

THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT

HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

BRITISH ALLIED TRADES FEDERATION

(as adopted by Special Resolution passed on 2026)

INTERPRETATION

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1.1. The following words and phrases shall where the context admits bear the following meanings, namely:

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| “the Act” | shall mean the Companies Act 2006. |
| “Annual General Meeting” | shall mean a meeting of Members of the Federation to be held once in each year. |
| “the Annual Subscription Rate” | shall mean the annual subscription rate fixed pursuant to Article 28. |
| “Approved Association” | shall mean a trade association which does not wish to become a Federated Association but wishes to take advantage of the facilities and services offered by the Federation and is approved by the Board. |
| “Articles” | shall mean the Federation’s articles of association for the time being in force. |
| “Associate Member” | has the meaning set out in Article 3.2. |
| “Benevolent Society” | means the BJGF benevolent society recognised by the Federation. |
| “the Board” “the Officers” “the Chairmen’s Consultative Committee” and “Director” | shall mean respectively the board of Directors, the Officers listed in Article 13, the Chairmen’s Consultative Committee described in Article 25 and any member of the Board for the time being of the Federation. |
| “Committee” | shall mean any committee of the Federation with powers delegated by the Board. |
| “Expert” | shall mean an independent firm of accountants appointed by agreement between (1) the Board and (2) a majority of the Withdrawing Members or, in the absence of agreement between the groups of persons specified in (1) and (2) on the expert or his terms of appointment within 7 days of one such group serving details of a |

suggested expert on the other, an independent firm of accountants appointed, and whose terms of appointment are agreed, by the President for the time being of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (acting as an expert and not as an arbitrator).

“Extraordinary General Meeting”

shall mean any meeting of the Members of the Federation other than the Annual General Meeting.

“the Federated Associations”

shall mean the existing divisions of the Federation, each comprising a trade association representing a particular trade or area of trade which are at the date of the adoption of these Articles The Home and Gift Association, the Surface Engineering Association, the Jewellery Distributors’ Association of the United Kingdom, the British Travelgoods and Accessories Association and the National Association of Jewellers of Great Britain and Ireland together with such other trade associations which are admitted by the Board as divisions of the Federation.

“the Federation”

shall mean “British Allied Trades Federation” (company number 00069391).

“General Meeting”

shall mean an Annual General Meeting and/or an Extraordinary General Meeting.

“In Writing”

shall mean written or printed or partly the one or partly the other.

“Member”

has the meaning set out in Article 3.1.

“Month”

shall mean calendar month.

“National Committee”

shall mean the National Committee or other executive body of a Federated Association with power to manage such Federated Association in accordance with the provisions of these Articles as delegated by the Board.

“Table A”

shall mean Table A in the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985.

“Table C”

shall mean Table C in the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985.

“Trade Association”

shall mean an association affiliated to a Federated Association.

“Withdrawal Notice”

has the meaning set out in Article 12.

“Withdrawing Member”

has the meaning set out in Article 12.

- 1.2. Words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and vice versa.
- 1.3. Words importing the singular number shall include the plural number and vice versa.
- 1.4. Words importing persons shall include corporations.
- 1.5. The headings are for the purpose of convenience and reference only and shall in no way be construed as affecting the meaning of these Articles.

- 1.6. The clauses contained in Table C shall apply to the Federation save for clauses 37, 41, 42, 43, 46, 62, 76, 81, 92, 101 and 109 of Table A as adopted by Table C and save in so far as they are otherwise excluded or modified by implication of the terms hereof:

MEMBERS

- 2.1 The membership of the Federation shall consist of the Members as defined in Article 3.1 below.
- 2.2 The Federation shall operate by way of:-
- 2.2.1 Federated Associations (being divisions of the Federation); and
- 2.2.2 admitting to membership of the Federation members of an Approved Association.
- 2.3 Associate Members (as defined in Article 3.2 below) shall not, as such, be members of the Federation unless they shall also be Members as defined in Article 3.1 below.
- 3.1 "The Members" shall consist of:-
- (a) those persons who on the date of the adoption of these Articles are the Members of the Federation;
 - (b) such other persons as the Federated Association to which such Members are to become affiliated shall admit to membership on behalf of the Federation (including Trade Association members) provided that such persons shall not have become Members until they have paid in full their admission fee and first subscription in accordance with Article 29;
 - (c) the members of an Approved Association provided that such persons shall not have become Members until the Approved Association of which they are members has paid in full its admission fee and first subscription in accordance with Article 33;
 - (d) any other person as the Board shall in its discretion admit to membership on such terms and conditions as it considers fit; and
 - (e) all past Presidents who by virtue of having held the office of President shall be Members for life,

provided that every person who wishes to become a Member shall deliver to the Federation an application for membership in such form as the Directors require duly executed by him.

- 3.2 An "Associate Member" shall consist of:-
- (a) any such person as the Federated Association to which such Associate Member is to become affiliated shall admit to Associate Membership of that Federated Association; and
 - (b) such persons as the Board shall admit to Associate Membership of the Federation,

provided that no such person shall have the rights of Associate Members set out herein until they have paid in full their admission fee in accordance with Article 29 and first subscription as shall be determined by the National Committee of the Federated Association to which such persons are to become affiliated, such subscription thereto being at a rate lower than the Annual Subscription Rate for Members fixed by the Board in accordance with Article 28(a).

- 3.3 An Associate Member shall be entitled to:-
- (a) use the services and facilities provided by and the privileges of the Federated Association to

which he is affiliated as shall be determined from time to time by the National Committee of such Federated Association;

- (b) use the services and facilities provided by and the privileges of the Federation as shall be determined from time to time by the Board; and
- (c) receive notice of and attend any General Meeting of the Federation.

For the avoidance of doubt Associate Members shall have no rights of entitlement in respect of the Federation save as expressly provided in these Articles.

3.4 Trade Association members shall be entitled to:

3.4.1 be appointed by the Federated Association to which they are affiliated to be a Board representative;

3.4.2 be proposed for election to the Board by the general membership at the Annual General Meeting.

