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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 2017 No. 692

## The Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017

### PART 2

#### Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing

##### CHAPTER 1

##### Application

##### Application

8.—(1) Parts 1 to 6 and 8 to 11 apply to the persons (“relevant persons”) acting in the course of business carried on by them in the United Kingdom, who—

- (a) are listed in paragraph (2); and
- (b) do not come within the exclusions set out in regulation 15.

(2) The persons listed in this paragraph are—

- (a) credit institutions;
- (b) financial institutions;
- (c) auditors, insolvency practitioners, external accountants and tax advisers;
- (d) independent legal professionals;
- (e) trust or company service providers;
- (f) estate agents [<sup>F1</sup>and letting agents];
- (g) high value dealers;
- (h) casinos;
- [<sup>F2</sup>(i) art market participants;
- (j) cryptoasset exchange providers;
- (k) custodian wallet providers.]

(3) Regulations 3, 7, 9, 15, 17 to 21, 24, 25, 46, 47, 50 to 52, 65 to 82, 84, 86 to 93, 101, 102 and 106 apply to an auction platform acting in the course of business carried on by it in the United Kingdom, and such an auction platform is a relevant person for the purposes of those provisions.

(4) The definitions in regulations 10 to 14 apply for the purposes of this regulation.

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##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 8(2)(f) inserted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(1)(a)**

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**F2** Reg. 8(2)(i)-(k) inserted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(1)(b)**

### Carrying on business in the United Kingdom

**9.—(1)** For the purposes of these Regulations, a relevant person (“A”) is to be regarded as carrying on business in the United Kingdom in the cases described in this regulation even if A would not otherwise be regarded as doing so.

(2) The first case is where—

- (a) A's registered office (or if A does not have a registered office, A's head office) is in the United Kingdom;
- (b) A is entitled to exercise rights under a single market directive as a UK firm (within the meaning of paragraph 10 of Schedule 3 to FSMA (EEA passport rights)); and
- (c) A is carrying on business in an EEA state other than the United Kingdom in the exercise of those rights.

(3) The second case is where—

- (a) A's registered office (or if A does not have a registered office, A's head office) is in the United Kingdom; and
- (b) the day-to-day management of the carrying on of A's business is the responsibility of—
  - (i) that office, or
  - (ii) another establishment maintained by A in the United Kingdom.

(4) The third case is where—

- (a) A is a casino which provides facilities for remote gambling (within the meaning of section 4 of the Gambling Act 2005 (remote gambling)<sup>M1</sup>) and—
- (b) either—
  - (i) at least one piece of remote gambling equipment (within the meaning of section 36(4) of the Gambling Act 2005 (territorial application)) is situated in Great Britain, or
  - (ii) no such equipment is situated in Great Britain but the facilities provided by A are used there.

(5) For the purposes of paragraphs (2) and (3)—

- (a) “single market directive” means—
  - (i) a directive referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 to FSMA<sup>M2</sup>;
  - (ii) Directive [2009/110/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16th September 2009 on the taking up, pursuit and prudential supervision of the business of electronic money institutions<sup>M3</sup>;
  - (iii) Directive [2015/2366/EU](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25th November 2015 on payment services in the internal market<sup>M4</sup>;
- (b) it is irrelevant where the person with whom the business is carried on is situated.

#### Marginal Citations

**M1** [2005 c.19](#).

**M2** Paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 was amended by [S.I. 2000/2952](#); [2003/1473](#); [2003/2066](#); [2007/126](#); [2013/1773](#); [2013/3115](#); [2015/575](#) and [2015/910](#).

**M3** OJ L 267, 10.10.2009, p.7.

M4 OJ L 337, 23.12.2015, p.35.

### Credit institutions and financial institutions

10.—(1) In these Regulations, “credit institution” means—

- (a) a credit institution as defined in Article 4.1(1) of the capital requirements regulation; or
- (b) a branch (as defined by Article 4.1(17) of that regulation) located in an EEA state of an institution falling within sub-paragraph (a) (or an equivalent institution whose head office is located in a third country) wherever the institution's head office is located,

when it accepts deposits or other repayable funds from the public or grants credits for its own account (within the meaning of the capital requirements regulation), or when it bids directly in auctions in accordance with the emission allowance auctioning regulation on behalf of its clients.

(2) In these Regulations, “financial institution” means—

- (a) an undertaking, including a money service business, other than an institution referred to in paragraph (3), when the undertaking carries out one or more listed activity;
- (b) an insurance undertaking duly authorised in accordance with the Solvency 2 Directive, when it carries out any activities or operations referred to in Article 2.3 of that Directive;
- (c) a person (other than a person falling within Article 2 of the markets in financial instruments directive), whose regular occupation or business is the provision to other persons of an investment service or the performance of an investment activity on a professional basis, when—
  - (i) providing investment services or performing investment activities (within the meaning of that directive); or
  - (ii) bidding directly in auctions in accordance with the emission allowance auctioning regulation on behalf of its clients;
- (d) a person falling within Article 2.1(j) of the markets in financial instruments directive, when bidding directly in auctions in accordance with the emission allowance auctioning regulation on behalf of clients of the person's main business;
- (e) a collective investment undertaking, when marketing or otherwise offering its units or shares;
- (f) an insurance intermediary as defined in Article 2.5 of Directive 2002/92/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9th December 2002 on insurance mediation<sup>M5</sup>, with the exception of a tied insurance intermediary as mentioned in Article 2.7 of that Directive, when it acts in respect of contracts of long-term insurance;
- (g) a branch located in an EEA state of a person referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) to (f) (or an equivalent person whose head office is located in a third country), wherever the person's head office is located, when carrying out any activity mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) to (f);
- (h) the National Savings Bank;
- (i) the Director of Savings, when money is raised under the auspices of the Director under the National Loans Act 1968<sup>M6</sup>.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(a), the institutions referred to are—

- (a) a credit institution;
- (b) an undertaking whose only listed activity is as a creditor under an agreement which—
  - (i) falls within section 12(a) of the Consumer Credit Act 1974<sup>M7</sup> (debtor-creditor-supplier agreements);

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- (ii) provides fixed sum credit (within the meaning given in section 10(1)(b) of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 (running-account credit and fixed-sum credit)) in relation to the provision of services; and
  - (iii) provides financial accommodation by way of deferred payment or payment by instalments over a period not exceeding 12 months;
  - (c) an undertaking whose only listed activity is trading for its own account in one or more of the products listed in point 7 of Annex 1 to the capital requirements directive where the undertaking does not have a customer (and, for this purpose, “customer” means a person other than the undertaking which is not a member of the same group as the undertaking).
- (4) For the purposes of this regulation, a “listed activity” means an activity listed in points 2 to 12, 14 and 15 of Annex 1 to the capital requirements directive (the relevant text of which is set out in Schedule 2).

