

THE DRAFT ROYAL CHARTER OF INCORPORATION

THE ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY

PREAMBLE

ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS by an humble petition the Royal Statistical Society (hereinafter called "the Society") has represented unto Us:

(a) that the Society was incorporated by Royal Charter granted in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven (hereinafter called "the Original Charter") and its purposes were "to collect, arrange, digest, and publish facts, illustrating the condition and prospects of society in its material, social, and moral relations; these facts being for the most part arranged in tabular forms and in accordance with the principles of the numerical method";

(b) that in addition to its function as a learned society, in consequence of the merger of the Institute of Statisticians with the Society, the Society now has the ability to grant certificates of competency in the science and application of statistical methodology and to provide means whereby the professional competence of those who have been suitably trained in statistical science and are considered competent so to practise might be readily recognised by the public;

(c) that continuously throughout its existence the Society has carried out the objects of the Original Charter and now wishes to do so together with the ability to qualify and register, in respect of Fellows who so desire, those competent to practise statistical science as a profession, having as its object the general advancement of statistical science and its application; and

(d) that it was desirable for the better performance of the said object that, save with respect to the incorporation of the Society, the Original Charter should be revoked and replaced by a revised Charter better fitted to the Society's needs;

(e) that We were pleased to grant that Supplemental Charter in the year of our Lord two thousand and six (hereinafter called "the First Supplemental Charter"); and

(f) that it was desirable for the better administration of the Society to grant a further Supplemental Charter (to be known as the Second Supplemental Charter) in place of the First Supplemental Charter.

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that We by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative in that behalf and of all others powers enabling Us so to do of Our Especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion do hereby for Us Our Heirs and Successors will grant, direct, appoint and declare as follows:

The Royal Statistical Society

1 The provisions of the first Supplemental Charter (except in so far as they incorporate the Royal Statistical Society and confer upon it perpetual succession and a Common Seal) are hereby revoked, but nothing in this revocation shall affect the validity or legality of any act, deed or thing already done or executed thereunder.

The persons now members of the former Society and all such persons as may hereafter become members of the body corporate hereby constituted pursuant to or by virtue of the powers granted by these Presents and their successors shall for ever hereafter (so long as they shall continue to be such members) be by virtue of these Presents one body corporate by the name of The Royal Statistical Society (hereinafter referred to as 'the Society') and by the same name shall and may sue and be sued in all Our Courts of law, and in all manner of actions and suits, and shall have power to do all other matters and things incidental or appertaining to a body corporate.

OBJECTS

2 The objects for which the Society is hereby constituted are for the benefit of the public: the advancement of the science of statistics and its applications, and the promotion of the appropriate use and awareness of statistics.

POWERS

3 And the Society shall have the following powers exercisable in furtherance of its said objects but not otherwise, namely:

- (i) To foster and encourage the growth, development and application of such science in all areas of activity which can benefit from it.
- (ii) To establish, uphold and advance **high standards of statistical competence**.
- (iii) To foster the production and publication of statistics on aspects of society.
- (iv) To serve the public interest by acting **in an advisory or consultative or representative capacity in all** matters relating to the science of statistics and its application.
- (v) To promote the public understanding of statistics and the competent use and interpretation of statistics.
- (vi) To arrange or assist others in arranging for meetings, educational courses, lectures, exhibitions, and social occasions for the interest of the members and for the development of their fellowship within the Society.
- (vii) To establish, manage, promote, organize, finance and encourage the study, writing, production and distribution of books, periodicals, monographs and pamphlets and the publication, in print or electronic form, of educational courses and lectures.
- (viii) To establish, manage, promote, organize, finance, equip and maintain libraries.
- (ix) To promote, commission, undertake and publish research in areas useful to the Society's Objects.

