

**LEGISLATIVE DECREE No. 58 OF 24 FEBRUARY 1998 Consolidated Law on Finance
pursuant to Articles 8 and 21 of Law no. 52 of 6 February 1996**

Article 83-sexies

(Right to attend shareholders' meetings and the exercise of voting rights)

1. The legitimate attendance of shareholders' meetings and the exercise of voting rights is confirmed by a statement to the issuer from the intermediary, in compliance with intermediary accounting records, on behalf of the person with the right to vote.

2. For meetings of holders of financial instruments admitted for trading with the issuer's consent on regulated markets or in the Italian multilateral trading systems or those of other European Union countries, the communication contemplated by subsection 1 is made by the intermediary on the basis of the evidence of the accounts contemplated by article 83-quater, subsection 3, relative to the term of the accounting day of the seventh market business day prior to the date established for the meeting. Credit and debit entries made on accounts after these terms are not relevant in terms of assuring the legitimate exercise of voting rights at the shareholders' meeting. For the purposes of this ruling, the date of the first convocation is considered providing the dates of any successive convocations are indicated in the convocation notice; otherwise the date of each convocation shall be considered.

3. For meetings other than those indicated in subsection 2, the articles of association may require the financial instruments referred to in the communication to be entered in the accounts of the party with voting rights as from a pre-established date, potentially establishing that they may not be transferred until the end of the shareholders' meeting. In the case of shareholders' meetings of companies whose shares are widely distributed to a relevant extent, the term may not exceed two working days. Should the Articles of Association not prevent the transfer of shares, any transfer of such shall entail the obligation bearing on the intermediary to rectify the communication sent previously.

4. Communications indicated in subsection 1 must reach the issuer by the third trading day prior to the date indicated in subsection 2, last sentence, or within an alternative term established, in concert with the Bank of Italy, by a Consob regulation, or within a successive term established in the Articles of Association pursuant to subsections 3 and 5. This is without prejudice to legitimate attendance and voting if communication has reached the issuer beyond the terms specified in this subsection, providing it has been received before the start of the works of the meeting works held pursuant to single convocation.

5. Subsections 1, 3 and 4 apply to the meetings of holders of financial instruments issued by cooperative companies. With reference to meetings of holders of financial instruments admitted for trading, with the consent of the issuer, on regulated markets or Italian multilateral trading systems or those of other countries of the European Union, the terms pursuant to subsection 3 cannot exceed two working days.

Article 125-bis

(Notice of call to shareholders' meetings)

1. The shareholders' meeting is convened by notice published on the company's website within thirty days of the date of the meeting and by other means and within the terms established by Consob with regulation issued in accordance with article 113-ter, subsection 3, including publication in extract form in the daily newspapers.

2. For shareholders' meetings called to appoint, by means of list voting, members of the board of directors and internal control bodies, the time limit for publication of the notice of call shall be at least forty days prior to the date of the meeting.

3. For shareholders' meetings envisaged in Articles 2446, 2447 and 2448 of the Civil Code, the time limit indicated in subsection 1 shall become at least twenty-one days prior to the date of the meeting.

4. The notice of call shall contain:

- a) the indication of the day, time and place of the meeting and the list of matters on the agenda;
- b) a clear, precise description of the procedures to be applied in order to attend and vote at the shareholders' meeting, including information concerning:
 - 1) the terms for exercising the right to raise questions prior to the meeting and the right to have additional items placed on the agenda or to present further proposals on items already on the agenda and, also by reference to the company's website, any additional methods by which to exercise these rights;
 - 2) the procedure for the exercise of the vote by proxy and, in particular, the methods for collecting the forms that can be used, optionally, for voting by proxy and the methods, including electronic methods, for communicating any notification of voting by proxy;
 - 3) the procedure for the conferral of proxy to the party appointed by the company in accordance with article 135-undecies, with the specification that the power of proxy shall have no effect for proposals for which no voting instructions have been given;
 - 4) the procedures for voting by correspondence or using electronic means, if envisaged by the Articles of Association;
- c) the date specified in article 83-sexies, subsection 2, with the specification that those who become holders of shares only after that date shall not have the right to attend and vote at the shareholders' meeting;
- d) the terms and conditions for collecting the full text of the proposed resolutions, together with the explanatory reports and documents to be submitted to the shareholders' meeting;
- d-bis) the terms and conditions for presenting lists to elect the members of the board of directors and minority members of the board of auditors or the supervisory board;
- e) the address of the website specified in article 125-quater;
- f) the other information which must be indicated in the notice calling the meeting pursuant to other provisions.

