

Directive 2006/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions (recast) (Text with EEA relevance) (repealed)

TITLE V

**PRINCIPLES AND TECHNICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR
PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION AND DISCLOSURE**

CHAPTER 2

Technical instruments of prudential supervision

Section 1

Own funds

Article 56

Wherever a Member State lays down by law, regulation or administrative action a provision in implementation of Community legislation concerning the prudential supervision of an operative credit institution which uses the term or refers to the concept of own funds, it shall bring this term or concept into line with the definition given in Articles 57 to 61 and Articles 63 to 66.

Article 57

Subject to the limits imposed in Article 66, the unconsolidated own funds of credit institutions shall consist of the following items:

- (a) [^{F1}capital within the meaning of Article 22 of Directive 86/635/EEC, in so far as it has been paid up, plus the related share premium accounts, it fully absorbs losses in going concern situations, and in the event of bankruptcy or liquidation ranks after all other claims;]
- (b) reserves within the meaning of Article 23 of Directive 86/635/EEC and profits and losses brought forward as a result of the application of the final profit or loss;
- (c) funds for general banking risks within the meaning of Article 38 of Directive 86/635/EEC;
- (ca) [^{F2}instruments other than those referred to in point (a), which meet the requirements set out in points (a), (c), (d) and (e) of Article 63(2) and in Article 63a;]
- (d) revaluation reserves within the meaning of Article 33 of Directive 78/660/EEC;
- (e) value adjustments within the meaning of Article 37(2) of Directive 86/635/EEC;
- (f) other items within the meaning of Article 63;

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- (g) the commitments of the members of credit institutions set up as cooperative societies and the joint and several commitments of the borrowers of certain institutions organised as funds, as referred to in Article 64(1); and
- (h) fixed-term cumulative preferential shares and subordinated loan capital as referred to in Article 64(3).

The following items shall be deducted in accordance with Article 66:

- (i) own shares at book value held by a credit institution;
- (j) intangible assets within the meaning of Article 4(9) ('Assets') of Directive 86/635/EEC;
- (k) material losses of the current financial year;
- (l) holdings in other credit and financial institutions amounting to more than 10 % of their capital;
- (m) subordinated claims and instruments referred to in Article 63 and Article 64(3) which a credit institution holds in respect of credit and financial institutions in which it has holdings exceeding 10 % of the capital in each case;
- (n) holdings in other credit and financial institutions of up to 10 % of their capital, the subordinated claims and the instruments referred to in Article 63 and Article 64(3) which a credit institution holds in respect of credit and financial institutions other than those referred to in points (l) and (m) in respect of the amount of the total of such holdings, subordinated claims and instruments which exceed 10 % of that credit institution's own funds calculated before the deduction of items in points (l) to (p);
- (o) participations within the meaning of Article 4(10) which a credit institution holds in:
 - (i) insurance undertakings within the meaning of Article 6 of Directive 73/239/EEC⁽¹⁾, Article 4 of Directive 2002/83/EC⁽²⁾ or Article 1(b) of Directive 98/78/EC⁽³⁾,
 - (ii) reinsurance undertakings within the meaning of Article 1(c) of Directive 98/78/EC, or
 - (iii) insurance holding companies within the meaning of Article 1(i) of Directive 98/78/EC;
- (p) each of the following items which the credit institution holds in respect of the entities defined in point (o) in which it holds a participation:
 - (i) instruments referred to in Article 16(3) of Directive 73/239/EEC, and
 - (ii) instruments referred to in Article 27(3) of Directive 2002/83/EC;
- (q) for credit institutions calculating risk-weighted exposure amounts under Section 3, Subsection 2, negative amounts resulting from the calculation in Annex VII, Part 1, point 36 and expected loss amounts calculated in accordance with Annex VII, Part 1 points 32 and 33; and
- (r) [^{F3}the exposure amount of securitisation positions which receive a risk weight of 1 250 % under this Directive and the exposure amount of securitisation positions in the trading book that would receive a 1 250 % risk weight if they were in the same credit institutions non-trading book.]