#### Marginal Citations

- M5** OJ L 9, 15.01.2003, p.3.  
**M6** 1968 c.13.  
**M7** 1974 c.39.

#### Auditors and others

##### 11. In these Regulations—

- (a) “auditor” means any firm or individual who is—
  - (i) a statutory auditor within the meaning of Part 42 of the Companies Act 2006 <sup>M8</sup> (statutory auditors), when carrying out statutory audit work within the meaning of section 1210 of that Act (meaning of statutory auditor), or
  - (ii) a local auditor within the meaning of section 4(1) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (general requirements for audit) <sup>M9</sup>, when carrying out an audit required by that Act.
- (b) “insolvency practitioner” means any firm or individual who acts as an insolvency practitioner within the meaning of section 388 of the Insolvency Act 1986 <sup>M10</sup> or article 3 of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 <sup>M11</sup> (meaning of “act as insolvency practitioner”).
- (c) “external accountant” means a firm or sole practitioner who by way of business provides accountancy services to other persons, when providing such services.
- (d) “tax adviser” means a firm or sole practitioner who by way of business provides [<sup>F3</sup>material aid, or assistance or advice, in connection with the tax affairs of other persons, whether provided directly or through a third party], when providing such services.

#### Textual Amendments

- F3** Words in reg. 11(d) substituted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), 4(2)

#### Marginal Citations

- M8** 2006 c.46. Section 1210 was amended by [S.I. 2008/565](#); [2008/567](#); [2008/1950](#); [2012/1809](#) and [2013/3115](#).  
**M9** 2014 c.2.

- M10** 1986 c.45. Section 388 was amended by section 11(1) of the [Bankruptcy \(Scotland\) Act 1993 \(c.6\)](#); section 4(2) of the [Insolvency Act 2000 \(c.39\)](#); paragraph 2(11) of Schedule 6 to the [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c.20\)](#) and by [S.I 1994/2421](#); [2002/1240](#); [2002/2708](#); [2009/1941](#) and [2016/1034](#).
- M11** [S.I. 1989/2405 \(N.I. 19\)](#). Article 3 was amended by Schedule 4 to the [Insolvency \(Amendment\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c.2\) \(N.I.\)](#) and by [S.R. 1995/225](#), [2002/334](#), [2003/550](#) and by [S.I. 2002/3152 \(N.I. 6\)](#) and [2009/1941](#).

## **Independent legal professionals and trust or company service providers**

**12.**—(1) In these Regulations, “independent legal professional” means a firm or sole practitioner who by way of business provides legal or notarial services to other persons, when participating in financial or real property transactions concerning—

- (a) the buying and selling of real property or business entities;
- (b) the managing of client money, securities or other assets;
- (c) the opening or management of bank, savings or securities accounts;
- (d) the organisation of contributions necessary for the creation, operation or management of companies; or
- (e) the creation, operation or management of trusts, companies, foundations or similar structures,

and, for this purpose, a person participates in a transaction by assisting in the planning or execution of the transaction or otherwise acting for or on behalf of a client in the transaction.

(2) In these Regulations, “trust or company service provider” means a firm or sole practitioner who by way of business provides any of the following services to other persons, when that firm or practitioner is providing such services—

- (a) forming companies or other legal persons;
- (b) acting, or arranging for another person to act—
  - (i) as a director or secretary of a company;
  - (ii) as a partner of a partnership; or
  - (iii) in a similar capacity in relation to other legal persons;
- (c) providing a registered office, business address, correspondence or administrative address or other related services for a company, partnership or any other legal person or legal arrangement;
- (d) acting, or arranging for another person to act, as—
  - (i) a trustee of an express trust or similar legal arrangement; or
  - (ii) a nominee shareholder for a person other than a company whose securities are listed on a regulated market.

## **Estate agents <sup>F4</sup> and letting agents**

**13.**—(1) In these Regulations, “estate agent” means a firm or a sole practitioner, who, or whose employees, carry out estate agency work, when the work is being carried out.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) “estate agency work” is to be read in accordance with section 1 of the Estate Agents Act 1979 <sup>M12</sup> (estate agency work), but for those purposes references in that section to disposing of or acquiring an interest in land are (despite anything in section 2 of that Act) to be taken to include references to disposing of or acquiring an estate or interest in land outside the United Kingdom where that estate or interest is capable of being owned or held as a separate interest.

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[<sup>F5</sup>(3) In these Regulations, “letting agent” means a firm or sole practitioner who, or whose employees, carry out letting agency work, when carrying out such work.

- (4) For the purposes of paragraph (3), “letting agency work” means work—
- (a) consisting of things done in response to instructions received from—
    - (i) a person (a “prospective landlord”) seeking to find another person to whom to let land, or
    - (ii) a person (a “prospective tenant”) seeking to find land to rent, and
  - (b) done in a case where an agreement is concluded for the letting of land—
    - (i) for a term of a month or more, and
    - (ii) at a rent which during at least part of the term is, or is equivalent to, a monthly rent of 10,000 euros or more.

(5) For the purposes of paragraph (3) “letting agency work” does not include the things listed in paragraph (6) when done by, or by employees of, a firm or sole practitioner if neither the firm or sole practitioner, nor any of their employees, does anything else within paragraph (4).

- (6) Those things are—
- (a) publishing advertisements or disseminating information;
  - (b) providing a means by which a prospective landlord or a prospective tenant can, in response to an advertisement or dissemination of information, make direct contact with a prospective tenant or a prospective landlord;
  - (c) providing a means by which a prospective landlord and a prospective tenant can communicate directly with each other;
  - (d) the provision of legal or notarial services by a barrister, advocate, solicitor or other legal representative communications with whom may be the subject of a claim to professional privilege or, in Scotland, protected from disclosure in legal proceedings on grounds of confidentiality of communication.