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- (x) To create and maintain a Register of Chartered practitioners in the methodology and application of Statistics, whether separately or in association with one or more other organisations, and to establish such conditions of registration as may be desirable.
- (xi) To promote the formation of organisations, whether charitable or not, for the purpose of any of the objects of the Society and to assist such organisations as necessary in the fulfilment of their objects.
- (xii) To make provision for lectureships, bursaries, prizes and grants.
- (xiii) To give or lend money for the furtherance of the Objects of the Society.
- (xiv) To create, and undertake the management of, any trusts or endowments and any scholarships and exhibitions for the furtherance of the Objects of the Society.
- (xv) To support any institutions or persons having objects, charitable or otherwise, similar to those of the Society.
- (xvi) To make suitable arrangements for undertaking the work of the Society and for organising its meetings.
- (xvii) To employ such staff, who shall not be members of the Council of the Society, as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the Objects and to make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of salaries, pensions and any other benefits to them.
- (xviii) To raise funds and to invite or receive contributions from any person whatsoever by way of subscription, donation, legacy, and otherwise than through permanent trading unless undertaken through a subsidiary incorporated company.
- (xix) To invest the monies of the Society not immediately required in or upon such investments or other property or other assets as the Council may think fit.
- (xx) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire real or personal property and rights or privileges therein, and to construct, maintain and alter buildings or erections.
- (xxi) To sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the assets of the Society.
- (xxii) To borrow or raise money on such terms and on such security as may be thought fit.
- (xxiii) To create such Bylaws subject to the approval of the Privy Council as the Council of the Society may consider necessary for the good administration of the Society. The current such Bylaws are attached to this Charter as the Schedule.
- (xxiv) To do all such other lawful and charitable things as are incidental to the attainment or furtherance of the said Objects.

APPLICATION OF INCOME AND PROPERTY

4 (i) The Society may also accept the transfer of the assets, rights and liabilities of the former Society (including any contractual rights and liabilities, property and monies held on behalf of, or in trust for, the former Society by any person or body corporate or unincorporate) and on such terms as the Society and the former Society may agree.

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(ii) The income and property of the Society shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its Objects as set forth in this Our Charter.

(iii) No portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to members of the Society and no member of its Council shall normally be appointed to any Office of the Society paid by salary or fees or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or in kind from the Society.

(iv) Nothing herein shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Society:-

(a) of reasonable and proper remuneration to any member, Officer or employee of the Society (not being a member of its Council) for any agreed services rendered to the Society;

(b) to any member of its Council of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

CHARTER CHANGES

5 (i) The members, by a Special Resolution passed at any General Meeting by not less than two-thirds of the members voting in person or by proxy, may revoke, amend or add to the provisions of this Our Charter.

(ii) No such revocation, amendment or addition shall, until approved by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual so that this Our Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as revoked, amended or added to. This Article shall apply to this Our Charter as revoked, amended or added to in manner aforesaid.

BYLAW CHANGES

6 (i) The members, by a Special Resolution passed at any General Meeting by not less than two-thirds of the members voting in person or by proxy, may revoke, amend or add to the Bylaws for the time being in force.

(ii) No such revocation, amendment or addition shall have effect until approved by the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council of which approval a Certificate under the hand of the Clerk of the Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.

SURRENDER OF CHARTER

7 (i) The members, by a Special Resolution passed at any General Meeting by not less than two-thirds of the members voting in person or by proxy, may determine to surrender this Our Charter, subject to the sanction of Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council and upon such terms as We or They may consider fit.

(ii) On surrender, the members may wind up or otherwise deal with the affairs of the Society in such manner as shall be determined by such resolution or, in default of such direction, as Our Courts of law shall think expedient having due regard to the liabilities of the Society for the time being.

(iii) If, on the winding up or dissolution of the Society, there shall remain, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed among the members or any of them but, subject to any special trusts affecting the same, shall be given and transferred to some association having objects similar to the objects of the Society which shall prohibit the distribution of its income or property amongst its members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Society by this Our Charter, such association to be determined by the members at or before the time of dissolution.

CONCLUSION

8 And We do hereby for Us Our Heirs and Successors grant and declare that these Our Letters or the enrolment or exemplification thereof shall be in all things good firm valid and effectual according to the true intent and meaning of the same and shall be taken construed and adjudged in all Our Courts of law and elsewhere in the most favourable and beneficial sense and for the best advantage of the Society any mis-recital, non-recital, omission, defect, imperfection, matter, or thing whatsoever notwithstanding.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the [] day of [] in the [] year of Our Reign

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL