STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1975 No. 2136

WAGES COUNCILS

The Wages Councils (Meetings and Procedure) Regulations 1975

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 22 of the Wages Councils Act 1959(**a**), as amended by the Employment Protection Act 1975(**b**), and now vested in him (**c**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement, interpretation and revocation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Wages Councils (Meetings and Procedure) Regulations 1975, and shall come into operation on 21st January 1976.

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

(3) The Wages Councils (Meetings and Procedure) Regulations 1945(**e**) are hereby revoked.

Quorum

2. In order to constitute a meeting of a wages council there shall be present at least one of the members chosen by the Secretary of State as being independent persons (hereinafter referred to as the "Independent Members") and at least one third of the whole number of the persons appointed by nominated employers' associations or trade unions or, where appropriate, by the Secretary of State as representing employers and workers respectively (hereinafter referred to as the "Representative Members").

Voting

3. Every member of a wages council shall have one vote. Provided that the Chairman, or in his absence the Deputy Chairman, may, if he thinks it

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(**a**) 1959 c. 69. (**b**) 1975 c. 71.

(**c**) S.I. 1959/1769, 1968/729 (1959 I, p.1795; 1968 II, p.2108).

(**d**) 1889 c. 63. (**e**) S.R. & O. 1945/483 (Rev XXIII, p.450: 1945 I, p.1255).

desirable, and shall, at the request of more than one half of the members present representing employers or of more than one half of the members present representing workers, take a vote of the Representative Members by sides, and in such a case the vote of the majority of members on either side present and voting, shall be the vote of that side. In such a division the Independent Members shall not vote, but, in the event of the division resulting in a disagreement between the two sides, the question may be decided by the majority vote of the Independent Members or, if only the Chairman or Deputy Chairman is present, by the vote of that Independent Member.

Notice of meetings

4. Notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be sufficiently given to a member of a Wages Council if sent by post to his ordinary or last known address, but the accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any member shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting.

Signed by order of the Secretary of State.

16th December 1975.

Harold Walker,
Joint Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Employment.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations, which have effect from 21st January 1976, replace the Wages Councils (Meetings and Procedure) Regulations 1945. They take account of the changes introduced by the Employment Protection Act 1975 in the manner of appointing members to Wages Councils.

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