207B. Remote attendance at meetings of committee of inspection

- (1) This section applies to a meeting of a committee of inspection held under this Ordinance, except a meeting held under rule 74 of the Companies (Winding-up) Rules (Cap. 32 sub. leg. H).
- (2) If the liquidator considers it appropriate, the meeting may be held and conducted in a manner that enables persons who are not present together at the same place to attend it.
- (3) If the meeting is held and conducted in the manner referred to in subsection (2), a person attends the meeting if the person is able to exercise any rights of the person to speak and vote at the meeting.
- (4) For the purposes of this section—
 - (a) a person is able to exercise the right to speak at a meeting if the person, during the meeting, is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, any information or opinion the person has on the business of the meeting; and
 - (b) a person is able to exercise the right to vote at a meeting if—
 - (i) the person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions or determinations put to the vote at the meeting; and
 - (ii) in determining whether such resolutions or determinations are passed, the person's vote can be taken into account at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting.
- (5) If the meeting is to be held and conducted in the manner referred to in subsection (2), the liquidator must make the arrangements the liquidator considers appropriate to—
 - (a) enable those attending the meeting to exercise their rights to speak and vote;
 - (b) verify the identity of the persons attending the meeting; and
 - (c) ensure the security of any technology used to enable attendance.
- (6) The requirement under section 206A(6) for notice to be given of a specified place for a meeting may be satisfied by specifying the arrangements the liquidator proposes to enable persons to exercise their rights to speak and vote if, in the reasonable opinion of the liquidator—
 - (a) a meeting will be attended by persons who will not be present together at the same place; and
 - (b) it is not necessary or expedient to specify a place for the meeting.
- (7) In making the arrangements mentioned in subsection (5) and in forming the opinion mentioned in subsection (6)(b), the liquidator must have regard to the legitimate interests of the members of the committee or their representatives attending the meeting in the efficient conduct of the business of the meeting.
- (8) Despite subsection (6), the liquidator must specify a place for the meeting if—
 - (a) because of subsection (6), the notice of the meeting under section 206A(6) is given without a place specified for the meeting; and
 - (b) at least one member of the committee requests the liquidator to specify a place for the meeting in accordance with section 207C.

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