CHAPTER 385

Corporate Bodies’ Contracts Act

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An Act to amend the law governing the making of contracts by or on behalf of bodies corporate; and for connected purposes.

[12th November 1993*]

Cases where contracts need not be under seal

1.—(1) Contracts may be made on behalf of any body corporate, wherever incorporated, as follows:

(a) a contract which if made between private persons would by law be required to be in writing, signed by the parties to be charged therewith, may be made on behalf of the body corporate in writing signed by any person acting under its authority, express or implied; and

(b) a contract which if made between private persons would by law be valid although made by parol only, and not reduced into writing, may be made by parol on behalf of the body corporate by any person acting under its authority, express or implied.

(2) A contract made according to this section shall be effectual in law, and shall bind the body corporate and its successors and all other parties thereto.

* Date when this Act was made applicable by the Application of English Law Act (Cap. 7A).
(3) A contract made according to this section may be varied or discharged in the same manner in which it is authorised by this section to be made.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be taken as preventing a contract under seal from being made by or on behalf of a body corporate.

(5) Nothing in this section applies to the making, variation or discharge of a contract before 12th November 1993 except in so far as it was applicable by virtue of section 5 of the Civil Law Act [Cap. 43] in force before that date.

**Exclusion of companies under Companies Act and limited liability partnerships under Limited Liability Partnerships Act**

2. This Act shall not apply to any company as defined in the Companies Act (Cap. 50) or to any limited liability partnership as defined in the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2005.

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**Short title**

3. This Act may be cited as the Corporate Bodies’ Contracts Act.
LEGISLATIVE HISTORY
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