigned to the organised grouping of resources or employees that is subject to the relevant transfer.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies whether or not the Nationwide transfer would otherwise be regarded for the purposes of the Transfer Regulations as giving rise to a relevant transfer.

(3) In this article—

- (a) “organised grouping of resources or employees” is to be construed in accordance with the Transfer Regulations;
- (b) “relevant transfer” is to be construed in accordance with Regulation 2 of the Transfer Regulations.

#### Pensions

**5.—(1)** No relevant person is to be treated as a person connected with, or an associate of, Dunfermline Building Society for the purposes of the following provisions of the Pensions Act 2004<sup>(8)</sup>—

- (a) section 38 (contribution notices where avoidance of employer debt);<sup>(9)</sup>

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<sup>(6)</sup> S.I. 2006/246.

<sup>(7)</sup> 2004 c. 35.

<sup>(8)</sup> 2004 c. 35.

<sup>(9)</sup> As amended by the Pensions Act 2008 (c. 30), section 126; section 148; Schedule 9, paragraphs 1, 2(1), 6, 7(1), 7(2), 7(3)(a), 7(3)(b), 7(4), 8(1) and 15(1); and Schedule 11, Part 6.

- (b) section 43 (financial support directions).
- (2) Relevant persons are—
  - (a) the Bank of England;
  - (b) persons employed by or under, or acting on the behalf of, the Bank of England.
- (3) From the transfer time Dunfermline Nominees is to have no liability, including any liability arising by virtue of sections 38 and 43 of the Pensions Act 2004, with regard to the liabilities of the pension scheme by reason of any fact, matter or circumstance occurring or existing prior to the transfer time and accordingly no proceedings may be brought in respect of such matters.
- (4) In paragraph (3), “pension scheme” has the meaning given in paragraph 2 of the Property Transfer Instrument.

## PART 3

### THE DUNFERMLINE BRIDGE BANK

#### **Proceedings against directors**

- 6.—(1) This article applies in respect of “relevant acts or omissions”, which are the acts or omissions of one or more directors (in their capacity as such) of—
- (a) the Dunfermline Bridge Bank, or
  - (b) any subsidiary of the Dunfermline Bridge Bank.
- (2) No directors are liable for their relevant acts or omissions or those of other directors.
- (3) No proceedings may (at any time) be brought against directors in respect of their relevant acts or omissions or those of other directors.
- (4) Paragraphs (2) and (3) do not apply—
- (a) in relation to proceedings brought by the FSA;
  - (b) to relevant acts or omissions shown to have been fraudulent, dishonest or in bad faith.
- (5) In this article—
- (a) “director” includes an alternate director;
  - (b) “proceedings” includes proceedings under Part 11 of the 2006 Act (derivative claims and proceedings by members);
  - (c) references to the bringing of proceedings are, in the application of this article to Scotland, references to the raising of proceedings.
- (6) For the purposes of paragraphs (2) and (3) it does not matter that a person later ceases to be a director.

#### **Shadow directorship, &c.**

- 7.—(1) A relevant person is not to be treated as—
- (a) a shadow director of the Dunfermline Bridge Bank for the purposes of the provisions listed in the Schedule;
  - (b) a person discharging managerial responsibilities in respect of the Dunfermline Bridge Bank for the purposes of the provisions listed in the Schedule (unless that person has been appointed as a director).

(2) Nor is a relevant person to be treated as a director of the Dunfermline Bridge Bank by virtue of paragraph (b) of the definition of director in section 417(1) of FSMA (certain persons in accordance with whose directions or instructions the directors of the body corporate are accustomed to act).

(3) Relevant persons are—

- (a) the Bank of England;
- (b) a Minister of the Crown;
- (c) the Treasury;
- (d) UK Financial Investments Limited (company registered number 06720891);
- (e) persons—
  - (i) employed by or under, or
  - (ii) acting on the behalf of,
 any of the persons in paragraph (3)(a) to (d).

(4) This article applies in relation to any subsidiary of the Dunfermline Bridge Bank as it applies in relation to the Dunfermline Bridge Bank

#### **Freedom of information**

**8.**—(1) The Dunfermline Bridge Bank is not to be treated as—

- (a) a publicly owned company for the purposes of section 3(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000;**(10)**
- (b) holding information on behalf of the Bank of England or the Treasury for the purposes of section 3(2)(b) of that Act.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies to any subsidiary of the Dunfermline Bridge Bank as it applies to the Dunfermline Bridge Bank.

## **PART 4**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Modification of the FSA’s rule-making power**

**9.**—(1) Subsections (1) and (1A) of section 138 of FSMA**(11)** (general rule-making power) have effect as if modified by inserting after “protecting the interests of consumers”—

“or for the purposes of, to facilitate or in consequence of the Dunfermline Building Society Property Transfer Instrument 2009”.

(2) Section 148(2) of FSMA (modification or waiver of rules) is modified so it applies in relation to a relevant person—

- (a) in the absence of an application by the relevant person, and
- (b) without any requirement for consent by the relevant person.

(3) Section 148(4)**(12)** of FSMA is to have effect such that it does not prevent the FSA from modifying or waiving rules in relation to a relevant person under section 148 where the following condition is satisfied.

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**(10)** 2000 c. 36.

**(11)** Subsections (1A) to (1C) were inserted by S.I. 2006/2975.

**(12)** Subsection (2) was substituted, and subsection (4) was amended, by S.I. 2007/1973.

(4) The condition is that the FSA is satisfied that the modification or waiver is necessary for the purposes of, to facilitate or in consequence of the Property Transfer Instrument.

(5) In this article, relevant persons are Dunfermline Building Society and the Dunfermline Bridge Bank.

#### **Modification to the FSA’s duty to consult on rule changes**

**10.**—(1) Section 155(7) of FSMA (consultation) has effect as if modified by adding at the end—  
“or if it is making rules for the purposes of, to facilitate or in consequence of the Dunfermline Building Society Property Transfer Instrument 2009.”

(2) Section 157(13) of FSMA (guidance) has effect as if modified by adding after subsection (3)

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“(3A) Section 155(7) applies to proposed guidance with the modification made by article 10(1) of the Amendments to Law (Resolution of Dunfermline Building Society) Order 2009.”

#### **Liabilities to Treasury: treatment in insolvency proceedings**

**11.**—(1) This article makes provision in relation to the treatment in insolvency proceedings of the first and second liabilities assumed by Dunfermline by virtue of paragraph 11 of the Property Transfer Instrument.

(2) In insolvency proceedings—

- (a) the first liability ranks *pari passu* with the claims of unsecured and unsubordinated creditors of Dunfermline;
- (b) the second liability ranks *pari passu* with the claims that shareholding members of Dunfermline would have had in respect of the value of their shares but for their transfer.

(3) The reference in paragraph (2)(b) to shareholding members does not include the holders of deferred shares within the meaning of section 119(1) of the Building Societies Act.

(4) In this article—

- (a) the reference to insolvency proceedings is a reference to—
  - (i) liquidation;
  - (ii) administration;
  - (iii) building society special administration (within the meaning of Part 3 of the Banking Act 2009 as applied by section 90C of the Building Societies Act);
- (b) “shareholding member” and the reference to the value of shares are to be construed in accordance with section 119 of the Building Societies Act.

30th March 2009

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