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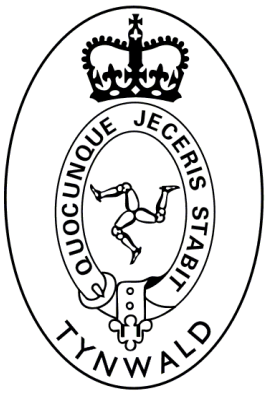

REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS RULES

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The Register of Members' Interest Rules were approved by Tynwald Court on 9th December 2003. The present edition incorporates the amendments listed below. Forms A and B are part of the wording approved by Tynwald. Form A has been updated editorially in line with the amendments approved on 13th July 2011.

Date	Rule(s) affected
16th November 2005	6(1)(iv), 6(2), 11
13th July 2011	"Purpose", 1, 6(1), 6(1)(i)(c), 6(1)(i)(d), 6(1)(iii), 6(1)(iv)

Registrar of Members' Interests
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REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS RULES

Purpose

The purpose of these Rules is to place a duty on Members of Tynwald to identify interests which should be registered in order to inform Tynwald Court and the public of any circumstances arising from them which could reasonably be regarded as bearing upon the way in which any Member may carry out his/her duties.[1]

Definitions

1. In these Rules the following definitions apply –

[...][2]

"material debate" means a debate in Tynwald Court, or in the branch to which the Member belongs, in which a relevant interest of the Member in question could reasonably be regarded as bearing upon the main issue or a main issue;

"Member" means a Member of Tynwald;

"private sources" means any source which is not paid for from public funds;

"Register" means the Register of Members' Interests established pursuant to Paragraph 4.7 of the Schedule to the Standing Orders and Rule 2;

"Registrar of Members' Interests" means the Clerk of Tynwald or, in his absence, the Deputy Clerk of Tynwald; and

"relevant interest" has the meaning given to it in Rule 6.

The Register

2. The Registrar of Members' Interests shall establish the Register in electronic form to be kept in the Office of the Clerk of Tynwald.

3. A printed copy of the Register shall be available in the Tynwald Library, updated at the beginning of each month.

4. The Register shall contain one section for each Member and be divided into subsections corresponding to the categories of relevant interests established in Rule 6.

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[1] "Purpose" inserted 13th July 2011

[2] Definition of "immediate family" deleted 13th July 2011

Interests to be registered

5. The relevant interests of Members shall be entered in the Register as provided in Rules 7 to 11.

6. (1) A relevant interest for the purpose of these Rules is any past interest (existing at any time from 12 months before the Member's election) or present interest which may affect, or reasonably be perceived as affecting, a Member's judgment on the way in which he/she may carry out his/her duties, and includes in particular:[3]

(i) a legal or equitable interest in any of the following –

(a) land or buildings, except the Member's principal private residence;

(b) shares or stock held in any company whose shares or stock are publicly quoted on a stock exchange in the United Kingdom or Ireland;

(c) shares or stock held in any company other than one within (b) above; where any asset to which such a company may be entitled is or represents a right, interest or circumstance which is itself a relevant interest, details of that asset and of its value shall be declared;[4]

(d) a legal right, including a deposit or loan of money or money's worth, of more than £50,000 in value save where the reason for which the right in question has come into existence is of an immediate family or personal nature (including inheritance), it has not been created with a view to profit and any interest earned is at normal commercial rates.[5]

(ii) a directorship, consultancy, proprietorial or managerial role whether paid or not in, or in relation to, any business or professional undertaking (other than one wholly supported by public funds);

(iii) sponsorship in money or money's worth from a trade union, professional society, political grouping or party, registered charity, person or persons other than the Member's immediate

[3] 6(1) amended 13th July 2011
[4] 6(1)(i)(c) amended and combined with former 6(1)(i)(d) 13th July 2011
[5] 6(1)(i)(d) renumbered 13th July 2011

family, or from a cultural or religious source, or a consultancy with any of the foregoing whether paid or not;[6]

(iv) gifts and benefits in kind from private sources of more than a total of £1,000 in value in any calendar year, or in any individual case of more than £50 in value, with the name and address of the donor, and the capacity in which the gift or benefit has been given, but excluding:

(a) all inheritances;

(b) gifts or benefits received from the Member's immediate family; and

(c) attendance at functions in the course of governmental or official parliamentary sponsored duties;[7]

(v) the authorship of a book, pamphlet or the like, or of an article or column in a newspaper or journal or on the Internet, which does not appear under the Member's name;

(vi) membership of any trade union, professional society, political grouping or party, or of the Freemasons or any body outside Tynwald.

(2) The sums mentioned in Rule 6(1)(iv) shall be amended in accordance with a Notice laid before Tynwald in May of each year by the Registrar of Members' Interests to reflect, to the nearest pound, changes in the Retail Price Index published by the Treasury for the preceding twelve months.[8]

When and how a relevant interest must be registered

7. (a) A relevant interest becomes registrable when it is acquired, or comes into existence, or when in the case of Rule 6(1)(iv) the threshold is reached.

(b) A Member having a registrable relevant interest must register it, unless there is good reason to the contrary, either within one month of the date on which it becomes registrable, or before any material debate in Tynwald or the branch to which the Member belongs if that is sooner.

8. (a) A relevant interest shall be registered by the Member giving to the Registrar a notification in Form A annexed to these Rules.

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[6] 6(1)(iii) amended 13th July 2011

[7] 6(1)(iv) amended 16th November 2005 and 13th July 2011

[8] 6(2) inserted 16th November 2005

(b) The notes in Form A are for ease of reference only and do not affect the interpretation of Rule 6.

9. The Registrar of Members' Interests shall initial and date such a notification and shall cause it to be entered in the Register as soon as possible.

10. A Member who has registered a relevant interest shall, if it ceases to be a relevant interest, so notify the Registrar by giving him a notification in Form B annexed to these Rules.

11. The Member submitting Form A or Form B shall sign and date it and the Registrar of Members' Interests shall initial and date such a notification and shall cause it to be entered in the Register as soon as possible.[9]

Inspection of the Register

12. The printed copy of the Register referred to in Rule 3 shall be available for inspection free of charge in the Tynwald Library during normal hours.

13. Any person giving the Registrar of Members' Interests 24 hours written notice, shall be entitled to see a printed copy of the Register updated to the day of inspection, and to receive that copy, or any part of it, on payment of a copying charge determined from time to time by the Tynwald Management Committee.

Commencement

14. These Rules shall come into effect on 1st February 2004.

[9] 11 amended 16th November 2005

FORM A

NAME OF MEMBER:

Category (Rule 6)	**Details**
(i)(a) land, buildings etc.	
(i)(b) quoted companies	
(i)(c) unquoted companies and company assets themselves relevant	
(i)(d) legal rights of more than £50,000 in value	
(ii) directorships etc	
(iii) sponsorships and consultancies	
(iv) gifts and benefits in kind from private sources	
(v) authorships	
(vi) memberships	

Signed (by Member): ..... Dated: .....

Initialled (by Registrar): ..... Dated: .....

FORM B

NAME OF MEMBER:

Interest	Date registered	Date interest ceased to be relevant

Signed (by Member): ..... Dated: .....

Initialled (by Registrar): ..... Dated: .....

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