(7) In paragraph (4) “land” includes part of a building and part of any other structure.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F4** Words in reg. 13 heading inserted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(3)**
- F5** Reg. 13(3)-(7) inserted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(4)**

#### Marginal Citations

- M12** 1979 c.38. Section 1 was amended by paragraph 40 of Schedule 1 to the [Law Reform \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1985 \(c.73\)](#); paragraph 42 of Schedule 2 to the [Planning \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1990 \(c.11\)](#); paragraph 28 of Schedule 2 to the [Planning \(Consequential Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1997 \(c.11\)](#); section 70 of the [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c.24\)](#) and S.I. 2001/1283.

### High value dealers, [<sup>F6</sup>casinos, auction platforms and art market participants]

- 14.—(1) In these Regulations—
- (a) “high value dealer” means a firm or sole trader who by way of business trades in goods (including an auctioneer dealing in goods), when the trader makes or receives, in respect of any transaction, a payment or payments in cash of at least 10,000 euros in total, whether

the transaction is executed in a single operation or in several operations which appear to be linked;

- (b) “casino” means the holder of a casino operating licence and, for this purpose, a “casino operating licence” has the meaning given by section 65(2)(a) of the Gambling Act 2005<sup>M13</sup> (nature of licence);
- (c) “auction platform” means a platform which auctions two-day spot or five-day futures, within the meanings given by Article 3.4 and 3.5 of the emission allowance auctioning regulation, when it carries out activities covered by that regulation.

[<sup>F7</sup>(d) “art market participant” means a firm or sole practitioner who—

(i) by way of business trades in, or acts as an intermediary in the sale or purchase of, works of art and the value of the transaction, or a series of linked transactions, amounts to 10,000 euros or more; or

(ii) is the operator of a freeport when it, or any other firm or sole practitioner, by way of business stores works of art in the freeport and the value of the works of art so stored for a person, or a series of linked persons, amounts to 10,000 euros or more;

(e) “freeport” means a warehouse or storage facility within an area designated by the Treasury as a special area for customs purposes pursuant to section 100A(1) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (designation of free zones)<sup>M14</sup>;

(f) “work of art” means anything which, in accordance with section 21(6) to (6B) of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 (value of imported goods)<sup>M15</sup>, is a work of art for the purposes of section 21(5)(a) of that Act.]

(2) A payment does not cease to be a “payment in cash” for the purposes of paragraph (1)(a) if cash is paid by or on behalf of the person making the payment—

- (a) to a person other than the other party to the transaction for the benefit of the other party, or
- (b) into a bank account for the benefit of the other party to the transaction.

#### Textual Amendments

**F6** Words in reg. 14 heading substituted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), 4(5)

**F7** Reg. 14(1)(d)-(f) inserted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), 4(6)

#### Marginal Citations

**M13** 2005 c.19.

**M14** 1979 c. 2. Section 100A was inserted by the Finance Act 1984 (c.2), section 8 and (c.43), Schedule 4.

**M15** 1994 c. 23. Sections 21(6) to (6B) were inserted by section 12(2) of the Finance Act 1999 (c.16).

#### [<sup>F8</sup>Cryptoasset exchange providers and custodian wallet providers

**14A.**—(1) In these Regulations, “cryptoasset exchange provider” means a firm or sole practitioner who by way of business provides one or more of the following services, including where the firm or sole practitioner does so as creator or issuer of any of the cryptoassets involved, when providing such services—

- (a) exchanging, or arranging or making arrangements with a view to the exchange of, cryptoassets for money or money for cryptoassets,

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- (b) exchanging, or arranging or making arrangements with a view to the exchange of, one cryptoasset for another, or
- (c) operating a machine which utilises automated processes to exchange cryptoassets for money or money for cryptoassets.

(2) In these Regulations, “custodian wallet provider” means a firm or sole practitioner who by way of business provides services to safeguard, or to safeguard and administer—

- (a) cryptoassets on behalf of its customers, or
- (b) private cryptographic keys on behalf of its customers in order to hold, store and transfer cryptoassets,

when providing such services.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation—

- (a) “cryptoasset” means a cryptographically secured digital representation of value or contractual rights that uses a form of distributed ledger technology and can be transferred, stored or traded electronically;
- (b) “money” means—
  - (i) money in sterling,
  - (ii) money in any other currency, or
  - (iii) money in any other medium of exchange,
 but does not include a cryptoasset; and
- (c) in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph (1), “cryptoasset” includes a right to, or interest in, the cryptoasset.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F8** Reg. 14A inserted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), 4(7)

#### Exclusions

**15.—**(1) Parts 1 to 4, 6 and 8 to 11 do not apply to the following persons when carrying on any of the following activities—

- (a) a registered society within the meaning of section 1 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (meaning of “registered society”) <sup>M14</sup>, when it—
  - (i) issues withdrawable share capital within the limit set by section 24 of that Act (maximum shareholding in society); or
  - (ii) accepts deposits from the public within the limit set by section 67(2) of that Act (carrying on of banking by societies);
- (b) a society registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 <sup>M15</sup>, when it—
  - (i) issues withdrawable share capital within the limit set by section 6 <sup>M16</sup> of that Act (maximum shareholding in society); or
  - (ii) accepts deposits from the public within the limit set by section 7(3) of that Act (carrying on of banking by societies);
- (c) a person who is (or falls within a class of persons) specified in any of paragraphs 2 to 23, 26 to 38 or 40 to 49 of the Schedule to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000



