FOREIGN COMPANIES BILL 2013

Explanatory Memorandum

- 1. This Bill, which is promoted by the Treasury, requires certain foreign companies and other bodies with legal personality to register in the Island. If enacted, its provisions will replace the provisions currently located in Part XI of the Companies Act 1931.
- 2. Clause 1 states the short title of the Bill.
- 3. Clause 2 provides for the Bill to commence by appointed day order made by the Treasury.
- 4. Clause 3 gives definitions for certain words and expressions used in the Bill.
- 5. Clause 4 defines what is meant by a "foreign company". The expression potentially includes any foreign entity with legal personality which is not an individual.
- 6. Clause 5 describes the circumstances when the Bill applies to a foreign company. These include carrying on business from an established place of business in the Island or holding land in the Island. A foreign entity which is not conducting business or holding land in the Island but which has an established nexus with the Island may elect that the provisions of the Bill are to apply to it.
- 7. Clause 6 requires the Department of Economic Development ("the Department") to maintain a public register of foreign companies registered in the Island.
- 8. Clause 7 obliges a foreign company to register within one month of the provisions of the Bill applying to it.
- 9. Clause 8 makes provision about the process of application for registration.
- 10. Clause 9 specifies certain "required details" which every application for registration must contain.
- 11. Clause 10 makes provision about the name under which a foreign company may be registered.
- 12. Clause 11 requires a registered foreign company to ensure it can accept service of process and other notices.
- 13. Clause 12 sets out how the application for registration is to be determined by the Department.
- 14. Clause 13 requires a registered foreign company to notify the Department of the happening of certain events.

- 15. Clause 14 requires a registered foreign company to make an annual return to the Department.
- 16. Clause 15 enables the Treasury by order to make provision about trading disclosures for registered foreign companies.
- 17. Clause 16 enables the Treasury by regulations to require registered foreign companies to comply with legislative provisions which apply to Manx companies (and similar domestic entities).
- 18. Clause 17 specifies the circumstances when the Department may remove a foreign company from the register.
- 19. Clause 18 enables a person who is aggrieved by a decision of the Department under the Bill to appeal to the High Court.
- 20. Clause 19 makes it an offence to make a false or misleading statement to the Department.
- 21. Clause 20 specifies the range of penalties for offences committed under the Bill and makes provision to cater for circumstances where an offence is committed by an entity with legal personality which is not an individual. It also confers a defence on a person who took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid committing the offence.
- 22. Clause 21 enables the Treasury to make regulations about the detailed operation of the Bill. These must be expressly approved by Tynwald.
- 23. Clause 22 enables the Department to publish "approved forms" for use for the purposes of submitting information to it under the Bill.
- 24. Clause 23 enables the Department by order to set the fees payable under the Bill. The order must be expressly approved by Tynwald.
- 25. Clause 24 confers discretion on the Department as to the form it may keep information and documents submitted to it under the Bill.
- 26. Clause 25 specified the circumstances when the Department may refuse to register documents submitted to it under the Bill.
- 27. Clause 26 and the Schedule provide for the consequential amendment of enactments.
- 28. Clause 27 treats a foreign company which is already registered under Part XI of the Companies Act 1931 as duly registered under the Bill.
- 29. [Statement of financial effects to be added]
- 30. In the opinion of the member moving the Bill its provisions are compatible with the Convention rights within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 2001.

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FOREIGN COMPANIES BILL 2013

A BILL to require certain foreign companies and other bodies with legal personality to register in the Island; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Council and Keys in Tynwald assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

PART 1 – OPENING PROVISIONS

1 Short title

The short title of this Act is the Foreign Companies Act 2013.

2 Commencement

- (1) This Act (other than *section 1* and this section) comes into operation on the day appointed by the Treasury and different days may be appointed for different provisions and different purposes.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) may make transitional and saving provisions which the Treasury considers necessary or expedient.

