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21 March 2025

Dear Sirs,

Bankruptcy and Companies Legislation

(Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2023 (Commencement) Notice 2025

Pursuant to section 1(3) of the Bankruptcy and Companies Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2023 ("the Ordinance"), the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, by a notice published in the Gazette on 21 March 2025 ("the Commencement Notice"), appoints 14 July 2025 for the commencement of all uncommenced provisions of the Ordinance (i.e. sections 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 of Part 2 of the Ordinance).

Electronic version of the Commencement Notice is available at both the websites of the Official Receiver's Office and the Government Logistics Department:

English version: https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/index.html Chinese version: https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/tc chi/index.html

As stated in our earlier letter dated 12 July 2023, Part 2 of the Ordinance deals with amendments to the Bankruptcy Ordinance (Cap. 6) ("the BO"), the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) ("the CWUMPO") and their subsidiary legislation relating to the submission of certain documents to the Official Receiver by electronic means.

With the commencement of the remaining provisions in Part 2, the Official Receiver will specify forms and requirements relating to the electronic submissions of the relevant documents. The forms to be further specified include the following:

- the statement of proceedings, the trustee's account and cash book for bankruptcy cases; and
- the liquidator's account, cash book and summary of accounts for compulsory winding-up cases.

Insolvency practitioners are reminded that some of the prescribed forms under the Bankruptcy (Forms) Rules (Cap. 6B) and the Appendix to the Companies (Winding-up) Rules (Cap. 32H) are repealed or replaced by new prescribed forms as appropriate. The documents affected are tabled below for general reference.

Form No.	Chapter No.	Description of Documents	Remarks
Form 145	Cap. 6B	Certificate by Creditors' Committee as to Audit of Trustee's Account	Substituted by "Certificate by Creditors' Committee as to Audit of Cash Book"
Form 146	Cap. 6B	Affidavit verifying trustee's account	Repealed
Form 86	Cap. 32H	Certificate by Committee of Inspection as to Audit of Liquidator's Account	Substituted by "Certificate by Committee of Inspection as to Audit of Cash Book"

The Official Receiver's Office will further provide details of the electronic submissions system and the new specified forms vide its website.

Please circulate this letter to your members who are insolvency practitioners for their attention. Should there be any query on this letter, please contact our enquiry hotline at 2867 2448 or by email at oroadmin@oro.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,

Signed

(Patrick Chan) for Official Receiver