3.5 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions an Associate Member shall not for the avoidance of doubt be entitled to:-

- (a) hold any office within the Federation, nor shall any representative of an Associate Member be entitled to hold any office save in each case the office of Secretary as provided in Article 62; or
- (b) make any representation (written or oral) or vote at any General Meeting of the Federation.

3.6 A member of the Federation who qualifies for membership through membership of an Approved Association shall not in the event of the winding up of or distribution of assets by the Federation be entitled to participate in any way in a distribution of surplus assets on a winding up or other distribution of assets.

3.7

3.7.1 By giving to the Federation not less than 12 months' written notice that it no longer wishes to take advantage of the facilities and services offered by the Federation (such notice to expire at the end of a financial year of the Federation), an Approved Association will from the expiry of such notice cease to be an Approved Association and the members of that Approved Association will thereupon cease to be members of the Federation.

3.7.2 Upon an Approved Association ceasing to be an Approved Association, it shall continue to be liable for all outstanding subscription and other monies due to the Federation plus a reasonable leaving fee payable to the Federation at the date of ceasing to be an Approved Association representing the costs and expenses incurred by the Federation consequent upon the cessation of Approved Association status.

4. Each Member and Associate Member shall be affiliated to at least one Federated Association or Approved Association unless he is a Member by virtue of clause (a) of Article 3.1 and is not at the time of the adoption of these Articles so affiliated or unless he is admitted to membership pursuant to clause (d) or (e) of Article 3.1.

5. No person shall be admitted to membership pursuant to clause (b) or (c) of Article 3.1 above or admitted to Associate Membership pursuant to Article 3.2 above unless he shall have made written application in the form stipulated by the Board and until such written application shall have been lodged with the Board.

6. Each Federated Association and Approved Association will have the power to award Honorary Associate membership of that Federated Association/Approved Association for meritorious

contribution ("Honorary Associate Member"). For exceptional recognition a Federated Association/Approved Association may submit to the Board a recommendation for Honorary Associate membership of the Federation but such membership shall be at the Board's absolute discretion.

7. An Honorary Associate Member of a Federated Association/Approved Association shall have the same rights as an Associate Member.
8. Associate membership or Honorary Associate membership of a Federated Association/Approved Association does not imply Associate or Honorary Associate membership of the Federation.

THE POWERS OF FEDERATED ASSOCIATIONS AND APPROVED ASSOCIATIONS

- 9.1 Each Federated Association shall be governed by the provisions of the Articles. In addition it shall adopt from time to time bye-laws for the regulation of the conduct of its affairs and these bye-laws shall not contradict the provisions of the Articles. Such bye-laws shall be adopted or amended only with the approval of 75% of the Members affiliated to the Federated Association voting in person or by proxy at a meeting called for such purpose. In order to satisfy the Board that the bye-laws conform with the Articles such bye-laws shall be submitted to the Board at least 30 days prior to their adoption or amendment.
- 9.2 Each Approved Association shall adopt from time to time bye-laws/articles of association for the regulation of the conduct of its affairs and such bye-laws/articles of association shall not contradict the provisions of the Articles.
10. The National Committee of each Federated Association or the board of directors/management committee of each Approved Association shall deal with and exercise executive powers in all matters strictly and only appertaining to the business of its respective Federated Association or Approved Association provided that where such dealing with or exercise of such executive powers is likely to adversely affect the Federation or any Federated Association it shall obtain prior agreement with the Board. The National Committee/board of directors shall furnish reports of its proceedings to the Board and to the Chairmen's Consultative Committee. In particular a Federated Association/Approved Association may acting by its National Committee/board of directors but subject to the proviso above:-
 - (a) promote the interests of its affiliated Members and Associate Members;
 - (b) decide upon the affiliation or otherwise to it of a Trade Association;
 - (c) decide upon the particular conditions with which prospective Members and Associate Members and Trade Associations who wish to be affiliated with it must comply;
 - (d) admit and accept prospective members and Honorary Associate Members to the membership of the Federation and Associate Members and Honorary Associate Members to the membership of the Federated Associations/Approved Associations subject to them having made written application in the form stipulated by the Board and such written application having been lodged with the Board and subject to the requirements of clauses (b) and (c) of Article 3.1;
 - (e) recommend that Members and Associate Members affiliated to it be expelled in accordance with Article 37 hereof;
 - (f) change its name with the prior approval of 75% of the Members affiliated to the Federated Association voting in person or by proxy at a meeting called for such purpose or by special resolution of an Approved Association and, where the name to be adopted may conflict with the name of or area of trade represented by any other Federated Association, with the prior approval of the Board;

- (g) decide upon which of the business and administrative services offered by the Federation are to be used by it;
- (h) use the funds allocated to it in the Federation's books of accounts, it being understood that the Federated Association/Approved Association will use its best endeavours to avoid a deficit balance in its annual revenue operating budget and results;
- (i) in the case of a Federated Association fix such annual subscription as it sees fit for those Members and Associate Members affiliated to it provided that in the case of Members it shall not be less than the Annual Subscription Rate or in the case of Associate Members not less than the agreed Associate Member subscription rate percentage for the time being in force and fixed in accordance with Article 28;
- (j) undertake its own publicity at its own expense;
- (k) promote training schemes, seminars, study courses, initiate research, hold, support or promote exhibitions, publish literature, endow scholarships, make awards and hold social functions on its own behalf;
- (l) negotiate with the Government and other public bodies;
- (m) devise and implement membership recruitment schemes;
- (n) require the Federation to employ full or part time staff on the Federation's standard conditions of employment; and
- (o) undertake such other activities as are delegated to it by the Board.

TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

11. A Federated Association not financially viable over a three year period shall:

- (a) forfeit its status as a Federated Association;
- (b) become a Trade Association affiliated to a Federated Association; and
- (c) forfeit the right to appoint a Director to the Board as its representative.

WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERATED ASSOCIATIONS

12. If in any three month period 75% or more of the Members affiliated to one Federated Association ("the Withdrawing Members") withdraw from the Federation and join together in forming a trade association independent from the Federation then the Federation will on receipt of written notice from each such Member confirming these circumstances ("Withdrawal Notice") pay to the said trade association a proportion of the funds of the Federation allocated to the Federated Association in question in the books of account of the Federation equal to the proportion of all the Members affiliated to the Federated Association in question represented by the Withdrawing Members. The amount of such proportion shall be agreed between the Board and a majority of the Withdrawing Members, or in the absence of such agreement within 30 days from the date of the last served Withdrawal Notice, determined by an Expert whose determination shall be final and binding on the Federation and the Withdrawing Members. The Expert's costs shall be borne as to 50% by each of (1) the Federation and (2) the Withdrawing Members (or in such other proportions as the Expert shall determine are reasonable in the circumstances).

For the avoidance of doubt, (a) no Approved Association and no member of an Approved Association shall in any event be entitled to participate in any of the funds of the Federation upon ceasing to be an Approved Association; and (b) the provisions of this Article do not permit the distribution of any income or property amongst any Members or Withdrawing Members.

OFFICERS

13.

- (a) The Officers of the Federation shall consist of a President, a Deputy President (who shall normally be the immediate past President) and a Vice-President.
- (b) Only serving Directors shall be eligible for appointment as Officers. Each Officer shall be appointed by a resolution of the Board. Each such appointment shall be presented at the first Annual General Meeting of the Federation to be convened after the passing of such Board resolution and shall take effect at such Annual General Meeting in accordance with Article 18(a). Each Officer may be appointed for a fixed term or indefinitely and his appointment shall terminate:
 - (i) on expiry of any such fixed term;
 - (ii) immediately on such Officer resigning from such office or on removal from such office by the Board (whether or not any fixed term has expired); and
 - (iii) subject to Article 20(b), immediately on such person ceasing to be a Director.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

14.

- (a) The Board shall consist of those Directors co-opted pursuant to Article 15, appointed pursuant to Article 16 and elected pursuant to Article 17 provided that, subject to Article 14 (b), the total number of Directors shall not be more than twelve.
- (b) The Board may increase or reduce the maximum number of Directors from time to time to reflect any increase or reduction in the number of Federated Associations and/or Approved Associations entitled to nominate Directors pursuant to Article 16.
- (c) Save for any person co-opted as a Director by a resolution of the Board in accordance with Article 15, no person shall be eligible to be a Director unless such person is:-
 - (i) a Member; or
 - (ii) a director, officer or employee of a corporate Member; or
 - (iii) a partner or employee of a partnership Member,provided that no person shall be eligible to be a Director whilst in the paid employment of the Federation.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, at the discretion of the Board, a Director may be paid an honorarium in recognition of additional time spent by such Director in the administration of the Federation over and above his normal duties as a Director.

15.

Subject to the number of Directors in office at any one time not exceeding the maximum number specified in Article 14, the Board shall by resolution be entitled to co-opt up to three Directors. Each such appointment shall be presented at the first Annual General Meeting of the Federation to be convened after the passing of such Board resolution and shall take effect at such Annual General Meeting in accordance with Article 18(a). Each Director co-opted under this Article 15 shall continue in office until such Director resigns, is removed as a Director (whether by resolution of the Board or the Members) or is disqualified pursuant to Article 48.

16.

- (a) Subject to the number of Directors in office at any one time not exceeding the maximum

number specified in Article 14, each Federated Association and Approved Association with a minimum of 60 Members affiliated to it as at 31 December in each calendar year shall be entitled to nominate one person approved by such Federated Association's or Approved Association's National Committee or board of directors, for appointment as a Director, with effect from the first Annual General Meeting to be convened following such nomination, by notifying the Board in writing of the proposed appointee. Subject to approval of such appointment by the Board at its discretion, such appointment shall take effect at such Annual General Meeting in accordance with Article 18(a). Each such Director shall be appointed for an initial fixed term of one year. Provided that such re-appointment has been approved by the relevant Federated Association or Approved Association's National Committee or board of directors (as applicable) such Federated Association or Approved Association may nominate any such Director originally appointed under this Article 16 (a) for re-appointment by notifying the Board in writing in the same manner as for the original appointment. Subject to approval of such re-appointment by the Board at its discretion, such re-appointment shall take effect in the same manner as the original appointment. Each such re-appointment shall be for a fixed term of two years and, subject to Article 20, there shall be no limit on the number of occasions on which the same person may be nominated for re-appointment as a Director.

- (b) Each Federated Association and Approved Association shall, following a resolution of its National Committee or board of directors (as applicable) approving such removal, be entitled to remove any such Director appointed and/or re-appointed by it in accordance with Article 16 (a) by written notice to the Board provided that if such a Director has been appointed as an Officer, the appointing Federated Association and/or Approved Association shall not be entitled to remove him as a Director without prior agreement in writing of the Board.

17. Subject to the number of Directors in office at any one time not exceeding the maximum number specified in Article 14, the Members may at each Annual General Meeting elect one or more Directors recommended or nominated in accordance with Article 34, to take effect at such Annual General Meeting. Subject to Article 20, a Director so elected:

- (a) shall serve for an initial period of twelve months; and
- (b) shall be eligible for re-election for further terms of two years each.

18.

(a) Subject to Articles 18 (b) and 18 (c), the term of office of any Officer and/or Director co-opted, appointed and/or elected pursuant to Articles 13,15,16 or 17 shall commence immediately following completion of the items of business specified in Article 50 at the Annual General Meeting at which their appointment is deemed to take effect in accordance with the relevant Article.