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[^{F1}For the purposes of point (b), the Member States shall permit inclusion of interim or year-end profits before a formal decision has been taken only if these profits have been verified by persons responsible for the auditing of the accounts and if it is proved to the satisfaction of the competent authorities that the amount thereof has been evaluated in accordance with the principles set out in Directive 86/635/EEC and is net of any foreseeable charge or dividend.]

In the case of a credit institution which is the originator of a securitisation, net gains arising from the capitalisation of future income from the securitised assets and providing credit enhancement to positions in the securitisation shall be excluded from the item specified in point (b).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by Directive 2009/111/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 amending Directives 2006/48/EC, 2006/49/EC and 2007/64/EC as regards banks affiliated to central institutions, certain own funds items, large exposures, supervisory arrangements, and crisis management (Text with EEA relevance).
- F2** Inserted by Directive 2009/111/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 amending Directives 2006/48/EC, 2006/49/EC and 2007/64/EC as regards banks affiliated to central institutions, certain own funds items, large exposures, supervisory arrangements, and crisis management (Text with EEA relevance).
- F3** Substituted by Directive 2010/76/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 amending Directives 2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC as regards capital requirements for the trading book and for re-securitisations, and the supervisory review of remuneration policies (Text with EEA relevance).

Article 58

Where shares in another credit institution, financial institution, insurance or reinsurance undertaking or insurance holding company are held temporarily for the purposes of a financial assistance operation designed to reorganise and save that entity, the competent authority may waive the provisions on deduction referred to in points (l) to (p) of Article 57.

Article 59

As an alternative to the deduction of the items referred to in points (o) and (p) of Article 57, Member States may allow their credit institutions to apply mutatis mutandis methods 1, 2 or 3 of Annex I to Directive 2002/87/EC. Method 1 (accounting consolidation) may be applied only if the competent authority is confident about the level of integrated management and internal control regarding the entities which would be included in the scope of consolidation. The method chosen shall be applied in a consistent manner over time.

Article 60

Member States may provide that for the calculation of own funds on a stand-alone basis, credit institutions subject to supervision on a consolidated basis in accordance with Chapter 4, Section 1, or to supplementary supervision in accordance with Directive 2002/87/EC, need not deduct the items referred to in points (l) to (p) of Article 57 which are held in credit institutions, financial institutions, insurance or reinsurance undertakings or insurance holding companies, which are included in the scope of consolidated or supplementary supervision.

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This provision shall apply to all the prudential rules harmonised by Community acts.

Article 61

[^{F1}The concept of own funds as defined in Article 57(a) to (h) embodies a maximum number of items and amounts. Member States may decide on the use of those items and on the deduction of items other than those listed in Article 57(i) to (r).]

The items listed in points (a) to (e) of Article 57 shall be available to a credit institution for unrestricted and immediate use to cover risks or losses as soon as these occur. The amount shall be net of any foreseeable tax charge at the moment of its calculation or be suitably adjusted in so far as such tax charges reduce the amount up to which these items may be applied to cover risks or losses.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Directive 2009/111/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 amending Directives 2006/48/EC, 2006/49/EC and 2007/64/EC as regards banks affiliated to central institutions, certain own funds items, large exposures, supervisory arrangements, and crisis management \(Text with EEA relevance\).](#)

Article 62

Member States may report to the Commission on the progress achieved in convergence with a view to a common definition of own funds. On the basis of these reports the Commission shall, if appropriate, by 1 January 2009, submit a proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council for amendment of this Section.

Article 63

1 The concept of own funds used by a Member State may include other items provided that, whatever their legal or accounting designations might be, they have the following characteristics:

- a they are freely available to the credit institution to cover normal banking risks where revenue or capital losses have not yet been identified;
- b their existence is disclosed in internal accounting records; and
- c their amount is determined by the management of the credit institution, verified by independent auditors, made known to the competent authorities and placed under the supervision of the latter.