Article 126-bis

(Integration of the agenda of the shareholders' meeting and presentation of new proposed resolutions)

1. Shareholders, who individually or jointly account for one fortieth of the share capital may ask, within ten days of publication of the notice calling the shareholders' meeting, or within five days in the event of calling the meeting in accordance with article 125-bis, subsection 3 or article 104, subsection 2, for the integration of the list of items on the agenda, specifying in the request, the additional items they propose or presenting proposed resolution on items already on the agenda. The requests, together with the certificate attesting ownership of the share, are presented in writing, by correspondence or electronically, in compliance with any requirements strictly necessary for the identification of the applicants indicated by the company. Those with voting rights may individually present proposed resolutions in the shareholders' meeting. For cooperative companies the amount of the capital is determined by the statutes also in derogation of article 135.

2. Integrations to the agenda or the presentation of further proposed resolutions on items already on the agenda, in accordance with subsection 1, are disclosed in the same ways as prescribed for the publication of the notice calling the meeting, at least fifteen days prior to the date scheduled for the shareholders' meeting. Additional proposed resolutions on items already on the agenda are made available to the public in the ways pursuant to article 125-ter, subsection 1, at the same time as publishing news of the presentation. Terms are reduced to seven days in the case of shareholders' meetings called in accordance with article 104, subsection 2 or in the case of a shareholders' meeting convened in accordance with article 125-bis, subsection 3.

3. The agenda cannot be supplemented with items on which, in accordance with the law, the shareholders' meeting resolved on proposal of the administrative body or on the basis of a project or report prepared by it, other than those specified under article 125-ter, subsection 1.

4. Shareholders requesting integration in accordance with subsection 1 shall prepare a report giving the reason for the proposed resolutions on the new items for which it proposes discussion or the reason relating to additional proposed resolutions presented on items already on the agenda. The report is sent to the administrative body within the final terms for presentation of the request for integration. The administrative body makes the report available to the public, accompanied by any assessments, at the same time as publishing news of the integration or presentation, in the ways pursuant to article 125-ter, subsection 1.

5. If the administrative body, or should it fail to take action, the board of auditors or supervisory board or management control committee fail to supplement the agenda with the new items or proposals presented in accordance with subsection 1, the court, having heard the members of the board of directors and internal control bodies, where their refusal to do so should prove to be unjustified, orders the integration by decree. The decree is published in the ways set out by article 125-ter, subsection 1.

Article 127-ter

(Right to submit questions prior to the shareholders' meeting)

1. All those with voting rights may submit questions on the items on the agenda even prior to the shareholders' meeting. Questions received before the meeting will be answered at the latest during the said meeting. The company may provide a single reply to questions with the same content.

1-bis. The notice calling the meeting specifies the terms within which questions raised prior to the shareholders' meeting must reach the company. The terms must be no less than three days prior to the date of the first or only calling of the shareholders' meeting or five days if the notice of calling establishes that the company should provide a reply to the questions received before the actual meeting. In this case, replies are provided at least two days prior to the shareholders' meeting also by publication in a specific section of the company website.

2. No reply is necessary, even in the shareholders' meeting, to questions raised prior to it, where the information required is already available in "FAQ" format in the section of the company's website specified in subsection 1-bis or when the answer has been published in accordance with said subsection.

3. The reply attached to the minutes is considered as given during the meeting when is made available at the beginning of the meeting, by each of those entitled to vote.

Article 135-novies

(Representation at the shareholders' meeting)

1. Any person with the right to vote may indicate one representative for each shareholders' meeting, without prejudice to the right to specify one or more replacements.

2. As an exception to subsection 1, any person with the right to vote may appoint a different representative for each account, used to record financial instrument transactions, valid where the communication envisaged in Article 83-sexies has been issued.