(b) Any casual vacancy arising among the Directors appointed by the Federated Associations or Approved Associations in accordance with Article 16 (a), whether as a result of a Director's retirement, removal under Article 16 (b) or otherwise, may be filled by the Federated Association or Approved Association concerned, by notice in writing to the Board, provided for the avoidance of doubt that:

- (i) such appointment shall not require approval by the Board and shall take effect immediately on receipt of such notice by the Board; and
- (ii) any Director so appointed shall retire from office at the first Annual General Meeting to be convened following his appointment, but may be re-appointed or re-elected in accordance with these Articles.

(c) Any casual vacancy arising among the Directors elected pursuant to Article 17 may be filled by the Board. Any Director so appointed shall retire at the first Annual General Meeting to be convened following his appointment, but shall be eligible for re-appointment or election in accordance with these Articles.

19. Provided that he continues to be eligible to serve as a Director in accordance with Article 14 (c), is not otherwise disqualified from appointment and subject to Article 20(a)(ii):
- (a) any Director who has previously been co-opted by the Board or appointed by a Federated Association and/or Approved Association pursuant to Articles 15 and/or 16 (as applicable) may, on or after cessation of his previous Directorship for whatever reason, be elected to serve as a Director in accordance with Article 17; and
 - (b) any Director who has previously been elected to serve as a Director under Article 17 may, on or after cessation of his previous Directorship for whatever reason, be re-appointed as a Director by the Board or a Federated Association and/or Approved Association pursuant to Articles 15 and/or 16 (as applicable).
20. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, but subject to Article 20 (b), the office of a Director shall be vacated upon:
- (i) the expiry of any fixed term of office unless such Director is re-elected or re-appointed in accordance with these Articles;
 - (ii) the expiry of a continuous period of nine years in office (and for the avoidance of doubt any break of less than twelve months shall be ignored for this purpose). A Director who has served such a nine year term shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election after having vacated office for a minimum period of 12 months, provided that such 12 month period may be reduced or dispensed with by resolution of the Board. Any such re-election or re-appointment shall be limited to an initial period of 12 months and (if such Director is re-elected or re-appointed on expiry of such initial term) for one further period of up to two years;
 - (iii) such Director being removed from office by an ordinary resolution of the Members or such Director resigning from office by notice in writing to the Federation;
 - (iv) such Director being disqualified from office under Article 48.
- (b) A Director shall not be required to vacate his office under Articles 20(a)(i) or 20(a)(ii) until he has completed his term of service as an Officer. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, a Director elected in accordance with Article 17 who is also an Officer shall not be required to stand for re-election pursuant to Article 17 until the first Annual General Meeting to be convened following cessation of his tenure as an Officer

POWERS OF THE BOARD

21. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Articles and to any directions given by special resolution, the business of the Federation shall be managed by the Board who may exercise all the powers of the Federation. No alteration of the Articles and no such direction shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if that alteration had not been made or that direction had not been given. The powers given by this Article shall not be limited by any special power given to the Board by the Articles and a meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present may exercise all powers, duties, authorities and discretions exercisable by the Board.
22. A resolution signed by all Directors entitled to notice of Board meetings shall be effective as a resolution duly passed as if at a Board meeting.
23. In the event that a Director fails to meet the performance standards expected from a member of the Board:-

- (a) in the case of a Director appointed by a Federated Association or Approved Association the matter will be referred to the Federated Association or Approved Association for a course of action to be agreed; and
 - (b) in the case of an elected Director, the Board shall meet to consider the appropriate action (if any) to be taken.
24. The Board may from time to time appoint and provide regulations for Committees, shall appoint the Chairman of such Committees and may delegate to such Committees such of its powers and duties as it deems expedient. Any person though not a Member of the Federation may be appointed a member of any such Committee. The President for the time being of the Federation shall be an ex-officio member of all such Committees.

CHAIRMEN'S CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

25. The Chairmen's Consultative Committee will consist of the Officers, i.e. the President, the Vice-President and Deputy President and the Chairmen or their deputy of each Federated Association or Approved Association. The President may nominate a past Officer to deputise for an Officer unable to attend.
26. The Chairmen's Consultative Committee shall in an advisory capacity be able to:-
- (a) propose to the Board such policies as it thinks fit;
 - (b) act as a forum for discussion between the Federated Associations and Approved Associations; and
 - (c) evaluate and comment upon the operation of the Federation's trading departments.
27. Without prejudice to the powers conferred by or the restrictions imposed by these Articles the Chairmen's Consultative Committee shall be consulted by the Board before decisions are taken on the following matters and any other matters as and when the Board considers such consultation desirable:-
- (a) the fixing of the Annual Subscription Rate where the Board is proposing to increase such rate over the rate in force in respect of the previous financial year by more than the latest published official rate of inflation over the immediately preceding 12 month period;
 - (b) any change in the location of the business premises of the Federation;
 - (c) the acquisition or disposal of or merger with any company or firm or the acquisition or disposal of the undertaking and business of any company or firm unless such consultation would constitute a breach of the regulations of any recognised Stock Exchange or any other regulatory or statutory body to which the Federation may be subject;
 - (d) the provision of any new services or cessation of any existing services;
 - (e) the setting up of any new trading departments or closure of any existing trading departments;
 - (f) any change in the Articles; and
 - (g) the entry of any new trade association as a Federated Association or Approved Association.

