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The Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Amendment) Regulations 2018

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The Secretary of State, being a Minister designated(**1**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**2**) in relation to matters relating to the combating of late payment in commercial transactions, makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by that section of that Act and section 14A of the Interpretation Act 1978(**3**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Amendment) Regulations 2018 and come into force on 26th February 2018.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales and Northern Ireland.

Amendments to the Late Payment of Commercial Debts Regulations 2002

2. The Late Payment of Commercial Debts Regulations 2002(**4**) are amended as follows.

3. For regulation 3 (proceedings restraining use of grossly unfair terms), substitute—

"**Proceedings restraining grossly unfair terms or practices**

3.—(1) In this regulation, "representative body" means an organisation established to represent the collective interests of any enterprise, either in general or in a particular sector or area.

(**1**) S.I. 2002/248.
(**2**) 1972 c.68. Section 2(2) was amended by section 27(1)(a) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c.51) and by Part 1 of the Schedule to the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c.7). The enabling powers of section 2(2) were extended by virtue of the amendment of section 1(2) by section 1 of the European Economic Area Act 1993 (c.51).
(**3**) 1978 c.30. Section14A was inserted by section 59(2) of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c.24).
(**4**) S.I. 2002/1674.