

**13. Power to appoint interim trustee**

The court may, if it is shown to be necessary for the protection of the estate, at any time after the presentation of a bankruptcy petition and before a bankruptcy order is made, appoint the Official Receiver to be interim trustee of the property of the debtor or of any part thereof, and direct him to take immediate possession thereof or of any part thereof.

*(Amended 76 of 1996 s. 9; 18 of 2005 s. 4)*

*[cf. 1914 c. 59 s. 8 U.K.]*