ADMISSION FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

28. Prior to the commencement of each financial year of the Federation the Board shall:-

- (a) fix the minimum Annual Subscription Rate for membership under paragraphs (a) and (b) of Article 3.1 and agree the Associate Member subscription rate which will be set at an agreed percentage of the full membership subscription rate and duly notify the National Committee of each Federated Association of its decision.
 - (b) fix the annual subscription payable by each Approved Association in respect of members qualifying for membership of the Federation pursuant to paragraph (c) of Article 3.1 and notify each Approved Association of its decision.
29. Each prospective Member or Associate Member qualifying for membership of the Federation pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of Article 3.1 and/or Article 3.2 shall pay an admission fee to the Federation of an amount not less than that determined from time to time by the Board immediately upon being informed that subject to payment of such admission fee and the relevant appropriate annual subscription he has been admitted to Membership or Associate Membership as appropriate.
30. Each prospective Member and Associate Member qualifying for membership of the Federation pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of Article 3.1 and/or Article 3.2 shall pay to the Federation such annual subscription as the Federated Association to which the Member or Associate Member is affiliated has determined in accordance with clause (i) of Article 10.
31. Annual subscriptions for Members and Associate Members qualifying for membership of the Federation pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of Article 3.1 and/or Article 3.2 are due on each 12 month anniversary of membership. No Member or Associate Member qualifying for membership of the Federation pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of Article 3.1 and/or Article 3.2 shall be entitled to the privileges or the services of the Federation if his annual subscription is more than one month overdue and no direct debit mandate has been received in a year when the Federation has offered monthly direct debit as an alternative method of payment. If such a Member's or Associate Member's annual subscription is not paid within one month of the date due the Board will give notice to the Chairman of the National Committee of the Federated Association to which such Member or Associated Member is affiliated of its intention to cancel the Membership or Associate Membership on the expiry of one month from the date of such notice and if payment is not forthcoming during that period unless the Board is given to its satisfaction a good reason for not cancelling such membership then the Member or Associate Member in question shall cease to be a Member or Associate Member of the Federation, but any subscription both current and overdue and any other amounts due to the Federation shall remain due and payable.
32. A copy of the Articles and a certificate of membership shall be sent to each newly admitted Member without charge. An Associate Member and Honorary Associate Member shall not be so entitled.
33. (i) Each Approved Association shall upon becoming approved by the Board pay an admission fee of such amount as is fixed by the Board. Upon payment of such admission fee and the annual subscription payable by that Approved Association each member of the Approved Association shall, upon completing an application for membership, become a member of the Federation.
- (ii) If for any reason the annual subscription payable by an Approved Association is not paid in full within one month of its due date, the membership of the Federation in respect of each member of that Approved Association shall forthwith cease and such members will no longer be entitled to any of the rights, facilities or services of the Federation.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

34. An individual standing for election or re-election as a Director at any Annual General Meeting pursuant to Article 17 shall be; (a) recommended by the Board to the Chairmen's Consultative Committee; or (b) nominated by the Chairmen's Consultative Committee; or (c) nominated by the Federated Association or Approved Association to which they are affiliated or (d) nominated for election by a Member accompanied by 25 endorsements from Members giving notice to the secretary of the Federation prior to the 28th February immediately prior to the Annual General

Meeting together with a notice in writing from such nominee stating that he is willing to be so nominated and such nomination shall be subject to the approval of the National Committee of the nominee's Federated Association or Approved Association and the approval of the Chairmen's Consultative Committee and the Board.

35.

- (a) The election of Directors shall be by ballot of those present or represented by proxy. The ballot papers shall indicate which of the names thereon have been recommended by the Chairmen's Consultative Committee and which have been nominated by a Member.
- (b) A person nominated or recommended for election as a Director must stand for election in Annual General Meeting regardless of the number of vacancies available.
- (c) On the election of Directors, each Member present in person or by proxy shall be entitled to one vote for each vacancy on the Board.

RESIGNATION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

36.

Any Member or Associate Member may at any time withdraw from membership or associate membership of the Federation by giving to the Secretary at the office of the Federation 3 months' notice in writing of his intention so to do. Upon the expiration of such notice he shall cease to be a Member or Associate Member of the Federation but his liability if any to contribute to the funds of the Federation in the event of its being wound up shall continue for 1 year from the expiration of the relevant notice and he shall also be liable notwithstanding such cessation of membership or associate membership to pay and he shall forthwith pay to the Federation all money owing pursuant to these Articles at the time of such cessation of membership or associate membership. Upon receipt of such notice of withdrawal from membership the Federation have the right (but only in the event of gross misconduct) to immediately withdraw the Member or Associate Member's right to use the Federation's facilities and related privileges of membership.

37.

The Board may and, upon receipt of such a recommendation from the National Committee or board of directors of the Federated Association or Approved Association to which such Member or Associate Member is affiliated unless the Board has good reason for considering such recommendation unreasonable, shall by 3 months' notice in writing require any Member or Associate Member to withdraw from the Federation and unless at the meeting hereinafter referred to it shall be resolved that such notice be withdrawn the Member or Associate Member so required to withdraw shall at the expiration of such notice cease to be a Member or Associate Member and shall forthwith forfeit all the rights and benefits of membership or associate membership as appropriate. Provided that:-

- (a) the notice served on the Member or Associate Member shall state why such withdrawal is required; and
- (b) within the aforesaid period of 3 months the Member or Associate Member shall be given the opportunity of appearing before a meeting of the Board or where a recommendation was made by a Federated Association's or Approved Association's National Committee or board of directors before a meeting of such National Committee or board of directors and of making a defence,

and unless the notice shall so state and the Member or Associate Member shall have been given such opportunity such notice shall be void and of no effect.

38.

If any Member or Associate Member of the Federation is adjudicated a bankrupt, or being a corporation enters into liquidation otherwise than a voluntary liquidation for the purposes of amalgamation or reconstruction or makes any arrangement with his creditors for the payment of his debts by less than one pound in the pound or ceases for any reason to be affiliated to at least one Federated Association or Approved Association he shall thereupon cease to be a Member or Associate Member of the Federation and the Secretary shall so advise him by registered post and his name shall forthwith be removed from the Register of Members and Associate Members but at the discretion of the Board such Member or Associate Member may be subsequently reinstated to

membership or associate membership or affiliation.