3 Interpretation

In this Act —

- "approved form" has the meaning given by section 22;
- "Department" means the Department of Economic Development;
- "foreign company" has the meaning given by section 4;
- "incorporated", in respect of a foreign company, includes formed, registered or otherwise established (and "incorporation" is to be construed accordingly);
- "prescribed fee" means the fee prescribed by order made under section 23;
- "publish" means to publish in a manner likely to bring it to the attention of those affected by or interested in the publication;



- "register", as a noun, means the register of foreign companies maintained by the Department in accordance with section 6;
- "register", as a verb in relation to an act done by the Department, means to retain (where appropriate) and register in the register of foreign companies;
- "regulations" means regulations made under section 21.

4 Meaning of foreign company

- (1) In this Act, "**foreign company**" means a person (by whatever name called) which
 - (a) has legal personality but is not an individual; and
 - (b) is incorporated under the laws of a jurisdiction outside the Island.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), each of the following persons would be a foreign company if the person were incorporated under the laws of a jurisdiction outside the Island
 - (a) a company within the meaning of the *Companies Acts* 1931;
 - (b) a company to which the *Companies Act* 2006 applies;
 - (c) a protected cell company within the meaning of the *Protected Cell Companies Act* 2004 or the *Companies Act* 2006;
 - (d) an incorporated cell company within the meaning of the *Incorporated Cell Companies Act 2010*;
 - (e) an incorporated cell within the meaning of the *Incorporated Cell Companies Act* 2010;
 - (f) a company continued in the Island under Part 1 of the Companies (Transfer of Domicile) Act 1998;
 - (g) a limited liability company to which the *Limited Liability Companies*Act 1996 applies;
 - (h) a foundation to which the Foundations Act 2011 applies; and
 - (i) a limited partnership to which *Part II of the Partnership Act* 1909 applies which has legal personality by virtue of section 48B of that Act.
- (3) The Treasury may
 - (a) by order amend subsection (2) to add persons to or remove persons from the list of persons that would be foreign companies were they not incorporated under the laws of the Island; or
 - (b) by regulations, prescribe other persons, or classes or descriptions of person, which are foreign companies for the purposes of this Act.
- (4) Before making an order under subsection (3)(a), the Treasury must consult such persons as it considers appropriate.

(5) An order under subsection (3)(a) must not come into operation unless it is approved by Tynwald.

5 Foreign companies to which this Act applies

- (1) This Act applies to a foreign company which
 - (a) carries on, or is held out as carrying on, business from an established place of business in the Island;
 - (b) holds land in the Island (other than by way of security); or
 - (c) elects under subsection (4) that this Act is to apply to it.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a), holding out includes any express or implicit indication that the company is carrying on business from an established place of business in the Island.
- (3) A foreign company is not to be treated as carrying on business from an established place of business in the Island (or being held out as such) by reason only of the company
 - (a) being a party to, or settling, legal proceedings;
 - (b) holding meetings or carrying on activities which relate only to its internal affairs;
 - (c) maintaining a bank account;
 - (d) purchasing or investing in assets (except in land in the Island);
 - (e) selling its assets;
 - (f) holding property (except land in the Island);
 - (g) charging its property;
 - (h) incurring debt;
 - (i) collecting monies owing to it;
 - (j) enforcing its legal rights; or
 - (k) receiving services which
 - (i) are provided by the holder of a licence issued under section 7 of the *Financial Services Act 2008* whose licence permits the holder to carry on the regulated activity (within the meaning of *section 3(1) of that Act*) of providing corporate services¹; and
 - (ii) are corporate services for the purposes of that Act.
- (4) However, a company to which subsection (3) applies may elect to be treated as a company to which this Act applies and may accordingly make an application under *section 8*.

¹ See the provisions in Schedule 1 to the Regulated Activities Order 2011 [SD 884/11] concerning class 4 (corporate services).