- (Exemption) Order 2001<sup>M17</sup>, when carrying out any activity in respect of which that person is exempt;
- (d) a local authority within the meaning given in article 3(1) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001<sup>M18</sup>, when carrying on an activity which would be a regulated activity for the purposes of FSMA but for article 72G of that Order<sup>M19</sup>;
  - (e) a person who was an exempted person for the purposes of section 45 of the Financial Services Act 1986<sup>M20</sup> (miscellaneous exemptions) immediately before its repeal, when exercising the functions specified in that section;
  - (f) a person whose main activity is that of a high value dealer, when engaging in financial activity on an occasional or very limited basis as set out in paragraph (3); or
  - (g) a person preparing a home report, which for these purposes means the documents prescribed for the purposes of section 98, 99(1) or 101(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (duties: information and others)<sup>M21</sup>.
- (2) These Regulations do not apply to a person who falls within regulation 8 solely as a result of that person engaging in financial activity on an occasional or very limited basis as set out in paragraph (3).
- (3) For the purposes of paragraphs (1)(f) and (2), a person is to be considered as engaging in financial activity on an occasional or very limited basis if all the following conditions are met—
- (a) the person's total annual turnover in respect of the financial activity does not exceed £100,000;
  - (b) the financial activity is limited in relation to any customer to no more than one transaction exceeding 1,000 euros, whether the transaction is carried out in a single operation, or a series of operations which appear to be linked;
  - (c) the financial activity does not exceed 5% of the person's total annual turnover;
  - (d) the financial activity is ancillary and directly related to the person's main activity;
  - (e) the financial activity is not the transmission or remittance of money (or any representation of monetary value) by any means;
  - (f) the person's main activity is not that of a person falling within regulation 8(2)(a) to (f) or (h);
  - (g) the financial activity is provided only to customers of the main activity of the person and is not offered to the public.
- (4) Chapters 2 and 3 of Part 2, and Parts 3 to 9, do not apply to—
- (a) the Auditor General for Scotland;
  - (b) the Auditor General for Wales;
  - (c) the Bank of England;
  - (d) the Comptroller and Auditor General;
  - (e) the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland;
  - (f) the Official Solicitor to the Supreme Court, when acting as trustee in his or her official capacity;
  - (g) the Treasury Solicitor.

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- M15** 1994 c. 23. Sections 21(6) to (6B) were inserted by section 12(2) of the Finance Act 1999 (c.16).
- M16** Section 6 was amended by section 10 of the Credit Unions and Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.16) (N.I.) and by S.R. 1991/375.
- M17** S.I. 2001/1201. Paragraph 15A was inserted by S.I. 2003/47; paragraph 15B was inserted by S.I. 2009/118; paragraph 19 was revoked by S.I. 2014/366; paragraphs 21 and 27 were substituted by S.I. 2002/1310 and 2003/1675 respectively; paragraph 30 was revoked by S.I. 2003/3225; paragraph 31 was substituted by paragraph 10 of Schedule 2 to the Tourist Boards (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 15) and amended by S.I. 2007/1103; paragraph 33A was inserted by S.I. 2007/1821; paragraphs 34A, 34B and 34C were inserted by SI. 2005/592, 2008/682 and 2012/763 respectively; paragraph 36 was revoked by S.I. 2007/125; paragraph 40 was amended by S.I. 2013/1881; paragraph 41 was amended by S.I. 2010/86; paragraph 42 was amended by S.I. 2007/125; paragraph 44 was amended by S.I. 2014/506; paragraph 45 was amended by S.I. 2013/1773; paragraph 47 was revoked by S.I. 2014/366; paragraph 48 was substituted by S.I. 2003/1673 and paragraph 49 was inserted by S.I. 2001/3623
- M18** S.I. 2001/544. Article 3(1) was amended, but the amendments are not relevant to these Regulations.
- M19** Article 72G was inserted by S.I. 2014/366, and amended by S.I. 2015/910 and 2016/392.
- M20** 1986 c.60. Section 45 was repealed by S.I. 2001/3649.
- M21** 2006 asp.1.

## CHAPTER 2

### Risk assessment and controls

#### Risk assessment by the Treasury and Home Office

**16.**—(1) The Treasury and the Home Office must make arrangements before 26th June 2018 for a risk assessment to be undertaken to identify, assess, understand and mitigate the risks of money laundering and terrorist financing affecting the United Kingdom (“the risk assessment”).

- (2) The risk assessment must, among other things—
- (a) identify any areas where relevant persons should apply enhanced customer due diligence measures, and where appropriate, specify the measures to be taken;
  - (b) identify, where appropriate, the sectors or areas of lower and greater risk of money laundering and terrorist financing;
  - (c) consider whether any rules on money laundering and terrorist financing made by a supervisory authority applying in relation to the sector it supervises are appropriate in the light of the risks of money laundering and terrorist financing applying to that sector;
  - (d) provide the information and analysis necessary to enable it to be used for the purposes set out in paragraph (3).
- (3) The Treasury and the Home Office must ensure that the risk assessment is used to—
- (a) consider the appropriate allocation and prioritisation of resources to counter money laundering and terrorist financing;
  - (b) consider whether the exclusions provided for in regulation 15 are being abused;
  - (c) consider whether providers of gambling services other than casinos should continue to be excluded from the requirements of these Regulations.

(4) For the purpose of paragraph (3)(c), a “provider of gambling services” means a person who by way of business provides facilities for gambling within the meaning of section 5 of the Gambling Act 2005 (facilities for gambling) <sup>M22</sup>.

(5) In undertaking the risk assessment, the Treasury and the Home Office must take account of the reports made by the Commission under Article 6.1 of the fourth money laundering directive.

(6) The Treasury and the Home Office must prepare a joint report setting out, as appropriate, the findings of the risk assessment as soon as reasonably practicable after the risk assessment is completed.

[<sup>F9</sup>(6A) The report must also set out—

- (a) the institutional structure and broad procedures of the United Kingdom’s anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing regime, including the role of the financial intelligence unit, tax agencies and prosecutors;
- (b) the nature of measures taken and resources allocated to counter money laundering and terrorist financing.]

(7) A copy of that report must be laid before Parliament, and sent to—

- (a) the PRA;
- (b) the supervisory authorities;
- (c) the European Commission;
- (d) the European Supervisory Authorities; and
- (e) each of the other EEA states.

(8) If information from the risk assessment would assist the supervisory authorities in carrying out their own money laundering and terrorist financing risk assessment, the Treasury and the Home Office must, where appropriate, make that information available to those supervisory authorities, unless to do so would not be compatible with restrictions on sharing information imposed by or under [<sup>F10</sup>—

- (a) the Data Protection Act 2018 or any other enactment, or
- (b) the GDPR.]

(9) The Treasury and the Home Office must take appropriate steps to ensure that the risk assessment is kept up-to-date.

#### Textual Amendments

- F9** Reg. 16(6A) inserted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(8)**
- F10** Words in reg. 16(8) substituted (25.5.2018) by [Data Protection Act 2018 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 212(1), **Sch. 19 para. 412** (with ss. 117, 209, 210); S.I. 2018/625, reg. 2(1)(g)

#### Marginal Citations

- M22** [2005 c.19](#).