2 Securities of indeterminate duration and other instruments that fulfil the following conditions may also be accepted as other items:

- a they may not be reimbursed on the bearer's initiative or without the prior agreement of the competent authority;
- b the debt agreement shall provide for the credit institution to have the option of deferring the payment of interest on the debt;
- c the lender's claims on the credit institution shall be wholly subordinated to those of all non-subordinated creditors;
- d the documents governing the issue of the securities shall provide for debt and unpaid interest to be such as to absorb losses, whilst leaving the credit institution in a position to continue trading; and
- e only fully paid-up amounts shall be taken into account.

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To these securities and other instruments may be added cumulative preferential shares other than those referred to in point (h) of Article 57.

[^{F2}Instruments referred to in Article 57(ca) shall comply with the requirements set out in points (a), (c), (d) and (e) of this Article.]

3 For credit institutions calculating risk-weighted exposure amounts under Section 3, Subsection 2, positive amounts resulting from the calculation in Annex VII, Part 1, point 36, may, up to 0,6 % of risk weighted exposure amounts calculated under Subsection 2, be accepted as other items. For these credit institutions value adjustments and provisions included in the calculation referred to in Annex VII, Part 1, point 36 and value adjustments and provisions for exposures referred to in point (e) of Article 57 shall not be included in own funds other than in accordance with this paragraph. For these purposes, risk-weighted exposure amounts shall not include those calculated in respect of securitisation positions which have a risk weight of 1 250 %.

Textual Amendments

F2 Inserted by [Directive 2009/111/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 amending Directives 2006/48/EC, 2006/49/EC and 2007/64/EC as regards banks affiliated to central institutions, certain own funds items, large exposures, supervisory arrangements, and crisis management \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).

[^{F2}Article 63a

1 Instruments referred to in Article 57(ca) shall comply with the requirements set out in paragraphs 2 to 5 of this Article.

2 The instruments shall be undated or have an original maturity of at least 30 years. The instruments may include one or more call options at the sole discretion of the issuer, but they shall not be redeemed before five years after the date of issue. If the provisions governing undated instruments provide for a moderate incentive for the credit institution to redeem as determined by the competent authorities, such incentive shall not occur within 10 years of the date of issue. The provisions governing dated instruments shall not permit an incentive to redeem on a date other than the maturity date.

Dated and undated instruments may be called or redeemed only with the prior consent of the competent authorities. The competent authorities may grant permission provided the request is made at the initiative of the credit institution and either financial or solvency conditions of the credit institution are not unduly affected. The competent authorities may require institutions to replace the instrument by items of the same or better quality referred to in point (a) or (ca) of Article 57.

The competent authorities shall require the suspension of the redemption for dated instruments if the credit institution does not comply with the capital requirements set out in Article 75 and may require such suspension at other times based on the financial and solvency situation of credit institutions.

The competent authority may at any time grant permission for early redemption of dated or undated instruments in the event that there is a change in the applicable tax treatment or regulatory classification of such instruments which was unforeseen at the date of issue.

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3 The provisions governing the instrument shall allow the credit institution to cancel, when necessary, the payment of interest or dividends for an unlimited period of time, on a non-cumulative basis.

However, the credit institution shall cancel such payments if it does not comply with the capital requirements set out in Article 75.

The competent authorities may require the cancellation of such payments based on the financial and solvency situation of the credit institution. Any such cancellation shall not prejudice the right of the credit institution to substitute the payment of interest or dividend by a payment in the form of an instrument referred to in Article 57(a), provided that any such mechanism allows the credit institution to preserve financial resources. Such substitution may be subject to specific conditions established by the competent authorities.

[^{F4} The provisions governing the instrument shall provide for principal, unpaid interest or dividend to be such as to absorb losses and to not hinder the recapitalisation of the credit institution through appropriate mechanisms, as developed by EBA under paragraph 6.]

5 In the event of the bankruptcy or liquidation of the credit institution, the instruments shall rank after the items referred to in Article 63(2).

[^{F6} In order to ensure consistent harmonisation and to ensure the convergence of supervisory practices, EBA shall develop draft regulatory technical standards to specify the requirements applicable to the instruments referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article EBA shall submit those draft regulatory technical standards to the Commission by 1 January 2014. Power is delegated to the Commission to adopt the regulatory technical standards referred to in the first subparagraph in accordance with the procedure laid down in Articles 10 to 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010.

