PREFACE

The first edition of subclass KD, *Law of the United Kingdom and Ireland*, developed by John Fischer, was published in 1973. A 1998 edition cumulated all changes that had been made to the schedule during the period 1973-1998. This 2008 edition cumulates changes made since the 1998 edition was published. It includes significant changes and simplifications that were made to Form Division Tables KD1, KD2, and KD3 in 2008.

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