39. No proportion of the current year's subscription shall in any case be returnable to a Member or Associate Member or allowed to be set off against any debt owed to the Federation on termination of membership or associate membership.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

40. A register of Members and Associate Members shall be kept by the Secretary at the office of the Federation.

MANAGEMENT

41. The management and administration of the Federation shall be vested in the Board and the management and administration of each Federated Association or Approved Association shall subject to these Articles be delegated by the Board to the National Committee or board of directors of that Federated Association or Approved Association.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

42. Meetings of the Board shall be called at such time and place as may be agreed by the Board provided that 14 days notice in writing of any meeting shall be given to the Directors unless at least 75% of the Directors consent to such meeting being held upon less than 14 days notice. Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time on the written request of any 3 Directors provided that 14 clear days previous notice in writing of such special meeting stating generally the business to be brought before that meeting shall have been given by the Secretary to the Directors.
43. The President shall be entitled to act as Chairman of every meeting of the Board. If the President is not present the Deputy President shall be entitled to act as Chairman and if he is not present the Vice-President shall be entitled to act as Chairman and if none are present or if those who are decline to act as Chairman the Directors present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of such meeting.
44. Any Committee appointed by the Board shall meet to deal with such matters as have been delegated to it as often as may be necessary and the Board may make, alter and revoke such regulations for the convening and holding of committee meetings and for the proceedings of committee meetings as the Board may from time to time think fit. Subject as aforesaid and to any regulations made by the Board hereunder every Committee shall regulate its own procedure.
45. At all meetings of the Board the quorum shall be not less than 5 Directors. At meetings of any Committee the quorum shall be such number of members of such Committee as may be determined by the Board.
46. All questions before the Board or any Committee shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the Directors or members of such Committee present and voting thereat, and in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of such meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
47. No proceedings or resolutions of the Board or of any Committee shall be invalidated or questioned by reason only of the existence of any vacancy or vacancies in its membership or the subsequent discovery of the disqualification of or irregularity in the appointment of any member or members or by reason of the accidental omission to give any member or members notice of any meeting or the non-receipt by any member or members of notice of any meeting.

DISQUALIFICATION FROM HOLDING OFFICE

48. Any Director or member of a National Committee or any other body established in accordance with these Articles shall vacate his office if that Director or member:-

- (a) without having disclosed his interest in the arrangement to the Board pursuant to Section 177 of the Act, holds any office of profit under the Federation. Any such arrangement shall be reported to the members at the next following Annual General Meeting; or
- (b) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally; or
- (c) becomes prohibited from being a director by reason of any order made under the Directors Disqualification Act 1986; or
- (d) becomes of unsound mind (which includes lacking capacity under the Mental Capacity Act 2005) or a patient under any statute relating to mental health; or
- (e) participates in or votes at a Board, National Committee or Committee meeting with regard to any contract, transaction or arrangement or proposed contract, transaction or arrangement in which he is interested or any matter arising therefrom having failed to declare to the Board, National Committee or Committee the nature of his interest pursuant to Section 177 of the Act; or
- (f) save for any person co-opted as a Director by a resolution of the Board in accordance with Article 15, ceases to be a Member of the Federation or ceases to be a director, officer or employee of a corporate Member or ceases to be a partner in or employee of a partnership Member or if such corporate or partnership Member itself ceases to be a Member of the Federation; or
- (g) in the case of a Director appointed by a Federated Association or Approved Association is removed by such Federated Association or Approved Association in accordance with Article 16(b) or if that Federated Association or Approved Association ceases to be a Federated Association or Approved Association (as applicable).

A Director may participate in and vote at Board meetings with regard to any contract, transaction or arrangement or proposed contract, transaction or arrangement in which he is interested or upon any matter arising therefrom and if he does so vote his vote shall be counted and he shall be reckoned in estimating a quorum when any such contract, transaction or arrangement or proposed contract, transaction or arrangement is under consideration provided that he has declared to the Board the nature of his interest pursuant to Section 177 of the Act.

PROCEEDINGS AT EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

- 49. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Federation to be called the Annual General Meeting shall be held annually not later than the month of June in each year.
- 50. The following is to be considered the ordinary business of an Annual General Meeting:-
 - (a) the presentation of the Officers and/or Directors appointed by the Board;
 - (b) the announcement of the appointments of Directors by Federated Associations and Approved Associations pursuant to Article 16;
 - (c) the election of Directors pursuant to Article 17;
 - (d) the consideration of the annual accounts of the Federation and the reports prescribed by the Act for the past year; and
 - (e) the appointment or re-appointment of Auditors and the fixing of their remuneration.
- 51. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Federation may be convened at any time by resolution of the majority of the Directors or on the requisition in writing of not less than 50 of the Members of the Federation to transact such special business as shall be specified in the notice convening the meeting. This Article is without prejudice to the provisions of Section 303 of the Act.

52. At an Annual General Meeting any Member may move a resolution dealing with any matter concerning or arising out of the objects of the Federation provided always that he gives written notice to the Secretary of the terms of his proposed resolution such proposed resolution to be accompanied by 25 endorsements from Members and received by the Secretary not later than 28th February preceding the Annual General Meeting in question.
53. Notice of any General Meeting shall be posted to each Member and Associate Member at his address which is on the Register of Members and Associate Members at least 21 clear days prior to the General Meeting specifying the place, the day and the time of the General Meeting and in the case of special business the general nature of that business. The accidental omission to give notice to or the non-receipt of notice by any Member or Associate Member shall not invalidate the proceedings at any General Meeting. The provisions of this Article are subject to the provisions of Section 301 of the Act relating to special resolutions.
54. 20 Members present in person shall be a quorum at a General Meeting. If within 30 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting if convened upon a requisition of Members shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall be adjourned to the same day in the next week (or if that day be a holiday to the next working day thereafter) and at the same time and place as the original meeting. At the adjourned meeting the Members present, whatever their number, shall constitute a quorum.
55. A General Meeting may be held either in person or by suitable electronic means agreed by the Directors in which all participants may communicate with all other participants.
56. The Chairman of a General Meeting may with the consent of the meeting adjourn the same from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
57. The President of the Federation if present shall be entitled to preside as Chairman at all General Meetings of the Federation, and if the President be absent for 15 minutes after the time fixed for the commencement of the meeting, or is unwilling to take the chair the Deputy President, if then present, or after him the Vice- President, and if they are then absent or unwilling to take the chair any Director or if no Director is present any Member shall be elected by the majority of Members present to be Chairman. In all cases of equality of voting the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
58. At all General Meetings of the Federation questions shall be decided by a poll or show of hands, and the decision of the Chairman of the meeting as to the result shall be final except when a poll is demanded by at least 5 members personally present or by the Chairman of the meeting, but no poll shall be taken on the appointment of a Chairman of the meeting, and it shall be at the discretion of the Chairman to take a poll when demanded, either at once or to adjourn the meeting for a period not exceeding 7 days for the purpose.
59. Each Member shall have one vote at any General Meeting of the Federation.
60. Votes may be given in person or by proxy. The instrument appointing a proxy (in a common form as the Board may approve) shall be deposited at the office of the Federation not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or adjourned meeting (as the case may be) at which the person named as proxy proposes to vote and in default the instrument of proxy shall be treated as invalid. An instrument of proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to join in demanding a poll.