EBA shall also issue guidelines in relation to instruments referred to in point (a) of the first paragraph of Article 57.

EBA shall monitor the application of those guidelines.]]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by Directive 2009/111/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 amending Directives 2006/48/EC, 2006/49/EC and 2007/64/EC as regards banks affiliated to central institutions, certain own funds items, large exposures, supervisory arrangements, and crisis management (Text with EEA relevance).
- F4** Substituted by Directive 2010/78/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 amending Directives 98/26/EC, 2002/87/EC, 2003/6/EC, 2003/41/EC, 2003/71/EC, 2004/39/EC, 2004/109/EC, 2005/60/EC, 2006/48/EC, 2006/49/EC and 2009/65/EC in respect of the powers of the European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority), the European Supervisory Authority (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority) and the European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority) (Text with EEA relevance).

Article 64

1 The commitments of the members of credit institutions set up as cooperative societies referred to in point (g) of Article 57, shall comprise those societies' uncalled capital, together with the legal commitments of the members of those cooperative societies to make additional non-refundable payments should the credit institution incur a loss, in which case it shall be possible to demand those payments without delay.

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The joint and several commitments of borrowers in the case of credit institutions organised as funds shall be treated in the same way as the preceding items.

All such items may be included in own funds in so far as they are counted as the own funds of institutions of this category under national law.

2 Member States shall not include in the own funds of public credit institutions guarantees which they or their local authorities extend to such entities.

3 Member States or the competent authorities may include fixed-term cumulative preferential shares referred to in point (h) of Article 57 and subordinated loan capital referred to in that provision in own funds, if binding agreements exist under which, in the event of the bankruptcy or liquidation of the credit institution, they rank after the claims of all other creditors and are not to be repaid until all other debts outstanding at the time have been settled.

Subordinated loan capital shall fulfil the following additional criteria:

- a only fully paid-up funds may be taken into account;
- b the loans involved shall have an original maturity of at least five years, after which they may be repaid;
- c the extent to which they may rank as own funds shall be gradually reduced during at least the last five years before the repayment date; and
- d the loan agreement shall not include any clause providing that in specified circumstances, other than the winding-up of the credit institution, the debt shall become repayable before the agreed repayment date.

For the purposes of point (b) of the second subparagraph, if the maturity of the debt is not fixed, the loans involved shall be repayable only subject to five years' notice unless the loans are no longer considered as own funds or unless the prior consent of the competent authorities is specifically required for early repayment. The competent authorities may grant permission for the early repayment of such loans provided the request is made at the initiative of the issuer and the solvency of the credit institution in question is not affected.

4 Credit institutions shall not include in own funds either the fair value reserves related to gains or losses on cash flow hedges of financial instruments measured at amortised cost, or any gains or losses on their liabilities valued at fair value that are due to changes in the credit institutions' own credit standing.

[^{F5} Credit institutions shall apply the requirements of Part B of Annex VII to Directive 2006/49/EC to all their assets measured at fair value when calculating the amount of own funds and shall deduct from the total of the items (a) to (ca) minus (i) to (k) in Article 57 the amount of any additional value adjustments necessary. The Committee of European Banking Supervisors shall establish guidelines regarding the details of the application of this provision.]

Textual Amendments

- F5** Inserted by [Directive 2010/76/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 amending Directives 2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC as regards capital requirements for the trading book and for re-securitisations, and the supervisory review of remuneration policies \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).

Article 65

1 Where the calculation is to be made on a consolidated basis, the consolidated amounts relating to the items listed under Article 57 shall be used in accordance with the rules laid down

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in Chapter 4, Section 1. Moreover, the following may, when they are credit ('negative') items, be regarded as consolidated reserves for the calculation of own funds:

- [^{F1}a any minority interests within the meaning of Article 21 of Directive 83/349/EEC, where the global integration method is used. Any instruments referred to in Article 57(ca), which give rise to minority interests shall meet the requirements under points (a), (c), (d) and (e) of Article 63(2) and Articles 63a and 66;]
- b the first consolidation difference within the meaning of Articles 19, 30 and 31 of Directive 83/349/EEC;
- c the translation differences included in consolidated reserves in accordance with Article 39(6) of Directive 86/635/EEC; and
- d any difference resulting from the inclusion of certain participating interests in accordance with the method prescribed in Article 33 of Directive 83/349/EEC.