### Risk assessment by supervisory authorities

**17.—**(1) Each supervisory authority must identify and assess the international and domestic risks of money laundering and terrorist financing to which those relevant persons for which it is the supervisory authority (“its own sector”) are subject.

(2) In carrying out the risk assessment required under paragraph (1), the supervisory authority must take into account—

- (a) reports published by the Commission under Article 6.1 of the fourth money laundering directive;
- (b) guidelines issued by the European Supervisory Authorities under Articles 17, 18.4 and 48.10 of the fourth money laundering directive;

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- (c) the report prepared by the Treasury and the Home Office under regulation 16(6); and
  - (d) information made available by the Treasury and the Home Office under regulation 16(8).
- (3) A supervisory authority must keep an up-to-date record in writing of all the steps it has taken under paragraph (1).
- (4) Each supervisory authority must develop and record in writing risk profiles for each relevant person in its own sector.
- (5) A supervisory authority may prepare a single risk profile under paragraph (4) in relation to two or more relevant persons in its sector, if—
- (a) the relevant persons share similar characteristics; and
  - (b) the risks of money laundering and terrorist financing affecting those relevant persons do not differ significantly.
- (6) Where a supervisory authority has prepared a single risk profile for two or more relevant persons in its sector (a “cluster”), the supervisory authority must keep under review whether an individual risk profile should be prepared in relation to any relevant person in the cluster because sub-paragraph (a) or (b) (or both sub-paragraphs) of paragraph (5) are no longer satisfied in relation to that person.
- (7) In developing the risk profiles referred to in paragraph (4), the supervisory authority must take full account of the risks that relevant persons in its own sector will not take appropriate action to identify, understand and mitigate money laundering and terrorist financing risks.
- (8) Each supervisory authority must review the risk profiles developed under paragraph (4) at regular intervals and following any significant event or developments which might affect the risks to which its own sector is subject, such as—
- (a) significant external events that change the nature of the money laundering or terrorist financing risks;
  - (b) emerging money laundering or terrorist financing risks;
  - (c) any findings resulting from measures taken by other supervisory authorities;
  - (d) any changes in the way in which its own sector is operated;
  - (e) significant changes in regulation.
- (9) If information from the risk assessment carried out under paragraph (1), or from information provided to the supervisory authority under regulation 16(8), would assist relevant persons in carrying out their own money laundering and terrorist financing risk assessment, the supervisory authority must, where appropriate, make that information available to those persons, unless to do so would not be compatible with restrictions on sharing information imposed by or under <sup>F11</sup>—
- (a) the Data Protection Act 2018 or any other enactment, or
  - (b) the GDPR.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F11** Words in reg. 17(9) substituted (25.5.2018) by [Data Protection Act 2018 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 212(1), [Sch. 19 para. 413](#) (with ss. 117, 209, 210); [S.I. 2018/625](#), reg. 2(1)(g)

#### Risk assessment by relevant persons

**18.—**(1) A relevant person must take appropriate steps to identify and assess the risks of money laundering and terrorist financing to which its business is subject.

(2) In carrying out the risk assessment required under paragraph (1), a relevant person must take into account—

- (a) information made available to them by the supervisory authority under regulations 17(9) and 47, and
- (b) risk factors including factors relating to—
  - (i) its customers;
  - (ii) the countries or geographic areas in which it operates;
  - (iii) its products or services;
  - (iv) its transactions; and
  - (v) its delivery channels.

(3) In deciding what steps are appropriate under paragraph (1), the relevant person must take into account the size and nature of its business.

(4) A relevant person must keep an up-to-date record in writing of all the steps it has taken under paragraph (1), unless its supervisory authority notifies it in writing that such a record is not required.

(5) A supervisory authority may not give the notification referred to in paragraph (4) unless it considers that the risks of money laundering and terrorist financing applicable to the sector in which the relevant person operates are clear and understood.

(6) A relevant person must provide the risk assessment it has prepared under paragraph (1), the information on which that risk assessment was based and any record required to be kept under paragraph (4), to its supervisory authority on request.

### **Policies, controls and procedures**

**19.**—(1) A relevant person must—

- (a) establish and maintain policies, controls and procedures to mitigate and manage effectively the risks of money laundering and terrorist financing identified in any risk assessment undertaken by the relevant person under regulation 18(1);
- (b) regularly review and update the policies, controls and procedures established under sub-paragraph (a);
- (c) maintain a record in writing of—
  - (i) the policies, controls and procedures established under sub-paragraph (a);
  - (ii) any changes to those policies, controls and procedures made as a result of the review and update required by sub-paragraph (b); and
  - (iii) the steps taken to communicate those policies, controls and procedures, or any changes to them, within the relevant person's business.

(2) The policies, controls and procedures adopted by a relevant person under paragraph (1) must be—

- (a) proportionate with regard to the size and nature of the relevant person's business, and
- (b) approved by its senior management.

(3) The policies, controls and procedures referred to in paragraph (1) must include—

- (a) risk management practices;
- (b) internal controls (see regulations 21 to 24);
- (c) customer due diligence (see regulations 27 to 38);
- (d) reliance and record keeping (see regulations 39 to 40);

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- (e) the monitoring and management of compliance with, and the internal communication of, such policies, controls and procedures.
- (4) The policies, controls and procedures referred to in paragraph (1) must include policies, controls and procedures—
- (a) which provide for the identification and scrutiny of—
- (i) any case where—
- (aa) a transaction is complex [<sup>F12</sup>or] unusually large, or there is an unusual pattern of transactions, [<sup>F13</sup>or]
- (bb) the transaction or transactions have no apparent economic or legal purpose, and
- (ii) any other activity or situation which the relevant person regards as particularly likely by its nature to be related to money laundering or terrorist financing;
- (b) which specify the taking of additional measures, where appropriate, to prevent the use for money laundering or terrorist financing of products and transactions which might favour anonymity;
- (c) which ensure that when [<sup>F14</sup>new products, new business practices (including new delivery mechanisms) or new technology are] adopted by the relevant person, appropriate measures are taken in preparation for, and during, the adoption of such [<sup>F15</sup>products, practices or] technology to assess and if necessary mitigate any money laundering or terrorist financing risks this new [<sup>F16</sup>product, practice or] technology may cause;
- (d) under which anyone in the relevant person's organisation who knows or suspects (or has reasonable grounds for knowing or suspecting) that a person is engaged in money laundering or terrorist financing as a result of information received in the course of the business or otherwise through carrying on that business is required to comply with—
- (i) Part 3 of the Terrorism Act 2000 <sup>M23</sup>; or
- (ii) Part 7 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 <sup>M24</sup>;
- (e) which, in the case of a money service business that uses agents for the purpose of its business, ensure that appropriate measures are taken by the business to assess—
- (i) whether an agent used by the business would satisfy the fit and proper test provided for in regulation 58; and
- (ii) the extent of the risk that the agent may be used for money laundering or terrorist financing.
- (5) In determining what is appropriate or proportionate with regard to the size and nature of its business, a relevant person may take into account any guidance which has been—
- (a) issued by the FCA; or
- (b) issued by any other supervisory authority or appropriate body and approved by the Treasury.
- (6) A relevant person must, where relevant, communicate the policies, controls and procedures which it establishes and maintains in accordance with this regulation to its branches and subsidiary undertakings which are located outside the United Kingdom.

