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FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

The Friendly Societies (Proxy Voting) Regulations 1971

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Coming into Operation	31*st December* 1971

The Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 4(2) of the Friendly Societies Act 1971(**a**) and to all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Friendly Societies (Proxy Voting) Regulations 1971 and shall come into operation on 31st December 1971.

(2) In these Regulations—

"registered society" means a society registered under the Friendly Societies Act 1896(**b**);

"resolution" means a resolution which, if passed as mentioned in section 4(1)(*b*) of the Friendly Societies Act 1971, would be a special resolution.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The procedure adopted by a registered society for proxy voting on a resolution shall comply with the following requirements—

(*a*) The instrument appointing a proxy (who need not be a member of the society and shall not, in the case of a collecting society, be a collector or superintendent thereof) shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer or of his agent duly authorised in writing,

(*b*) The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, shall be deposited at the registered office of the society, or at such other place within the United Kingdom as is specified for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting, not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting, or adjourned meeting, at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be valid.

(**a**) 1971 c. 66. (**b**) 1896 c. 25.
(**c**) 1889 c. 63

(*c*) An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or a form as near thereto as circumstances admit—

"I/We of
, being a member/members of the Society, hereby appoint
of , or failing him
of , as my/our proxy to vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the meeting of the society, to be held on 19 , and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed

Date

This form is to be used $\frac{\text{in favour of}}{\text{against}}$ * the resolution.

Unless otherwise instructed the proxy will vote as he thinks fit.

* Strike out whichever is not desired. "

(*d*) A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principal or revocation of the proxy or of the authority under which the proxy was executed, provided that no intimation in writing of such death, insanity or revocation shall have been received by the society at its registered office before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the proxy is used.

S. D. Musson,
Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies.

Date 1st December 1971.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations prescribe the procedure to be adopted by societies registered under the Friendly Societies Act 1896 for proxy voting on special resolutions.