MINUTES

61. Correct minutes of the proceedings of every meeting of the Federation and of the Board and Committees shall be recorded in books kept for the purpose by the Secretary or such other person as the Board may from time to time appoint. Minutes of General Meetings if signed by the Chairman of the meeting to which they refer or by any person present thereat and appointed by the Board to sign

the same in his place shall be received as conclusive evidence of the facts and proceedings therein stated and reported. Minutes of all other meetings shall be confirmed at and signed by the Chairman of the meeting of that body next following the meeting to which such minutes refer and shall thereafter be received as conclusive evidence of the facts and proceedings stated and reported therein respectively.

SECRETARY

62. There shall be a Secretary of the Federation who shall be appointed and may be removed by the Board. A Member or Associate Member of the Federation as well as a non-Member of the Federation shall be eligible for the office of Secretary.

ACCOUNTS AUDIT AND REPORT

63. The Board shall cause true accounts to be kept of all sums of money received and expended by the Federation and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place, of all sales and purchases of goods by the Federation and of the assets, credits and liabilities of the Federation.
64. The books of account of the Federation shall be kept at the office of the Federation for the time being or at such other place or places as the Board thinks fit.
65. The Members of the Federation may inspect the books and accounts of the Federation at all times during business hours, subject to any reasonable restrictions as to the time and manner of such inspection which may be imposed by the Board.
66. Such of the funds of the Federation not for the time being required to meet its objects may at the discretion of the Board be placed on deposit at any bank approved by the Board, or invested in any investment for the time being authorised by the Board.
67. At each Annual General Meeting of the Federation the reports prescribed by the Act on the state and condition of the Federation's affairs shall be presented with a duly audited balance sheet and profit and loss account made up to a date not more than 6 months before the date of such meeting and such accounts shall commence from the date to which the last preceding report and accounts were brought up.
68. A copy of every such balance sheet together with copies of the profit and loss account and the reports prescribed by the Act shall be sent to each Member and Associate Member not less than 21 clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting before which they are to be laid.

AUDITORS

69. Auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

NOTICES

70. The Federation may send any notice or send or supply any other document or information to a member (or where applicable a nominee):-
- (a) by second class prepaid post or delivered by hand, or
 - (b) by using electronic communications and in particular may send or supply any notice, document or information to members by making them available on a website to members who do not elect to receive them electronically or in hard copy.

INDEMNITY

71. Every member of the Board or of any Committee and the Secretary and every other officer and

servant shall be indemnified by the Federation against and it shall be the duty of the Board out of the funds of the Federation to pay all costs, losses and expenses which any such member of the Board, officer, servant or person as aforesaid may incur or become liable to by reason of any contract entered into or act or deed done by him in his capacity as such member of the Board, officer, servant or person as aforesaid in any way in the discharge of his duties including travel expenses. The provisions of this Article shall only have effect subject to the provisions of Section 532 of the Act.

GENERAL

72. The name of the Federation is "British Allied Trades Federation".
73. The registered office of the Federation will be situated in England.
74. The objects for which the Federation is established are to do all or any of the following things for the purpose of attaining the objects if and so far as allowed by law, and observing and performing whatever may be required by law in order legally to carry out such objects:
- (a) to promote the interests of the trades represented by the Federated Associations;
 - (b) to provide such services to Members and Associate Members of the Federation and to the businesses carried on by them as will benefit such Members and Associate Members or the trades carried on by them;
 - (c) to encourage other trade associations to join the Federation;
 - (d) to encourage and assist Federated Associations to increase their membership, develop their influence, extend their activities and act as spokesmen for their trade;
 - (e) to promote the consideration and discussion of all questions affecting the Federated Associations and/or their Members and Associate Members;
 - (f) to give the legislature and any departments thereof and public bodies and others facilities for conferring with and ascertaining the views of persons engaged in the trades represented by the Federated Associations as regards matters directly or indirectly affecting such trades and to petition, confer and communicate with all or any such authorities in regard to the same;
 - (g) to originate and promote improvements in the law and to support or oppose alterations therein for the benefit of the Federated Associations and/or their Members and Associate Members and for the purposes aforesaid to petition Parliament, government departments and other authorities and to take such other steps and proceedings as may be deemed expedient;
 - (h) to promote, watch over and protect the home and overseas trades of the Members and Associate Members of the Federation and to join in or assist in defending and prosecuting claims and proceedings against or by Members or Associate Members of the Federation in circumstances when such joining in or assisting is in the opinion of the Board of the Federation conducive to the attainment of the objects;
 - (i) to print, publish, edit, issue and circulate, or to procure the printing, publishing, editing, issuing and circulating of, magazines relating to the trades represented by the Federated Associations and such papers, reports, periodicals, books, circulars and other literary undertakings of interest to all or any of the trades represented by the Federated Associations as may seem conducive to any of these objects and to solicit advertising for any such publication;
 - (j) to promote, organise or support and to procure the promotion organisation or support of exhibitions, fairs, displays, conferences and seminars in relation to all or any of the trades represented by the Federated Associations;
 - (k) to improve and elevate quality in manufacture in all or any of the trades represented by the Federated Associations and the technical and general knowledge of persons engaged in or about to engage in all or any of such trades or in any employment, manual or otherwise, in connection therewith and

with a view thereto to provide for the delivery of lectures and the holding of classes and schools and institutes and to found and support the same either in whole or part and also to test by examination or otherwise the competence of such persons and to award such diplomas, distinctions and certificates, as may on the face of them express that they only certify the results of an examination held on behalf of the Federation and to institute and establish or join in instituting and establishing scholarships, grants, rewards and other benefactions;