- (5) The Treasury may by order amend subsection (1) or (3) to add to or remove from the list of circumstances
 - (a) which apply this Act to a foreign company; or
 - (b) which result in a foreign company not being treated as having an established place of business in the Island.
- (6) Before making an order under subsection (5), the Treasury must consult such persons as it considers appropriate.
- (7) An order under subsection (5) must not come into operation unless it is approved by Tynwald.

PART 2 – REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN COMPANIES

6 Register of foreign companies

- (1) The Department must maintain a register of foreign companies registered under this Act.
- (2) The Department must make the register available for public inspection at any reasonable time.
- (3) On payment of the prescribed fee, the Department must supply a person with a certificate stating whether or not a named foreign company is registered under this Act.
- (4) A certificate described in subsection (3) is admissible in legal proceedings.

7 When registration is required

- (1) A foreign company to which this Act applies must make an application for registration under *section 8* within one month of this Act applying to it.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a company which elects under *section* 5(4) to be treated as a company to which this Act applies must make an application under subsection (1) within one month of the election.
- (3) A foreign company which fails to comply with subsection (1) commits an offence.

8 Application for registration

- (1) When an application for registration under this section is required to be made, it must be made to the Department.
- (2) An application under subsection (1) must
 - (a) be in the approved form;

- (b) specify the required details specified in *section 9* in respect of the foreign company; and
- (c) be accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- (3) A fee paid under subsection (2)(c) is non-refundable, regardless as to whether or not the application is successful.
- (4) A foreign company commits an offence if it fails to specify the required details in its application.

9 Required details

- (1) The "required details" are
 - (a) the name under which the foreign company is incorporated in its jurisdiction of incorporation;
 - (b) the name under which it is proposed to be registered under this Act, if different from the name specified in paragraph (a) (see *section 10(2)* to (4));
 - (c) its jurisdiction of incorporation;
 - (d) its date of incorporation;
 - (e) the number under which it is incorporated in its jurisdiction of incorporation;
 - (f) if the foreign company does not have an established place of business in the Island, the address of its registered office or principal place of business in its jurisdiction of incorporation;
 - (g) if the foreign company has an established place of business in the Island, the business address;
 - (h) if the foreign company holds land in the Island (other than by way of security), the address of the land; and
 - (i) the name of and address of each person who is authorised to accept service of process and any notices required to be served on the company (see *section 11*)—
 - (i) in the Island; or
 - (ii) in respect of its activities or presence in the Island.
- (2) The Treasury may by order amend subsection (1) to add matters to or remove matters from the list of required details.
- (3) Before making an order under subsection (2), the Treasury must consult such persons as it considers appropriate.
- (4) An order under subsection (2) may not come into operation unless it is approved by Tynwald.



10 Registered name of foreign company

- (1) The *Company and Business Names etc Act 2012* has effect in respect of the names of foreign companies to which this Act applies.
- (2) A foreign company to which this Act applies must be registered under this Act under the name under which the foreign company is incorporated in its jurisdiction of incorporation unless
 - (a) the name contravenes section 7(3) of the *Company and Business Names etc Act 2012*; or
 - (b) an application under section 6 of that Act for name approval is otherwise refused.
- (3) If the name under which the foreign company is incorporated in its jurisdiction of incorporation is changed, an application must be made under the *Company and Business Names etc Act 2012* to change the name under which the company is registered under that Act.
- (4) If subsection (2) precludes the company from being registered under the name under which the foreign company is incorporated in its jurisdiction of incorporation, the company may be registered under this Act under a different (subject to complying with the requirements of the *Company and Business Names etc Act* 2012).
- (5) A foreign company may only hold land in the Island under the name by which it is registered under this Act (see *section 5*).
- (6) A foreign company may only carry on business from the Island under
 - (a) the name by which it is registered under this Act (see *section 5*); or
 - (b) a business name under which it is registered under the *Registration of Business Names Act 1918*.
- (7) A foreign company which contravenes subsection (3), (5) or (6) commits an offence.

