

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 to 1967

COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

Resolutions

of

SMITHS FLOUR MILLS LIMITED

Passed

12th August

1974

AT an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company duly convened and held at Allion Mills, Eastgate, Workson on 12th August 1974 the sub-joined RESOLUTIONS were duly passed as to RESOLUTIONS NOS. 1 and 2 as SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS and as to RESOLUTION NO. 3 as an ORDINARY RESOLUTION:-

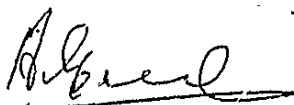
R E S O L U T I O N S

1. THAT the Articles of Association contained in the printed document produced at the Meeting and signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for the existing Articles thereof.
2. THAT the conditions contained in the Memorandum of Association of the Company be modified by inserting the following new sub-clause to be lettered 3 (8b) in the Memorandum of Association of the Company and that the existing sub-Clause 3(8) be re-lettered 3 (8a) accordingly:-

"To purchase, support or secure, whether by personal or by legal means, any shares or securities of any company or person."

of the undivided property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital of the Company or by both such methods, the performance of the obligations of, and the repayment or payment of the principal amounts of, and the premiums, interest and dividends on, any securities of any person firm or company including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) any Company which is for the time being the Company's holding Company as defined by Section 154 of the Companies Act 1948 or another subsidiary as defined by the said section of the Company's holding company or otherwise associated with the Company in business."

3. THAT it is desirable in the interests of the Company that the Company should guarantee the obligations of its holding company, Northern Foods Limited, in respect of the £304,033 7 per cent. Debenture Stock 1980/85 and the £2,200,000 7½ per cent. Debenture Stock 1985/90 of Northern Foods Limited and support such guarantee by granting a floating charge over the undertaking and all the property and assets both present and future wheresoever situate (including any uncalled capital) of the Company and that the Directors be authorised and requested to execute for such purpose a Supplemental Trust Deed in the form of the print produced to this Meeting."



Chairman.

This is the document referred to in the Special Resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Smith Flour Mills Limited on 12th August 1974.

The Companies Acts 1948 to 1967

*Robert*  
*Chairman.*

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

SMITHS FLOUR MILLS LIMITED

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PRELIMINARY

1. The regulations contained in Part I of Table A in the First Schedule to the Companies Act 1948 (as amended by the Companies Act 1967) shall, except as hereinafter provided and so far as not inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles, apply to the Company. References herein to regulations are to regulations in Part I of the said Table A unless otherwise stated. The regulations in any Table A applicable to the Company under any former enactment relating to companies shall not apply.

PRIVATE COMPANY

2. The Company is a private company and accordingly the restrictions contained in regulation 2 of Part II of Table A shall apply.

SHARE CAPITAL

3. At the date of adoption of this Article the share capital of the Company is £1,106,500 divided into 1,106,500 Ordinary Shares of £1 each.

4. All unissued shares shall be at the disposal of the Directors and they may allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times, and on such terms as they think proper.

TRANSFER OF SHARES

5. An instrument of transfer of fully paid shares need not be signed by or on behalf of the transferee. Regulation 22 shall be modified accordingly.

6. Subject to the provisions of regulation 24 any share may at any time be transferred to a person who is

already a member of the Company. Save as aforesaid the Directors shall have an absolute right without assigning any reason therefor to refuse to register any transfer of a share (whether fully paid or not).

7. The Company shall not charge transfer or registration fees. References to fees in regulations 25 and 28 shall be disregarded.

#### PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

8. Two members present in person or by proxy shall be a quorum at any General Meeting. Regulation 53 shall be modified accordingly.

9. A poll may be demanded at any General Meeting by the Chairman, or by any member present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote. Regulation 58 shall be modified accordingly.

10. An instrument appointing a proxy may be in any usual or common form or in any other form which the Directors may approve. Regulations 70 and 71 shall not apply.

11. A resolution in writing signed by the holders of not less than 90 per cent. in aggregate of the issued Ordinary Shares shall be as effective as if the same had been duly passed at a General Meeting and may consist of several documents in the like form, each signed by one or more persons, but a resolution so signed shall not be effective to do anything required by the Act to be done in General Meeting or by Special or Extraordinary Resolution. In the case of a corporation the resolution may be signed on its behalf by a Director or the Secretary thereof or by its duly appointed attorney or duly authorised representative.

#### DIRECTORS

12. Subject as hereinafter provided the Directors shall not be less than two in number. The Company may by Ordinary Resolution from time to time vary the minimum number and fix and from time to time vary a maximum number of Directors. Regulation 75 shall not apply.

13. A Director shall not be required to hold any shares of the Company by way of qualification. Regulation 77 shall not apply. A Director who is not a member of the Company shall nevertheless be entitled to attend and speak at General Meetings.

14. The ordinary remuneration of the Directors shall from time to time be determined by an Ordinary

Resolution of the Company and shall (unless such resolution otherwise provides) be divisible among the Directors as they may agree, or, failing agreement, equally, except that any Director who shall hold office for part only of the period in respect of which such remuneration is payable shall be entitled only to rank in such division for a proportion of remuneration related to the period during which he has held office. The Directors may repay to any Director all such reasonable expenses as he may incur in attending and returning from meetings of the Directors or of any committee of the Directors or General Meetings or otherwise in or about the business of the Company. Regulation 76 shall not apply.

