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BUILDING SOCIETIES

Building Societies (Authorised Investments) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 12*th October* 1977

Coming into operation . . . 21*st November* 1977

The Registrar, with the consent of the Department(a) of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 58(1) of the Building Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Building Societies (Authorised Investments) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 21st November 1977.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order "value" in relation to the assets or the investments of a building society means the value at which the assets or the investments, as the case may be, are taken into account in the books of the building society.

(2) Reference in this Order to investing funds or the making of an investment shall include investing funds or the making of an investment by way of reinvestment.

Manner of Investment

3.—(1) The manner in which a building society may invest any part of its surplus funds is specified in Parts I, II and III of Schedule 1, subject however to Articles 4 and 5 so far as the making of any investment in any manner specified in Parts II and III is concerned.

(2) Part IV of Schedule 1 shall have effect for the purposes of Parts I, II and III thereof and for the interpretation of those Parts.

Restrictions on Investment

4. A building society shall not—

(*a*) make an investment in any manner specified in Part II of Schedule 1 unless at the time of the making of such investment it holds investments of any kinds specified in Part I amounting in value to not less than seven and one half per cent. of the value of the assets of the building society at the end of its last financial year before that time;

(*b*) make an investment in any manner specified in Part III of Schedule 1 unless at the time of the making of such investment—

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1967 c. 31 (N.I.)

(i) it holds investments of any kinds specified in Parts I and II amounting in value to not less than fifteen per cent. of the value of the assets of the building society at the end of its last financial year before that time, and

(ii) the value of the investments specified in Part I held by it amounts to not less than seven and one half per cent. of the value of the said assets.

5.—(1) Funds kept in cash or on current account with or on temporary loan to a bank (being a bank authorised under section 59 of the Building Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 to hold funds of building societies) shall, for the purposes of determining whether an investment in a manner specified in Part II or Part III of Schedule 1 may be made, be deemed to be investments of a kind specified in Part I of that Schedule.

(2) The expression "temporary loan" in paragraph (1) means a loan which is repayable—

(*a*) in not more than six months after the date on which the investment referred to in paragraph (1) is to be made, or

(*b*) by notice to the bank requiring it to repay the loan, such notice being a notice which will expire in not more than six months from the giving thereof and which may be given at any time after the said date.

Revocation

6. The Orders specified in Schedule 2 are hereby revoked.

Dated 12th October 1977.

J. Martin
Registrar of Building Societies

The Department of Commerce hereby consents to the foregoing Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 12th October 1977.

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W. T. McCrory
Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE 1

MANNER OF INVESTMENT

PART I

1. In Certificates of Tax Deposit issued by the Treasury, Defence Bonds, National Development Bonds, Ulster Development Bonds, British Savings Bonds, Treasury Bills and Local Authority Bills.

2. In marketable fixed-interest securities of the following descriptions which will mature for repayment in not more than five years from the relevant date, that is to say—

(*a*) securities issued by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom or by the Government of Northern Ireland;

(*b*) securities the repayment of the principal of which and the payment of interest on which are guaranteed by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom or by the Government of Northern Ireland;

(*c*) securities issued in the United Kingdom by the Government of any overseas territory (as defined by the Overseas Service Act 1958(c)) within the Commonwealth, being securities registered in the United Kingdom;

(*d*) securities issued in the United Kingdom the repayment of the principal of which and the payment of interest on which are guaranteed by the Government of any overseas territory (as defined by the Overseas Service Act 1958) within the Commonwealth, being securities registered in the United Kingdom;

(*e*) securities issued in the United Kingdom by any relevant authority, or public authority or nationalised industry or undertaking in the United Kingdom;

(*f*) securities issued in the United Kingdom by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, being securities registered in the United Kingdom;

(*g*) securities issued in the United Kingdom by the Inter-American Development Bank;

(*h*) securities issued in the United Kingdom by the European Coal and Steel Community or the European Investment Bank, being securities registered in the United Kingdom;

3. In marketable variable-interest securities issued by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom or by the Government of Northern Ireland, being securities which will mature for repayment in not more than five years from the relevant date.

4.—(1) In loans of the descriptions contained in sub-paragraph (2), which are repayable—

(*a*) in not more than six months after the relevant date, or

(*b*) by notice to the borrower requiring it to repay the loan, such notice being a notice which will expire in not more than six months from the giving thereof and which may be given at any time after the relevant date.

(2) The loans referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are:—

(*a*) loans to any relevant authority in the United Kingdom which are charged on all or any of the revenues of the authority, or on a fund into which all or any of its revenues are payable;

(c) 1958 c. 14