11 Accepting service of process

- (1) A foreign company to which this Act applies must make provision to ensure that it is able to accept service of process and any notices required to be served on the company in accordance with this section.
- (2) If the foreign company has an established place of business in the Island, it must make provision for the company to accept service at the place of business in the Island.
- (3) If the foreign company holds land in the Island (other than by way of security), it must make provision for the company to accept service —

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- (a) at an address in the Island; or
- (b) if there is no address in the Island, at an address outside the Island.

(4) The foreign company must appoint a person or persons to accept service of process and any notices required to be served on the company in accordance with this section (see *section* 9(1)(i)).

12 Registration of foreign company

- (1) In relation to an application under *section 8*, the Department must
 - (a) approve the application; or
 - (b) refuse the application.
- (2) The Department may only refuse the application if it contains a document which the Department may refuse to accept for a reason specified in *section 25*.
- (3) If the application is refused, the Department must provide the foreign company with a statement of reasons for the decision.
- (4) If the application is approved, the Department must -
 - (a) register the information and documents submitted with the application in the register (see *section 6*);
 - (b) allot a unique number to the company;
 - (c) issue a certificate of registration to the foreign company in the form determined by the Department; and
 - (d) retain a copy of the certificate issued.
- (5) A certificate issued under subsection (4)(c) is conclusive evidence that the foreign company is registered under this Act on the date specified in the certificate.

13 Notification of certain events

- (1) A foreign company which is registered under this Act must notify the Department within one month of the occurrence of an event described in subsection (2).
- (2) The events to be notified under subsection (1) are -
 - (a) a change to the address or place at which the company accepts service of process and any notices required to be served on the company (see *section 11*);
 - (b) a change to a person, or to the details of a person, authorised to accept service of process and notices on behalf of the company (see *section* 9(1)(i));
 - (c) the company ceases to exist, or ceases to have legal personality, under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation; or
 - (d) the company ceases to be a foreign company to which this Act applies (see *section 5*).



- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(d), a company to which this Act applies only by reason of an election under *section* 5(4) ceases to be a company to which this Act applies if it so elects.
- (4) A notification under subsection (1) must be
 - (a) in the approved form; and
 - (b) accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- (5) A foreign company which fails to comply with subsection (1) or (4) commits an offence.

14 Annual return

- (1) A foreign company which is registered under this Act must make an annual return to the Department.
- (2) The return must be -
 - (a) in the approved form; and
 - (b) accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- (3) The annual return must be made up to the company's return date.
- (4) The foreign company must forward the return to the Department within one month after the company's return date.
- (5) The "company's return date" means the anniversary of the company's incorporation in its jurisdiction of incorporation or such other date as is agreed between the Department and the company.
- (6) A foreign company which fails to comply with this section commits an offence.

15 Trading disclosures

The Treasury may by regulations require a foreign company which is registered under this Act —

- (a) to display specified information in specified locations;
- (b) to state specified information in specified descriptions of document or communication; and
- (c) to provide specified information on request to those the company deals with in the course of the company's business.

16 Power to require compliance with Manx law

(1) The Treasury may by regulations require a foreign company which is registered under this Act to comply with a provision of an enactment mentioned in *section 4(2)* which the foreign company would be required to comply with if the foreign company were incorporated under the laws of the Island.

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(2) The regulations may modify the provision of the enactment which the foreign company is to comply with so as to secure compliance with the provision.

