

Companies Act 2006

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Changes to legislation: Companies Act 2006, Section 21 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 13 June 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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- (1) A company may amend its articles by special resolution.
- (2) In the case of a company that is a charity, this is subject to—
 - (a) in England and Wales, **[F1]** sections 197 and 198 of the Charities Act 2011;
 - (b) in Northern Ireland, **[F2]** section 96 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.
- (3) In the case of a company that is registered in the Scottish Charity Register, this is subject to—
 - (a) section 112 of the Companies Act 1989 (c. 40), and
 - (b) section 16 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 10).

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 21(2)(a) substituted (14.3.2012) by Charities Act 2011 (c. 25), ss. 354, 355, Sch. 7 para. 113 (with s. 20(2), Sch. 8)

F2 Words in s. 21(2)(b) substituted (N.I.) (24.6.2013) by Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 12) (N.I.), ss. 183, 185, (Sch. 8 para. 13(1)); S.R. 2013/145, art. 2, Sch.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 21 excluded (26.5.2015) by Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (c. 26), ss. 85(2)(a), 164(3)(g)(ii)