



# Financial Services and Markets Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 8

### PART V

#### PERFORMANCE OF REGULATED ACTIVITIES

##### *Prohibition orders*

#### **56 Prohibition orders.**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if it appears to the Authority that an individual is not a fit and proper person to perform functions in relation to a regulated activity carried on by an authorised person.
- (2) The Authority may make an order (“a prohibition order”) prohibiting the individual from performing a specified function, any function falling within a specified description or any function.
- (3) A prohibition order may relate to—
  - (a) a specified regulated activity, any regulated activity falling within a specified description or all regulated activities;
  - (b) authorised persons generally or any person within a specified class of authorised person.
- (4) An individual who performs or agrees to perform a function in breach of a prohibition order is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (5) In proceedings for an offence under subsection (4) it is a defence for the accused to show that he took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid committing the offence.
- (6) An authorised person must take reasonable care to ensure that no function of his, in relation to the carrying on of a regulated activity, is performed by a person who is prohibited from performing that function by a prohibition order.

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- (7) The Authority may, on the application of the individual named in a prohibition order, vary or revoke it.
- (8) This section applies to the performance of functions in relation to a regulated activity carried on by—
- (a) a person who is an exempt person in relation to that activity, and
  - (b) a person to whom, as a result of Part XX, the general prohibition does not apply in relation to that activity,
- as it applies to the performance of functions in relation to a regulated activity carried on by an authorised person.
- (9) “Specified” means specified in the prohibition order.

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 56 amended (*temp.* from 3.9.2001 to 1.12.2001) by S.I. 2001/2659, **arts. 1(2)**, 3(3); S.I. 2001/3538, **art. 2(1)**  
S. 56 modified (*temp.* from 31.10.2001) by S.I. 2001/3374, **arts. 1**, 11  
S. 56 extended (1.12.2001) by S.I. 2001/2636, **arts. 1(2)(b)**, 79(1); S.I. 2001/3538, **art. 2(1)**
- C2** Ss. 56, 60 modified (*temp.*) (8.4.2002) by The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Permission and Applications) (Credit Unions etc.) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/704), **art. 7**
- C3** Ss. 56-58 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2011) by The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Permissions, Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) (Northern Ireland Credit Unions) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2832), **art. 8**
- C4** S. 56(7) extended (1.12.2001) by S.I. 2001/3592, **arts. 1(2)**, 55(5) (with **art. 23(2)**)
- C5** S. 56(8) amended (*temp.* from 3.9.2001 to 1.12.2001) by S.I. 2001/2659, **arts. 1(2)**, 3(4); S.I. 2001/3538, **art. 2(1)**

#### Commencement Information

- II** S. 56 wholly in force at 1.12.2001; s. 56 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 431(2); s. 56 in force for specified purposes at 3.9.2001 by S.I. 2001/2632, **art. 2(2)**, **Sch. Pt. 2**; s. 56 in force in so far as not already in force at 1.12.2001 by S.I. 2001/3538, **art. 2(1)**

## 57 Prohibition orders: procedure and right to refer to Tribunal.

- (1) If the Authority proposes to make a prohibition order it must give the individual concerned a warning notice.
- (2) The warning notice must set out the terms of the prohibition.
- (3) If the Authority decides to make a prohibition order it must give the individual concerned a decision notice.
- (4) The decision notice must—
  - (a) name the individual to whom the prohibition order applies;
  - (b) set out the terms of the order; and
  - (c) be given to the individual named in the order.
- (5) A person against whom a decision to make a prohibition order is made may refer the matter to the Tribunal.

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- C6** S. 57 excluded (1.12.2001) by S.I. 2001/3592, **arts. 1(2)**, 110(3) (with art. 23(2))
- C7** Ss. 56-58 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2011) by [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Permissions, Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments\) \(Northern Ireland Credit Unions\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/2832\)](#), **art. 8**
- C8** S. 57(1) extended (1.12.2001) by S.I. 2001/3592, **arts. 1(2)**, 55(1) (with art. 23(2))

**Commencement Information**

- I2** S. 57 wholly in force at 1.12.2001; s. 57 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 431(2); s. 57 in force for specified purposes at 3.9.2001 by S.I. 2001/2632, **art. 2(2)**, **Sch. Pt. 2**; s. 57 in force in so far as not already in force at 1.12.2001 by S.I. 2001/3538, **art. 2(1)**

**58 Applications relating to prohibitions: procedure and right to refer to Tribunal.**

- (1) This section applies to an application for the variation or revocation of a prohibition order.
- (2) If the Authority decides to grant the application, it must give the applicant written notice of its decision.
- (3) If the Authority proposes to refuse the application, it must give the applicant a warning notice.
- (4) If the Authority decides to refuse the application, it must give the applicant a decision notice.
- (5) If the Authority gives the applicant a decision notice, he may refer the matter to the Tribunal.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C9** S. 58 excluded (1.12.2001) by S.I. 2001/3592, **arts. 1(2)**, 110(3) (with art. 23(2))
- C10** Ss. 56-58 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2011) by [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Permissions, Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments\) \(Northern Ireland Credit Unions\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/2832\)](#), **art. 8**

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- I3** S. 58 wholly in force at 1.12.2001; s. 58 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 431(2); s. 58 in force for specified purposes at 3.9.2001 by S.I. 2001/2632, **art. 2(2)**, **Sch. Pt. 2**; s. 58 in force in so far as not already in force at 1.12.2001 by S.I. 2001/3538, **art. 2(1)**

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