#### Textual Amendments

**F12** Word in reg. 19(4)(a)(i)(aa) substituted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(9)(a)**

- F13** Word in reg. 19(4)(a)(i) substituted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(9)(a)**
- F14** Words in reg. 19(4)(c) substituted (10.1.2020) by virtue of [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(9)(b)(i)**
- F15** Words in reg. 19(4)(c) inserted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(9)(b)(ii)**
- F16** Words in reg. 19(4)(c) inserted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(9)(b)(iii)**

**Marginal Citations**

- M23** 2000 c.11.  
**M24** 2002 c. 29.

**Policies, controls and procedures: group level**

- 20.**—(1) A relevant parent undertaking must—
- (a) ensure that the policies, controls and procedures referred to in regulation 19(1) apply—
    - (i) to all its subsidiary undertakings, including subsidiary undertakings located outside the United Kingdom; and
    - (ii) to any branches it has established outside the United Kingdom;  
which is carrying out any activity in respect of which the relevant person is subject to these Regulations;
  - (b) establish and maintain throughout its group the policies, controls and procedures for data protection and sharing information for the purposes of preventing money laundering and terrorist financing with other members of the group <sup>[F17]</sup>, including policies on the sharing of information about customers, customer accounts and transactions;]
  - (c) regularly review and update the policies, controls and procedures applied and established under sub-paragraphs (a) and (b);
  - (d) maintain a record in writing of—
    - (i) the policies, controls and procedures established under sub-paragraphs (a) and (b);
    - (ii) any changes to those policies, controls and procedures made as a result of the review and update required by sub-paragraph (c); and
    - (iii) the steps taken to communicate those policies, controls and procedures, or any changes to them, to its subsidiary undertakings and branches.
- (2) A relevant parent undertaking must ensure that those of its subsidiary undertakings and branches which are established in an EEA state follow the law of that EEA state that implements the fourth money laundering directive.
- (3) If any of the subsidiary undertakings or branches of a relevant parent undertaking are established in a third country which does not impose requirements to counter money laundering and terrorist financing as strict as those of the United Kingdom, the relevant parent undertaking must ensure that those subsidiary undertakings and branches apply measures equivalent to those required by these Regulations, as far as permitted under the law of the third country.
- (4) Where the law of a third country does not permit the application of such equivalent measures by the subsidiary undertaking or branch established in that country, the relevant parent undertaking must—
- (a) inform its supervisory authority accordingly; and

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(b) take additional measures to handle the risk of money laundering and terrorist financing effectively.

(5) A relevant parent undertaking must ensure that information relevant to the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing is shared as appropriate between members of its group, subject to any restrictions on sharing information imposed by or under any enactment or otherwise.

#### Textual Amendments

**F17** Words in reg. 20(1)(b) added (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(10)**

#### Internal controls

**21.—**(1) Where appropriate with regard to the size and nature of its business, a relevant person must—

- (a) appoint one individual who is a member of the board of directors (or if there is no board, of its equivalent management body) or of its senior management as the officer responsible for the relevant person's compliance with these Regulations;
- (b) carry out screening of relevant employees appointed by the relevant person, both before the appointment is made and during the course of the appointment;
- (c) establish an independent audit function with the responsibility—
  - (i) to examine and evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of the policies, controls and procedures adopted by the relevant person to comply with the requirements of these Regulations;
  - (ii) to make recommendations in relation to those policies, controls and procedures; and
  - (iii) to monitor the relevant person's compliance with those recommendations.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b)—

- (a) “screening” means an assessment of—
  - (i) the skills, knowledge and expertise of the individual to carry out their functions effectively;
  - (ii) the conduct and integrity of the individual;
- (b) a relevant employee is an employee whose work is—
  - (i) relevant to the relevant person's compliance with any requirement in these Regulations, or
  - (ii) otherwise capable of contributing to the—
    - (aa) identification or mitigation of the risks of money laundering and terrorist financing to which the relevant person's business is subject, or
    - (bb) prevention or detection of money laundering and terrorist financing in relation to the relevant person's business.

(3) An individual in the relevant person's firm must be appointed as a nominated officer.

(4) A relevant person must, within 14 days of the appointment, inform its supervisory authority of—

- (a) the identity of the individual first appointed under paragraph (1)(a);
- (b) the identity of the individual first appointed under paragraph (3); and
- (c) of any subsequent appointment to either of those positions.



(5) Where a disclosure is made to the nominated officer, that officer must consider it in the light of any relevant information which is available to the relevant person and determine whether it gives rise to knowledge or suspicion or reasonable grounds for knowledge or suspicion that a person is engaged in money laundering or terrorist financing.

(6) Paragraphs (1) and (3) do not apply where the relevant person is an individual who neither employs nor acts in association with any other person.

(7) A relevant person who is an electronic money issuer or a payment service provider must appoint an individual to monitor and manage compliance with, and the internal communication of, the policies, controls and procedures adopted by the relevant person under regulation 19(1), and in particular to—

- (a) identify any situations of higher risk of money laundering or terrorist financing;
- (b) maintain a record of its policies, controls and procedures, risk assessment and risk management including the application of such policies and procedures;
- (c) apply measures to ensure that its policies, controls and procedures are taken into account in all relevant functions including in the development of new products, dealing with new customers and in changes to business activities; and
- (d) provide information to senior management about the operation and effectiveness of its policies, controls and procedures whenever appropriate and at least annually.