15. In regulation 79 the proviso restricting the borrowing and charging powers exercisable by the Directors shall not apply.

16. A Director may be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract or arrangement with the Company or with any other company in which the Company may be interested and he may hold and be remunerated in respect of any office or place of profit (other than the office of Auditor of the Company or any subsidiary thereof) under the Company or any such other company and he or any firm of which he is a member may act in a professional capacity for the Company or any such other company and be remunerated therefor. In relation to any such matter a Director notwithstanding his interest may vote and be taken into account for the purposes of a quorum and (save as otherwise agreed) he may retain for his own absolute use and benefit all profits and advantages accruing to him. Regulation 84 shall be extended accordingly.

17. The Directors may dispense with the keeping of attendance books for meetings of the Directors or committees of the Directors. Regulation 86 shall be modified accordingly.

18. The office of a Director shall be vacated in any of the events specified in regulation 88 save that a Director shall vacate office under paragraph (F) of such regulation only if in the circumstance therein mentioned the Directors by resolution so determine. The office of a Director shall also be vacated if he shall in writing offer to resign and the Directors shall resolve to accept such offer.

19. The Directors shall not be subject to retirement by rotation. Regulations 89 to 94 and the second sentences of regulations 95 and 97 shall not apply.

20. A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors shall be as effective as a resolution duly passed at a meeting of the Directors and may consist of several documents in the like form, each signed by one or more of the Directors. Regulation 106 shall not apply.

21. Regulations 107 to 109 shall extend to include the posts of Deputy and Assistant Managing Director and in these Articles references to a Managing Director shall include a Deputy or Assistant Managing Director.

#### ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

22. (A) Any Director may at any time by writing under his hand and deposited at the registered office, or delivered at a meeting of the Directors, appoint any person to be his alternate Director and may in like manner at any time terminate such appointment. Such appointment, unless previously approved by the Directors, shall have effect only upon and subject to being so approved.

(B) The appointment of an alternate Director shall determine on the happening of any event which if he were a Director would cause him to vacate such office or if his appointor ceases to be a Director (retirement at any General Meeting at which the Director is re-elected being for such purpose disregarded).

(C) An alternate Director shall (except when absent from the United Kingdom) be entitled to receive notices of meetings of the Directors and shall be entitled to attend and vote as a Director at any such meeting at which his appointor is not personally present and generally at such meeting to perform all functions of his appointor as a Director and for the purposes of the proceedings at such meeting the provisions of these Articles shall apply as if he were a Director. If his appointor is for the time being temporarily unable to act through ill-health or disability his signature to any resolution in writing of the Directors shall be as effective as the signature of his appointor. An alternate Director shall not (save as aforesaid) have power to act as a Director nor shall he be deemed to be a Director for the purposes of these Articles.

(D) An alternate Director shall be entitled to contract and be interested in and benefit from contracts and engagements and to be repaid expenses and to be indemnified to the same extent ~~mutatis mutandis~~ as if he were a

Director, but he shall not be entitled to receive from the Company in respect of his appointment as alternate Director any remuneration except only such part (if any) of the remuneration otherwise payable to his appointor as such appointor may by notice in writing to the Company from time to time direct.

#### INDEMNITY

23. Subject to the provisions of and so far as may be permitted by the Companies Acts 1948 to 1967, every Director, Auditor, Secretary or other officer of the Company shall be entitled to be indemnified by the Company against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him in the execution and discharge of his duties or in relation thereto. Regulation 136 shall be extended accordingly.

#### OVER-RIDING PROVISIONS

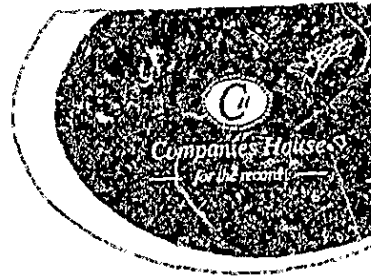
24. Whenever Northern Foods Limited (hereinafter called "the Parent Company"), or any subsidiary of the Parent Company, shall be the holder of not less than 90 per cent. of the issued Ordinary Shares the following provisions shall apply and to the extent of any inconsistency shall have over-riding effect as against all other provisions of these Articles :-

- (A) the Parent Company may at any time and from time to time appoint any person to be a Director or remove from office any Director howsoever appointed but so that in the case of a Managing Director his removal from office shall be deemed an act of the Company and shall have effect without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company;
- (B) no unissued shares shall be issued or agreed to be issued or put under option without the consent of the Parent Company;
- (C) any or all powers of the Directors shall be restricted in such respects and to such extent as the Parent Company may by notice to the Company from time to time prescribe.

Any such appointment, removal, consent or notice shall be in writing served on the Company and signed on behalf of the Parent Company by any two of its Directors or by any one of its Directors and its Secretary or some other person

duly authorised for the purpose. No person dealing with the Company shall be concerned to see or enquire as to whether the powers of the Directors have been in any way restricted hereunder or as to whether any requisite consent of the Parent Company has been obtained and no obligation incurred or security given transaction effected by the Company to or with any third party shall be invalid or ineffectual unless the third party had at the time express notice that the incurring of such obligation or the giving of such security or the effecting of such transaction was in excess of the powers of the Directors.





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