- (l) to promote excellence in design and manufacture in all or any of the trades represented by the Federated Associations and just and honourable practice in the conduct of business and to suppress malpractices and so far as is lawful to initiate, conduct and join in initialling such prosecution, bankruptcy, liquidation and other proceedings, both criminal and civil, against any persons, firms or companies and to bear the expense thereof either in whole or in part;
- (m) to establish form and maintain libraries, collections of models, designs, drawings and other articles of interest to all or any of the trades represented by the Federated Associations;
- (n)
 - (i) so far as is lawful, to conduct inquiries, collect information, search registers and records and to collate all relevant facts regarding the financial status, commercial standing and creditworthiness of persons, firms and companies engaged in business and to report such facts to Members and Associate Members of the Federation and to such other persons as subscribe to the services of the Federation where such Member, Associate Member or other person trades or proposes to trade with the subject of such report; and
 - (ii) to collect trade debts for Members and Associate Members of the Federation or such other persons as subscribe to the services of the Federation and to instruct, on behalf of such Members, Associate Members or other persons, solicitors, bailiffs or other professional persons or agents engaged in the business of debt collection;
- (o) to act as trustees (including trustees in bankruptcy), guarantors, agents and in such other capacity as may seem conducive to any of the objects of the Federation and either alone or with others and on such terms as may seem desirable;
- (p) to arrange and promote the adoption of equitable forms on contract, training, apprenticeship and other indentures and documents used in all or any of the trades represented by the Federated Associations and to encourage and undertake the settlement of disputes by arbitration and to act as and nominate arbitrators and experts;
- (q) Removed by member vote at AGM, 4th June 2019
- (r) to establish, subsidise, promote, co-operate with, become a member of, act as or appoint agents and delegates for control of and to manage, superintend, lend monetary assistance to or otherwise assist any association incorporated or not incorporated with objects altogether or in part similar to those of the Federation;
- (s) to found, establish, undertake, superintend, administer and contribute to any education art and technical school and classes and institutions and any charitable or benevolent funds from whence salaries or remunerations may be paid or donations or advances made to teachers, masters and deserving persons who may be engaged in educational or art and technical work or may have been engaged in all or any of the trades represented by the Federated Associations or connected with any persons engaged therein and to subscribe to, contribute to or otherwise assist any charitable or benevolent institutions or undertakings;
- (t) to admit any persons to be Members or Associate Members of the Federation on such terms and to confer on them such rights and privileges as may seem expedient;
- (u) to borrow any monies required for the purposes of the Federation upon such terms and on such securities as the Federation shall think fit;
- (v) to purchase, take, lease, exchange, hire or otherwise acquire and to erect, maintain and alter any real

and personal property and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purpose of the Federation and to provide buildings, rooms and other facilities for the holding of Meetings of Creditors, Arbitration Meetings, Sales of Property and other meetings of benefit to the Members of the Federation and the attainment of these objects;

- (w) to sell, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property of the Federation;
- (x) to acquire and hold shares or other securities in any companies where the services provided or products manufactured or sold would in the normal course of a Member's or Associate Member's business be used by or purchased by such Member or Associate Member and where it would be of advantage to the Members or Associate Members of the Federation for the business of such companies to be to any degree under the control or ownership of the Federation whether as a result of the Federation being able to control the price at which such services or products would be offered to Members and Associate Members of the Federation or as a result of the profits arising from the business of such companies with Members or Associate Members or with other persons firms or companies being available to the Federation;
- (y) to invest the monies of the Federation not immediately required upon such securities or otherwise in such manner as the Federation shall think fit;
- (z) to employ and pay solicitors, accountants and all such other persons as it may be deemed desirable to consult in all or any matters relating to the objects of the Federation;
- (aa) to make donations to any recognised charity whether within the United Kingdom or abroad;
- (bb) to establish and support or aid in the establishment and support of associations and institutions, pensions and other schemes, funds and trusts calculated to benefit employees and ex-employees of the Federation or its Members and Associate Members or the dependants of such persons or any other persons who in the opinion of the Federation are deserving of such treatment and to grant pensions, gratuities and allowances or to make payment towards insurance of any such persons;
- (cc) to do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them provided that the Federation shall not impose on its Members or Associate Members or support with its funds or otherwise or attempt to procure the observance by its Members, Associate Members or others of any regulation which if an object of the Federation would make it a trade union;

and it is hereby declared that the objects specified in each of the paragraphs of this Article 74 shall be regarded as independent objects and accordingly shall not be limited or restricted (except where otherwise expressed in such paragraphs) by reference to or inference from the terms of any other paragraphs or the name of the Federation.

- 75. The income and property of the Federation whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the objects of the Federation as set forth in these Articles and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the Members.
- 76. Every Member of the Federation undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Federation in the event of the same being wound up during the time that he is a Member or within one year afterwards for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Federation contracted before the time at which he ceases to be a Member and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up the same and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves such amount as may be required not exceeding five pounds. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of this Article 76 shall not apply to Associate Members.
- 77. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Federation there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever (hereinafter "distributable property"), the same shall be not paid to or distributed among the Members of the Federation, but shall be transferred to another institution or institutions having objects similar to those of the Federation to be determined by

Members in general meeting at or before the time of such dissolution or in default thereof by a Judge of the High Court of Justice having jurisdiction in regard to charitable funds and if and so far as effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provision then to some charitable object.