2. This Order may be cited as the General Optical Council (Membership) Order of Council, 1959, and shall come into operation on the nineteenth day of March, 1959.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order provides for an increase of one in the membership of the General Optical Council by the nomination by the Privy Council of an additional lay member.

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The General Optical Council (Companies Committee Rules) Order of Council, 1959

Made - - - - 1*st June,* 1959

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 1st day of June, 1959

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

Whereas in pursuance of subsection (2) of section eighteen of the Opticians Act, 1958(a), the General Optical Council have made rules entitled "The Companies Committee Rules, 1959":

And whereas by subsection (4) of the said section such rules shall not come into force until approved by Order of the Privy Council:

Now, therefore, Their Lordships, having taken the said rules into consideration, are hereby pleased to approve the same as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

This Order may be cited as the General Optical Council (Companies Committee Rules) Order of Council, 1959.

W. G. Agnew.

SCHEDULE

THE COMPANIES COMMITTEE RULES, 1959

The General Optical Council after consulting in accordance with section 18 (3) of the Opticians Act, 1958, do, in exercise of their powers under section 18 (2) of the said Act, hereby make the following rules:—

1. These rules may be cited as the Companies Committee Rules, 1959.

(a) 6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 32.

2. In these rules "the Act" means the Opticians Act, 1958, "the Council" means the General Optical Council established under the Act, and "the Committee" means the Companies Committee established under section 18 of the Act.

3. The Committee shall consist of the persons appointed under paragraphs 4 and 5 of these rules.

4. The Council shall appoint as members of the Committee eight persons, being members of the Council, including at least one member of the Council nominated under subparagraph (*a*) or subparagraph (*f*) of paragraph 1 of the Schedule to the Act, at least one member of the Council chosen to represent registered ophthalmic opticians under subparagraph (*b*) of the said paragraph, and at least one member of the Council chosen to represent registered dispensing opticians under subparagraph (*c*) of the said paragraph.

5. The Council shall also appoint as members of the Committee three persons, not being members of the Council, who appear to them to represent the interests of bodies corporate carrying on business as ophthalmic opticians and two persons, not being members of the Council, who appear to them to represent the interests of bodies corporate carrying on business as dispensing opticians.

6. The first appointments to the Committee shall remain in force until the thirty-first day of January, 1961, and shall then expire, and subsequent appointments shall be for a period of one year expiring on the thirty-first day of January. Provided that where a member appointed under paragraph 4 of these rules ceases to be a member of the Council he shall cease to be a member of the Committee.

7. A member of the Committee may at any time, by notice in writing addressed to the Registrar of the Council, resign his office.

8. Where a casual vacancy occurs among the members of the Committee, it shall be filled by a person appointed by the Council as being a person having qualifications for membership similar to those of the member whose office is vacant. The person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office until the date upon which the member whose vacancy he has filled would have regularly retired.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Opticians Act, 1958, s. 18, requires the General Optical Council to set up a committee, to be known as the Companies Committee, to whom they shall refer for advice on certain matters relating to bodies corporate carrying on business as ophthalmic or dispensing opticians. The rules approved by this Order provide for the constitution of this committee.