3. As a further exception to subsection 1, if the person indicated as owner of the shares in the communication envisaged in Article 83-sexies acts alone or through registered trustees on behalf of his or her customers, the person in question may indicate others on whose behalf he/she acts, or one or more third parties indicated by such customers, as their representative.

4. If the proxy form envisages such an option, the proxy may arrange for personal substitution by another person of his or her choice, without prejudice to compliance with Article 135-decies subsection 3 and to the right of the person represented to indicate one or more substitutes.

5. In place of the original, the representative may deliver or transmit a copy of the proxy, also in electronic format, confirming his or her liability in compliance of the proxy form to the original and the identity of the

delegating party. The representative shall retain the original of the proxy form and keep track of any voting instructions received for a period of one year from closure of the shareholders' meetings concerned.

6. The appointment may be made with a document in an electronic format with a digital signature in accordance with article 21, subsection 2 of Italian Legislative Decree 82 of 7 March 2005. The companies specify in the Articles of Association at least one way of electronic notification of the proxy.

7. Subsections 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall also apply to cases of share transfer by proxy.

8. All of the above without prejudice to the provisions of Article 2372 of the Italian Civil Code. As an exception to article 2372, second subsection of the Italian Civil Code, asset management companies, SICAVs, harmonized management companies and non-EU parties providing collective investment management services may grant representation for more than one shareholders' meeting.

Article 135-decies

(Conflict of interest of the representative and substitutes)

1. Conferring proxy upon a representative in conflict of interest is permitted provided that the representative informs the shareholder in writing of the circumstances giving rise to such conflict of interest and provided specific voting instructions are provided for each resolution in which the representative is expected to vote on behalf of the shareholder. The representative shall have the onus of proof regarding disclosure to the shareholder of the circumstances giving rise to the conflict of interest. Article 1711, second subsection of the Italian Civil Code does not apply.

2. In any event, for the purposes of this article, conflict of interest exists where the representative or substitute:

a) has sole or joint control of the company, or is controlled or is subject to joint control by that company;

b) is associated with the company or exercises significant influence over that company or the latter exercises significant influence over the representative;

c) is a member of the board of directors or control body of the company or of the persons indicated in paragraphs a) and b);

d) is an employee or auditor of the company or of the persons indicated in paragraph a);

e) is the spouse, close relative or is related by up to four times removed of the persons indicated in paragraphs a) to c);

f) is bound to the company or to persons indicated in paragraphs a), b), c) and e) by independent or employee relations or other relations of a financial nature that compromise independence.

3. Replacement of the representative by a substitute in conflict of interest is permitted only if the substitute is indicated by the shareholder. In such cases, subsection 1 shall apply. Disclosure obligations and related onus of proof in any event remain with the representative.

4. This article shall also apply in cases of share transfer by proxy.

Article 135-undecies

(Appointed representative of a listed company)

1. Unless the Articles of Association decree otherwise, companies with listed shares designate a party to whom the shareholders may, for each shareholders' meeting and within the end of the second trading day prior to the date scheduled for the shareholders' meeting, including for callings subsequent to the first, a proxy with voting instructions on all or some of the proposals on the agenda. The proxy shall be valid only for proposals on which voting instructions are conferred.

2. Proxy is conferred by signing a proxy form, the content of which is governed by a Consob regulation. Conferring proxy shall be free of charge to the shareholder. The proxy and voting instructions may be cancelled within the time limit indicated in subsection 1.

3. Shares for which full or partial proxy is conferred are calculated for the purpose of determining due constitution of the shareholders' meeting. With regard to proposals for which no voting instructions are given, the shares are not considered in calculating the majority and the percentage of capital required for the resolutions to be carried.

4. The person appointed as representative shall any interest, personal or on behalf of third parties, that he or she may have with respect to the resolution proposals on the agenda. The representative must also maintain confidentiality of the content of voting instructions received until scrutiny commences, without prejudice to the option of disclosing such information to his or her employees or collaborators, who shall also be subject to confidentiality obligations. The party appointed as representative may not be assigned proxies except in compliance with this article.

5. By regulation pursuant to subsection 2, Consob may establish cases in which a representative failing to meet the indicated terms of Article 135-decies may express a vote other than that indicated in the voting instructions.