(8) A relevant person must establish and maintain systems which enable it to respond fully and rapidly to enquiries from any person specified in paragraph (9) as to—

- (a) whether it maintains, or has maintained during the previous five years, a business relationship with any person; and
- (b) the nature of that relationship.

(9) The persons specified in this paragraph are—

- (a) financial investigators accredited under section 3 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (accreditation and training)<sup>M25</sup>;
- (b) persons acting on behalf of the Scottish Ministers in their capacity as an enforcement authority under that Act; and
- (c) constables or equivalent officers of any law enforcement authority.

(10) In determining what is appropriate with regard to the size and nature of its business, a relevant person—

- (a) must take into account its risk assessment under regulation 18(1); and
- (b) may take into account any guidance which has been—
  - (i) issued by the FCA; or
  - (ii) issued by any other supervisory authority or appropriate body and approved by the Treasury.

#### **Marginal Citations**

**M25** 2002 c. 29. Section 3 was amended by paragraph 111 of Schedule 8 to the [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c.22\)](#), and by paragraph 120 of Schedule 8 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 14 to the [Serious Crime Act 2007 \(c.27\)](#).

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### **Central contact points: electronic money issuers and payment service providers**

**22.**—(1) An electronic money issuer or a payment service provider to which paragraph (2) applies must, if requested by its supervisory authority, appoint a person to act as a central contact point in the United Kingdom for its supervisory authority on any issue relating to the prevention of money laundering or terrorist financing.

- (2) This paragraph applies to any electronic money issuer or payment service provider which—
- (a) is established in the United Kingdom otherwise than by a branch; and
  - (b) has its head office in an EEA state other than the United Kingdom.

### **Requirement on authorised person to inform the FCA**

**23.**—(1) An authorised person whose supervisory authority is the FCA must, before acting as a money service business or a trust or company service provider or within 28 days of so doing, inform the FCA that it intends, or has begun, to act as such.

- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to an authorised person which—
- (a) immediately before the day on which these Regulations come into force (“the relevant date”) was acting as a money service business or a trust or company service provider and continues to act as such after that date; and
  - (b) informs the FCA that it is acting as such within 30 days of the relevant date.

(3) Where an authorised person whose supervisory authority is the FCA ceases to act as a money service business or a trust or company service provider, it must within 28 days inform the FCA.

(4) Any requirement imposed by this regulation is to be treated as if it were a requirement imposed by or under FSMA.

(5) Any information to be provided to the FCA under this regulation must be in such form or verified in such manner as it may specify.

### **Training**

**24.**—(1) A relevant person must—

- (a) take appropriate measures to ensure that its relevant employees [<sup>F18</sup>, and any agents it uses for the purposes of its business whose work is of a kind mentioned in paragraph (2),] are—
    - (i) made aware of the law relating to money laundering and terrorist financing, and to the requirements of data protection, which are relevant to the implementation of these Regulations; and
    - (ii) regularly given training in how to recognise and deal with transactions and other activities or situations which may be related to money laundering or terrorist financing;
  - (b) maintain a record in writing of the measures taken under sub-paragraph (a), and in particular, of the training given to its relevant employees [<sup>F19</sup>and to any agents it uses for the purposes of its business whose work is of a kind mentioned in paragraph (2)].
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), a relevant employee is an employee whose work is—
- (a) relevant to the relevant person's compliance with any requirement in these Regulations, or
  - (b) otherwise capable of contributing to the—
    - (i) identification or mitigation of the risk of money laundering and terrorist financing to which the relevant person's business is subject; or

- (ii) prevention or detection of money laundering and terrorist financing in relation to the relevant person's business.
- (3) In determining what measures are appropriate under paragraph (1), a relevant person—
  - (a) must take account of—
    - (i) the nature of its business;
    - (ii) its size;
    - (iii) the nature and extent of the risks of money laundering and terrorist financing to which its business is subject; and
  - (b) may take into account any guidance which has been—
    - (i) issued by the FCA; or
    - (ii) issued by any other supervisory authority or appropriate body and approved by the Treasury.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F18** Words in reg. 24(1)(a) inserted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(11)(a)**
- F19** Words in reg. 24(1)(b) inserted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(11)(b)**

#### **Supervisory action**

**25.**—(1) The supervisory authority must determine whether the additional measures taken under regulation 20(4) by a relevant parent undertaking which is an authorised person or a qualifying parent undertaking (as defined by section 192B of FSMA <sup>M26</sup>) are sufficient to handle the risk of money laundering and terrorist financing effectively.

(2) If the supervisory authority does not consider the measures referred to in paragraph (1) to be sufficient, it must consider whether to direct the relevant parent undertaking—

- (a) not to enter into a business relationship with a specified person;
  - (b) not to undertake transactions of a specified description with a specified person;
  - (c) to terminate an existing business relationship with a specified person;
  - (d) to cease any operations in the third country.
  - (e) to ensure that its subsidiary undertaking—
    - (i) does not enter into a business relationship with a specified person;
    - (ii) terminates an existing business relationship with a specified person; or
    - (iii) does not undertake transactions of a specified description with a specified person, or ceases any operations in the third country.
- (3) A direction issued under paragraph (2) takes effect—
- (a) immediately, if the notice given under paragraph (6) states that that is the case;
  - (b) on such date as may be specified in the notice; or
  - (c) if no such date is specified in the notice, when the matter to which the notice relates is no longer open to review.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph (3), a matter to which a notice relates is still open to review if—