17 Removal from the register

- (1) The Department may remove a foreign company which is registered under this Act from the register in the circumstances described in subsection (2).
- (2) The circumstances are
 - (a) the company ceases to be a foreign company to which this Act applies (see *section 5*) and demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the Department that the company should be removed from the register; or
 - (b) the company fails to submit an annual return under *section 14* to the Department within 4 months after the company's return date.
- (3) If a foreign company is removed from the register, the Department must publish notice of the removal in such manner as it determines.
- (4) A foreign company which has been removed from the register may make a further application for registration under *section 8*.
- (5) However, the application referred to in subsection (4) must be accompanied by
 - (a) each outstanding annual return;
 - (b) the prescribed fee in respect of each outstanding annual return (see *section 14*); and
 - (b) an additional prescribed fee in respect of the application for registration (see *section 8*).
- (6) Subsection (5) is additional to the requirements of *section 8*.

PART 3 – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

18 Appeals

- (1) A person who is aggrieved by a decision of the Department under this Act may appeal to the High Court, in accordance with rules of court, within one month after the date of the decision or such further time as the Court allows.
- (2) On the determination of the appeal the Court must confirm, vary or revoke the decision in question.
- (3) The variation or revocation of a decision does not affect the previous operation of that decision or anything duly done or suffered under it.



(4) A decision of the Court on an appeal under this section is binding on the Department and the appellant.

19 False and misleading statements

- (1) A person commits an offence if, when giving information to the Department, the person
 - (a) makes a statement which the person knows is false in a material particular; or
 - (b) recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular.

20 Offences: penalties and defences

- (1) A person guilty of an offence under this Act is liable
 - (a) on conviction on information to a fine;
 - (b) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £5,000.
- (2) Subsection (3) applies if an offence under this Act is committed by a person (by whatever name called) which has legal personality but is not an individual and it is proved that an officer of the person authorised, permitted, participated in, or failed to take all reasonable steps to prevent, the commission of the offence.
- (3) The officer, as well as the person, is guilty of the offence and is liable to the penalty provided for the offence.
- (4) In this section, "officer" includes
 - (a) in the case of a person which is a body corporate, a director, secretary or other similar officer;
 - (b) in the case of a person which is a body corporate whose affairs are managed by its members, a member;
 - (c) in the case of a person which is a foundation, a member of the foundation council (by whatever name called) or analogous officer;
 - (d) in the case of a person which is a limited partnership which has legal personality, the general partner (by whatever name called) of the partnership or analogous officer; and
 - (e) a person purporting to act as an officer described in paragraphs (a) to (d).
- (5) In any proceedings for an offence under this Act or under regulations made under *section 21*, it is a defence to prove that the person charged took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid committing the offence.

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21 Regulations

- (1) The Treasury may make regulations about the operation of any provision of this Act.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the regulations may
 - (a) prescribe persons, or classes or descriptions of person, which are foreign companies for the purposes of this Act;
 - (b) prescribe circumstances which indicate or demonstrate that a foreign company
 - (i) has an established place of business in the Island; or
 - (ii) holds land in the Island (other than by way of security);
 - (iii) is in receipt of corporate services (as described in *section* 5(1)(k));
 - (c) make provision for the electronic submission of information and documents under this Act;
 - (d) permit a person to publish forms and other material in respect of any matter specified in the regulations;
 - (e) provide for contravention of the regulations to be an offence and prescribe a penalty for commission of the offence of a fine not exceeding £5,000 on summary conviction;
 - (f) require compliance with standards of or the adoption of practices recommended or specified from time to time (whether before or after the making of the regulations) by a person or body specified in the regulations;
 - (g) permit a person to exercise a discretion in dealing with a matter specified in the regulations;
 - (h) exempt a person (or class or description of persons) from any of the provisions of this Act;
 - (i) modify the application of this Act in respect of a person (or class or description of persons);
 - (j) make incidental, supplemental, consequential, transitional or saving provisions.
- (3) Before making regulations under this section, the Treasury must consult such persons as it considers appropriate.
- (4) Regulations under this section must not come into operation unless they are approved by Tynwald.

22 Approved forms

(1) The Department may publish forms in any form which are to be used when submitting information required to be submitted under this Act.



