

30E. Supplies of gas, water, electricity, etc.

- (1) This section applies where on any day (*the relevant day*)—
- (a) a bankruptcy order is made against a debtor; or
 - (b) a voluntary arrangement proposed by a debtor is approved at a meeting summoned under section 20E,
- and in this section *the office-holder* (負責人) means the Official Receiver or the trustee, as the case may be, or, in the case of a voluntary arrangement, the nominee.
- (2) If a request falling within subsection (3) is made for the giving after the relevant day of any of the supplies mentioned in subsection (4), the supplier may make it a condition of the giving of the supply that the office-holder personally guarantees the payment of any charges in respect of the supply, but the supplier shall not, directly or indirectly, make it a condition of the giving of the supply that any outstanding charges in respect of a supply given to the debtor before the relevant day are paid.
- (3) A request falls within this subsection if it is made—
- (a) by or with the concurrence of the office-holder; and
 - (b) for the purposes of any business which is or has been carried on by the debtor, by a firm or partnership of which the debtor is or was a member, or by an agent or manager for the debtor or for such a firm or partnership.
- (4) The supplies referred to in subsection (2) are—
- (a) a public supply of gas;
 - (b) a public supply of electricity;
 - (c) a supply of water under the Waterworks Ordinance (Cap. 102);
 - (d) a supply of telecommunications services by a public telecommunications operator licensed under the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106). (*Amended 36 of 2000 s. 28*)

(*Added 76 of 1996 s. 21*)