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The Alternative Investment Fund Managers Regulations 2013

PART 1

Introductory provisions

Interpretation

- **2.**—(1) In these Regulations—
 - "the Act" means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000;

"AIF" has the meaning given in regulation 3;

- "AIFM" has the meaning given in regulation 4;
- "Article 36 custodian" has the meaning given in regulation 57(5)(a);

"authorised AIF" means an AIF that is-

- (a) an authorised unit trust scheme,
- (b) an authorised contractual scheme, or
- (c) an authorised open-ended investment company,

as defined in section 237(3) of the Act (other definitions)(1);

"Commission Delegated Regulation" means the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 231/2013 of 19 December 2012, supplementing Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to exemptions, general operating conditions, depositaries, leverage, transparency and supervision(**2**);

"competent authority", other than in regulation 65, means the national authority of an EEA State other than the United Kingdom responsible for supervising AIFMs, and when used in relation to an EEA AIF or a full-scope EEA AIFM means—

- (a) in relation to an EEA AIF, the competent authority in the EEA State in which the EEA AIF is registered or authorised, or (if the EEA AIF is not authorised or registered in an EEA State) in which the EEA AIF has its registered office or head office;
- (b) in relation to a full-scope EEA AIFM, the competent authority that has authorised that AIFM;

"depositary" means a person appointed in compliance with the requirement for an AIFM to appoint a depositary at Article 21.1 of the directive;

"the directive" means Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on Alternative Investment Fund Managers(3);

"EEA AIF" means an AIF which-

⁽¹⁾ In section 237(3) the definition of "authorised contractual scheme" was inserted by S.I. 2013/1388.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 83, 22.3.2013, p.1.

⁽**3**) OJ L 174, 1.7.2011, p.1.

- (a) is authorised or registered under the applicable national law in an EEA State other than the United Kingdom; or
- (b) is not authorised or registered in an EEA State, but has its registered office or head office in an EEA State other than the United Kingdom;

"EEA AIFM" means an EEA firm falling within paragraph 5(h) of Schedule 3 to the Act, which is exercising in the United Kingdom an EEA right deriving from the directive;

"ESRB" means the European Systemic Risk Board established by Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010 of the European Parliament and the Council of 24 November 2010 on European Union macro-prudential oversight of the financial system and establishing a European Systemic Risk Board(4);

"EuSEF Manager" means the manager of a qualifying social entrepreneurship fund that is registered in accordance with Article 15 of the EuSEF Regulation;

"EuSEF Regulation" means Regulation (EU) No 346/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council of 17 April 2013 on European social entrepreneurship funds(5);

"EuVECA Manager" means the manager of a qualifying venture capital fund that is registered in accordance with Article 14 of the EuVECA Regulation;

"EuVECA Regulation" means Regulation (EU) No 345/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council of 17 April 2013 on European venture capital funds(6);

"external AIFM" has the meaning given in regulation 4(3);

"external valuer" means a person who performs the valuation function described in Article 19 of the directive in respect of an AIF managed by a full-scope UK AIFM, and is not the AIFM of that AIF;

"full-scope UK AIFM" means a UK AIFM which has a Part 4A permission to carry on the regulated activity of managing an AIF and is not a small authorised UK AIFM;

"full-scope EEA AIFM" means an AIFM authorised in accordance with Article 6.1 of the directive in an EEA State other than the United Kingdom;

"implementing provision" means a requirement that is imposed-

- (a) by these Regulations;
- (b) by the Commission Delegated Regulation;
- (c) by any other directly applicable EU regulation made under the directive; or

(d) by or under the Act, if the provision implements the directive;

"internal AIFM" has the meaning given in regulation 4(3);

"managing an AIF" is to be interpreted in accordance with regulation 4(2), and cognate expressions are to be interpreted accordingly;

"professional investor" means an investor who is considered to be a professional client or may, on request, be treated as a professional client within the meaning of Annex II to the markets in financial instruments directive;

"qualifying social entrepreneurship fund" has the meaning given in Article 3(b) of the EuSEF Regulation;

"qualifying venture capital fund" has the meaning given in Article 3(b) of the EuVECA Regulation;

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p.1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 115, 25.4.2013, p.18.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 115, 25.4.2013, p.1.

"the Regulated Activities Order" means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001(7);

"regulator's notice" means a notice of intention referred to in paragraph 14(1)(b) of Schedule 3 to the Act;

"retail investor" means an investor who is not a professional investor;

"small AIFM" has the meaning given in regulation 9;

"small authorised UK AIFM" means a UK AIFM which-

- (a) is a small AIFM;
- (b) has a Part 4A permission to carry on the regulated activity of managing an AIF; and
- (c) has not exercised the option mentioned in Article 3.4 of the directive to meet the full requirements of the directive;

"small registered EEA AIFM" means an AIFM which-

- (a) is a small AIFM;
- (b) has its registered office in an EEA State other than the United Kingdom;
- (c) is registered in accordance with Article 3.3(a) of the directive; and
- (d) has not exercised the option mentioned in Article 3.4 of the directive to meet the full requirements of the directive;

"small registered UK AIFM" means an AIFM entered in the register maintained in accordance with regulation 10(1);

"small third country AIFM" means a third country AIFM which is a small AIFM;

"third country" means a state which is not an EEA State;

"third country AIF" means an AIF which is neither an EEA AIF nor a UK AIF;

"third country AIFM" means an AIFM which has its registered office in a third country;

"UK AIF" means an AIF which-

- (a) is an authorised AIF; or
- (b) is not authorised or registered in an EEA State, but has its registered office or head office in the United Kingdom;

"UK AIFM" means an AIFM which has its registered office in the United Kingdom;

"working day" has the meaning given in section 191G(2) of the Act (interpretation of Part 12)(8).

- (2) Unless otherwise defined—
 - (a) any expression used in these Regulations which is used in the directive has the same meaning as in the directive;
 - (b) any expression used in these Regulations which is used in a directly applicable EU regulation made under the directive has the same meaning as in that regulation; and
 - (c) any other expression used in these Regulations which is defined for the purposes of the Act has the meaning given by the Act.

(3) Any reference in these Regulations to an application for a Part 4A permission to carry on a regulated activity, the giving of such a permission or a refusal to give such a permission, includes reference to an application to vary a Part 4A permission by adding that regulated activity to the

⁽⁷⁾ S.I. 2001/544.

⁽⁸⁾ Section 191G was substituted by S.I. 2009/534 and amended by section 26 of the Financial Services Act 2012.

activities to which the permission relates, such a variation of a Part 4A permission or a refusal so to vary a Part 4A permission.