2 Where the items referred to in points (a) to (d) of paragraph 1 are debit ('positive') items, they shall be deducted in the calculation of consolidated own funds.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Directive 2009/111/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 amending Directives 2006/48/EC, 2006/49/EC and 2007/64/EC as regards banks affiliated to central institutions, certain own funds items, large exposures, supervisory arrangements, and crisis management \(Text with EEA relevance\).](#)

Article 66

- [^{F1}1 The items referred to in Article 57(d) to (h) shall be subject to the following limits:
- a the total of the items referred to in Article 57(d) to (h) must not exceed a maximum of 100 % of the items in points (a) to (ca) minus (i), (j) and (k) of that Article; and
 - b the total of the items referred to in Article 57(g) to (h) must not exceed a maximum of 50 % of the items in points (a) to (ca) minus (i), (j) and (k) of that Article.
- 1a Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this Article, the total of the items in Article 57(ca) shall be subject to the following limits:
- a instruments that must be converted during emergency situations and may be converted at the initiative of the competent authority, at any time, based on the financial and solvency situation of the issuer into items referred to in Article 57(a) within a pre-determined range must in total not exceed a maximum of 50 % of the items in points (a) to (ca) minus (i), (j) and (k) of that article;
 - b within the limit referred to in point (a) of this paragraph, all other instruments must not exceed a maximum of 35 % of the items in points (a) to (ca) minus (i), (j) and (k) of Article 57;
 - c within the limits referred to in points (a) and (b) of this paragraph, dated instruments and instruments with provisions that provide for an incentive for the credit institution to redeem must not exceed a maximum of 15 % of the items in points (a) to (ca) minus (i), (j) and (k) of Article 57;
 - d the amount of items exceeding the limits set out in points (a), (b) and (c) must be subject to the limit set out in paragraph 1 of this Article.]
- [^{F3}2 Half of the total of the items in Article 57(l) to (r) shall be deducted from the total of the items in points (a) to (ca) minus (i) to (k) of that Article, and half from the total of the items in points (d) to (h) of that Article, after application of the limits laid down in paragraph 1 of this Article. To the extent that half of the total of the items in points (l) to (r) exceeds the total of the

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items in Article 57(d) to (h), the excess shall be deducted from the total of the items in points (a) to (ca) minus (i) to (k) of that Article.

Items in Article 57(r) shall not be deducted if they have been included for the purposes of Article 75 in the calculation of risk-weighted exposure amounts as specified in this Directive or in the calculation of capital requirements as specified in Annex I or V to Directive 2006/49/EC.]

3 For the purposes of Sections 5 and 6, the provisions laid down in this Section shall be read without taking into account the items referred to in points (q) and (r) of Article 57 and Article 63(3).

[^{F14} The competent authorities may authorise credit institutions to exceed the limits laid down in paragraphs 1 and 1a temporarily during emergency situations.]

Textual Amendments

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Article 67

Compliance with the conditions laid down in this Section shall be proved to the satisfaction of the competent authorities.

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- (1) First Council Directive 73/239/EEC of 24 July 1973 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the taking-up and pursuit of the business of direct insurance other than life assurance (OJ L 228, 16.8.1973, p. 3). Directive as last amended by Directive 2005/1/EC.
- (2) Directive 2002/83/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 November 2002 concerning life assurance (OJ L 345, 19.12.2002, p. 1). Directive as last amended by Directive 2005/1/EC.
- (3) Directive 98/78/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 1998 on the supplementary supervision of insurance undertakings in an insurance group (OJ L 330, 5.12.1998, p. 1). Directive as last amended by Directive 2005/1/EC.