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- (a) the period during which any person may refer the matter to the appropriate tribunal is still running;
  - (b) the matter has been referred to the appropriate tribunal but has not been dealt with;
  - (c) the matter has been referred to the appropriate tribunal and dealt with but the period during which an appeal may be brought against the appropriate tribunal's decision is still running; or
  - (d) such an appeal has been brought but has not been determined.
- (5) Where the FCA proposes to issue a direction under paragraph (2) to a PRA-authorized person or to a person who has a qualifying relationship with a PRA-authorized person, it must consult the PRA.
- (6) If the supervisory authority issues a direction under paragraph (2) it must give the relevant parent undertaking ("A") a notice in writing.
- (7) The notice must—
- (a) give details of the direction;
  - (b) state the supervisory authority's reasons for issuing the direction;
  - (c) inform A that A may make representations to the supervisory authority within such period as may be specified in the notice (whether or not A has referred the matter to the appropriate tribunal);
  - (d) inform A of when the direction takes effect; and
  - (e) inform A of A's right to refer the matter to the appropriate tribunal.
- (8) The supervisory authority may extend the period allowed under the notice for making representations.
- (9) If, having considered any representations made by A, the supervisory authority decides—
- (a) to issue the direction, or
  - (b) if the direction has been issued, not to rescind the direction,
- it must give A notice in writing.
- (10) If, having considered any representations made by A, the supervisory authority decides—
- (a) not to issue the direction,
  - (b) to issue a different direction, or
  - (c) to rescind a direction which has effect,
- it must give A notice in writing.
- (11) A notice under paragraph (9) must inform A of A's right to refer the matter to the appropriate tribunal.
- (12) A notice under paragraph (10)(b) must comply with paragraph (7).
- (13) If a notice informs A of A's right to refer a matter to the appropriate tribunal, it must give an indication of the procedure on such a reference.
- [<sup>F20</sup>(13A) The supervisory authority may, if it considers it proportionate to do so, publish such information about a direction given under paragraph (2) as the authority considers appropriate.
- (13B) Where the supervisory authority publishes such information and the supervisory authority decides to rescind the direction to which the notice relates, the supervisory authority must, without delay, publish that fact in the same manner as that in which the information was published under paragraph (13A).
- (13C) Where the supervisory authority publishes information under paragraph (13A) and the person to whom the notice is given refers the matter to the Upper Tribunal, the supervisory authority

must, without delay, publish information about the status of the appeal and its outcome in the same manner as that in which the information was published under paragraph (13A).]

- (14) For the purpose of this regulation—
- (a) “appropriate tribunal” means—
    - (i) the Upper Tribunal, in the case of a direction issued by the FCA;
    - (ii) the First-tier or Upper Tribunal, as provided for in regulation 99, in the case of a direction issued by the Commissioners;
  - (b) “specified” means specified in the direction.

#### Textual Amendments

**F20** Reg. 25(13A)-(13C) inserted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), 4(12)

#### Marginal Citations

**M26** Section 192B was inserted, with the rest of Part 12A, by section 27 of the [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c.21\)](#).

## CHAPTER 3

### Ownership and Management Restrictions

#### Prohibitions and approvals

**26.**—(1) No person may be the beneficial owner, officer or manager of a firm within paragraph (2) (“a relevant firm”), or a sole practitioner within paragraph (2) (“a relevant sole practitioner”), unless that person has been approved as a beneficial owner, officer or manager of the firm or as a sole practitioner by the supervisory authority of the firm or sole practitioner.

- (2) The firms and sole practitioners within this paragraph are—
- (a) auditors, insolvency practitioners, external accountants and tax advisors;
  - (b) independent legal professionals;
  - (c) estate agents [<sup>F21</sup>and letting agents];
  - (d) high value dealers;
  - [<sup>F22</sup>(e) art market participants.]

(3) A person does not breach the prohibition in paragraph (1) if that person has before 26th June 2018 applied to the supervisory authority for approval under paragraph (6) and that application has not yet been determined.

- [<sup>F23</sup>(3A) A person does not breach the prohibition in paragraph (1) if—
- (a) that person became a relevant firm or relevant sole practitioner on 10th January 2020 by virtue of an amendment to these Regulations by the Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Amendment) Regulations 2019;
  - (b) that person has before 10th January 2021 applied to the supervisory authority for approval under paragraph (6); and
  - (c) that application has not yet been determined.]

(4) A relevant firm must take reasonable care to ensure that no-one is appointed, or continues to act, as an officer or manager of the firm unless—

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- (a) that person has been approved by the supervisory authority, and the supervisory authority's approval of that person has not ceased to be valid; or
  - (b) that person has applied for approval of the supervisory authority under paragraph (6) and the application has not yet been determined.
- (5) A relevant sole practitioner must not act, or continue to act, as a sole practitioner unless—
- (a) that person has been approved by the supervisory authority, and the supervisory authority's approval of that person has not ceased to be valid; or
  - (b) that person has applied for approval of the supervisory authority under paragraph (6) and the application has not yet been determined.
- (6) An application for the approval of the supervisory authority under paragraph (1) may be made by or on behalf of the person concerned.
- (7) The application must—
- (a) be made in such manner as the supervisory authority may direct;
  - <sup>F24</sup>(b) contain, or be accompanied by—
    - (i) sufficient information to enable the supervisory authority, if it is a self-regulatory organisation, to determine whether the person concerned has been convicted of a relevant offence; and
    - (ii) such other information as the supervisory authority may reasonably require.]
- (8) The supervisory authority—
- (a) must grant an application for approval under paragraph (6) unless the applicant has been convicted of a relevant offence;
  - (b) may grant an application so as to give approval only for a limited period.
- (9) An approval given by a supervisory authority under paragraph (8)—
- (a) is not valid if the person approved under paragraph (1) (the “approved person”) has been convicted of a relevant offence;
  - (b) ceases to be valid if the approved person is subsequently convicted of a relevant offence.
- (10) If an approved person (“P”) is convicted of a relevant offence—
- (a) P must inform the supervisory authority which approved P of the conviction within 30 days of the day on which P was convicted;
  - (b) the relevant firm for which P was approved must inform its supervisory authority of the conviction within 30 days of the date on which the firm became aware of P's conviction.
- (11) If the beneficial owner of a relevant firm is convicted of a relevant offence, the High Court (or in Scotland the Court of Session) may, on the application of the supervisory authority, order the sale of the beneficial owner's interest in that firm.
- (12) A person who, in breach of the prohibition in paragraph (1)—
- (a) acts as a manager or officer of a relevant firm or as a relevant sole practitioner; or
  - (b) is knowingly a beneficial owner of a relevant firm,
- is guilty of a criminal offence.
- (13) A person who is guilty of a criminal offence under paragraph (12) is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction—
    - (i) in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, to a fine or to both;

- (ii) in Scotland or Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, to a fine or to both.
- (14) The offences listed in Schedule 3 are relevant offences for the purposes of this regulation.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F21** Words in reg. 26(2)(c) inserted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(13)(a)**
- F22** Reg. 26(2)(e) inserted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(13)(b)**
- F23** Reg. 26(3A) inserted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(13)(c)**
- F24** Reg. 26(7)(b) substituted (10.1.2020) by [The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1511\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(13)(d)**

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 10/01/2020.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017, PART 2.