- (2) Where a form or template is required to be in an "approved form", it must
 - (a) contain the information required to be specified in it; and
 - (b) have attached to it such documents as may be required by it.

23 Fees

- (1) The Department may by order prescribe fees for the purposes of *sections* 6, 8, 13 and 14.
- (2) Before making an order under this section, the Department must consult the Treasury.
- (3) A prescribed fee is a debt due to the Department from the foreign company and may be sued for accordingly.
- (4) Fees payable under this Act form part of the general revenue of the Island.
- (5) An order under this section must not come into operation unless it is approved by Tynwald.

24 Keeping of records by the Department

- (1) Information and documents delivered to the Department under this Act or under regulations made under *section 21* may be kept in any form that
 - (a) is approved by the Department; and
 - (b) is capable of being reproduced in legible form.
- (2) The Department is to be taken as having complied with an obligation to maintain information or documents if the Department complies with subsection (1).
- (3) The Department may destroy information and documents maintained by it if
 - (a) the information or documents are original records which the Department is keeping in a form described in subsection (1); or
 - (b) the information or documents relate to a foreign company which was removed from the register more than 10 years previously.

25 Power to refuse to register documents

- (1) The Department may refuse to accept for registration a document submitted to it under this Act or under regulations made under *section 21* if the document
 - (a) does not comply with this Act or the regulations;
 - (b) has not been duly completed;

- (c) contains a material error;
- (d) is not legible; or
- (e) is not accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- (2) If the Department refuses to accept a document under subsection (1), it must
 - (a) return the document to the person who submitted it; and
 - (b) provide a statement of reasons for its rejection.
- (3) A rejected document is treated as having not been submitted.

26 Amendments

- (1) The amendments to the enactments specified in the Schedule have effect.
- (2) This section and the *Schedule* are automatically repealed
 - (a) on the day after the promulgation of this Act; or
 - (b) if all the provisions of this Act are not in operation on its promulgation, on the day after the last provision is brought into operation.
- (3) However, the repeal does not affect the continuing operation of any amendments to enactments made by this section and the Schedule.

27 Savings

A foreign company which is already registered under Part XI of the *Companies Act 1931* when this section comes into operation is to be treated for all purposes as registered under this Act (despite the repeal of Part XI of that Act).



SCHEDULE

[Section 26]

AMENDMENT OF ENACTMENTS

1 Registration of Business Names Act 1918

- (1) The *Registration of Business Names Act* 1918² is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 3(d), for "Part XI of that Act" substitute the Foreign Companies Act 2013 .

2 Companies Act 1931

- (1) The *Companies Act* 1931³ is amended as follows.
- In section 91(1), for "which has duly delivered documents to the Department under section 313 and has not subsequently given notice to it under section 319(2) that it has ceased to have a place of business in the Isle of Man" substitute which is registered under the Foreign Companies Act 2013.
- (3) Part XI (sections 312 to 321 and the cross-heading) is repealed.

3 Companies Act 1968

- (1) The Companies Act 19684 is amended as follows.
- (2) Section 4 is repealed.

4 Income Tax Act 1970

- (1) The *Income Tax Act* 1970⁵ is amended as follows.
- In section 11A(2)(a), for "Part XI of the Companies Act 1931" substitute the Foreign Companies Act 2013 .

5 Companies Act 1982

- (1) The *Companies Act* 1982⁶ is amended as follows.
- (2) Sections 33 and 34 are repealed.
- (3) In Part I of Schedule 2, the entry relating to section 320 of the Companies Act 1931 is repealed.

⁶ c.2



² X p.279

³ XIII p.235

⁴ XX p.413

⁵ XXI p.260

6 Companies Act 1986

- (1) The *Companies Act* 1986⁷ is amended as follows.
- (2) Sections 29 and 30 are repealed.

7 Charities Registration Act 1989

- (1) The Charities Registration Act 19898 is amended as follows.

