PART II—APPOINTMENT OF ARBITRATORS AND UMPIRES

6. Presumption of single arbitrator

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An arbitration agreement shall be taken to provide for the appointment of a single arbitrator unless—

- (a) the agreement otherwise provides; or
- (b) the parties otherwise agree in writing.

7. Presumption as to joint appointment of arbitrator

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties to the arbitration agreement, an arbitrator who is to be appointed for the purposes of an arbitration to be conducted under an arbitration agreement shall be jointly appointed by the parties to the agreement.

8. Default in the exercise of power to appoint an arbitrator

- (1) Where a person who has a power to appoint an arbitrator defaults in the exercise of that power, a party to the relevant arbitration agreement may, by notice in writing—
 - (a) require the person in default to exercise the power within such period (not being a period of less than seven days after service of the notice) as may be specified in the notice; and
 - (b) propose that in default of that person so doing-
 - (i) a person named in the notice ("a default nominee") should be appointed to the office in respect of which the power is exercisable; or
 - (ii) specified arbitrators (being the arbitrators who have prior to the date of the notice been appointed in relation to the arbitration) should be the sole arbitrators in relation to the arbitration.
- (2) A notice under sub-section (1) (or, where appropriate, a copy of the notice) must be served upon—