



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

**S.I. No. 647 of 2023**

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INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES ACT 1893 (SECTION  
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WHEREAS the Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020 (No. 9 of 2020), having regard to the risk to human life and public health posed by the spread of the disease known as Covid-19 and in response to the economic difficulties caused by that disease, made exceptional provision;

WHEREAS Part 3 of the said Act amended the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893 (56 & 57 Vict., c.39) to make exceptional provision in relation to the operation of certain provisions of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893 for a certain period and such other period (if any) as may be specified by order of the Government;

WHEREAS section 79 (amended by section 29 of the Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020) of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893 has defined the “interim period” as beginning on the commencement of section 29 of the Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020 and ending on 31 December 2020, and such other period (if any) as may be specified by order under section 14A of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893;

WHEREAS the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment (as adapted by the Business, Enterprise and Innovation (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 519 of 2020)) by order dated 20 August 2020 entitled the Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020 (Commencement) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 320 of 2020) appointed the 21st day of August 2020 as the day on which the Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020 came into operation;

WHEREAS subsection (1) of section 14A of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893 provides that the Government may, at the request of the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment made after consultation with the Minister for Health, from time to time, by order extend the interim period, for such period as they consider appropriate if they are satisfied that, having had regard to the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d) of subsection (1) of the said section 14A, the making of such order is in the public interest;

WHEREAS the Government by order dated 15 December 2020 entitled the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893 (Section 14A(1)) (Covid-19) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 671 of 2020) specified the period beginning on 1 January 2021 and ending on 9 June 2021 as the period to which the interim period, as defined in section 79 (amended by section 29 of the Companies (Miscellaneous

Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020) of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893, shall be extended in respect of the amendments effected by Part 3 of the Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020;

WHEREAS the Government by further order dated 18 May 2021 entitled the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893 (Section 14A(1)) (Covid-19) Order 2021 (S.I. No. 255 of 2021) specified the period beginning on 10 June 2021 and ending on 31 December 2021 as the period to which the interim period, as defined in section 79 (amended by section 29 of the Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020) of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893, shall be extended in respect of the amendments effected by Part 3 of the Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020;

WHEREAS the Government by further order dated 7 December 2021 entitled the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893 (Section 14A(1)) (Covid-19) (No. 2) Order 2021 (S.I. No. 724 of 2021) specified the period beginning on 1 January 2022 and ending on 30 April 2022 as the period to which the interim period, as defined in section 79 (amended by section 29 of the Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020) of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893, shall be extended in respect of the amendments effected by Part 3 of the Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020;

WHEREAS the Government by further order dated 26 April 2022 entitled the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893 (Section 14A(1)) (Covid-19) Order 2022 (S.I. No. 219 of 2022) specified the period beginning on 1 May 2022 and ending on 31 December 2022 as the period to which the interim period, as defined in section 79 (amended by section 29 of the Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020) of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893, shall be extended in respect of the amendments effected by Part 3 of the Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020;

WHEREAS the Government by further order dated 7 December 2022 entitled the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893 (Section 14A(1)) (Covid-19) (No. 2) Order 2022 (S.I. No. 649 of 2022) specified the period beginning on 1 January 2023 and ending on 31 December 2023 as the period to which the interim period, as defined in section 79 (amended by section 29 of the Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020) of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893, shall be extended in respect of the amendments effected by Part 3 of the Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020;

AND WHEREAS the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, having consulted with the Minister for Health, has made a request in accordance with subsection (1) of section 14A of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893;

NOW the Government, being satisfied that, having had regard to the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d) of subsection (1) of section 14A of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893, the making of such order is in the public interest and, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by subsection (1) of section 14A of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893, hereby order as follows:

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893 (Section 14A(1)) (Covid-19) Order 2023.  
(2) This Order comes into operation on 1 January 2024.
2. In this Order, “Act of 2020” means the Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020 (No. 9 of 2020).
3. The period beginning on 1 January 2024 and ending on 31 December 2024 is hereby specified as the period to which the interim period as defined in section 79 (amended by section 29 of the Act of 2020) of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893 (56 & 57 Vict., c.39) shall be extended in respect of the amendments effected by Part 3 of the Act of 2020.



GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Government,  
12 December, 2023.

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