8 Timeshare Act 1996

- (1) The *Timeshare Act* 1996⁹ is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1(d), for "Part XI of the Companies Act 1931" substitute [™] the Foreign Companies Act 2013 [™].
- In section 6(d), for "Part XI of the Companies Act 1931" substitute the Foreign Companies Act 2013.

9 Limited Liability Companies Act 1996

- (1) The *Limited Liability Companies Act* 1996¹⁰ is amended as follows.
- (2) Section 52(3) is repealed.

10 Education Act 2001

- (1) The *Education Act* 2001¹¹ is amended as follows.
- In section 52(3)(b)(ii), for "Part XI of the Companies Act 1931" substitute
 ☐ the Foreign Companies Act 2013 ☐.

11 Companies, etc. (Amendment) Act 2003

- (1) The *Companies, etc.* (*Amendment*) *Act* 2003¹² is amended as follows.
- (2) Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14 are repealed.
- (3) In Schedule 1, in the entry for the Companies Act 1931, paragraphs 20 to 27 are repealed.

8 c.11

⁷ c.45

⁹ c.7

¹⁰ c.19

¹¹ c.33

¹² c.16

12 Financial Services Act 2008

- (1) The Financial Services Act 2008¹³ is amended as follows.
- In section 4(2)(b)(ii), for "Part XI of the Companies Act 1931" substitute the Foreign Companies Act 2013 .
- In section 48(2)(b)(ii), for "Part XI of the Companies Act 1931" substitute the Foreign Companies Act 2013 .

13 Insurance Act 2008

- (1) The *Insurance Act* 2008¹⁴ is amended as follows.
- In section 54(2)(b), for "Part XI of the Companies Act 1931" substitute the Foreign Companies Act 2013 2.

14 Company Officers (Disqualification) Act 2009

- (1) The Company Officers (Disqualification) Act 2009¹⁵ is amended as follows.
- In section 21(1), in paragraph (c) of the definition of "company" for "Part XI of the Companies Act 1931" substitute the Foreign Companies Act 2013 20.

15 Rules of the High Court of Justice 2009

- (1) The *Rules of the High Court of Justice* 2009¹⁶ are amended as follows.
- In rule 1.4(3)(b), for "Part XI (overseas companies) of the Companies Act 1931" substitute the Foreign Companies Act 2013.
- (3) In rule 1.4(3)(b)(ii), for "section 313(1)(c)" substitute section 9(1)(i).
- (4) In rule 2.23(2)(b) substitute
 - section 11 (accepting service of process) of the Foreign Companies Act 2013 .
- (5) In the table in rule 2.27(6)(b), for the entry relating to Part XI of the Companies Act 1931 substitute —

	Companies Act 1931 substitute —				
	Company to which the Foreign Companies Act 2013 applies	An address notified under section 9(1)(i) of that Act or, if there is no such address, any place of business			
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¹³ c.8

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(6) In the table in rule 2.37(3)(c), for the entry relating to Part XI of the Companies Act 1931 substitute —

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Company to which the Foreign Companies Act 2013 applies	Leaving a copy at an address notified under section 9(1)(i) of that Act or, if there is no such address, any place of business within the jurisdiction
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16 Company and Business Names etc Act 2012

- (1) The Company and Business Names etc Act 2012 is amended as follows.
- (2) Section 4(1)(a)(iii) is repealed.
- (3) After section 4(1)(g) insert -
 - (h) a foreign company to which the Foreign Companies Act 2013 applies. 55.
- (4) Section 5(2)(a)(v) is repealed.
- (5) After section 5(2)(g) insert
 - (h) an application
 - (i) to register a foreign company under the Foreign Companies Act 2013; or
 - (ii) to change the name under which a foreign company is registered under that Act. 22.
- (6) In section 6(4), for "Part XI of the Companies Act 1931" substitute the Foreign Companies Act 2013 .
- (7) Paragraph 4(5) to (9) of the Schedule is repealed.

