

Directive 2009/138/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council  
of 25 November 2009 on the taking-up and pursuit of the business of  
Insurance and Reinsurance (Solvency II) (recast) (Text with EEA relevance)

TITLE I

**GENERAL RULES ON THE TAKING-UP AND PURSUIT OF  
DIRECT INSURANCE AND REINSURANCE ACTIVITIES**

CHAPTER VI

**Rules relating to the valuation of assets and liabilities, technical provisions, own funds,  
Solvency Capital Requirement, Minimum Capital Requirement and investment rules**

Section 6

**Investments**

*Article 133*

**Freedom of investment**

- 1 Member States shall not require insurance and reinsurance undertakings to invest in particular categories of asset.
- 2 Member States shall not subject the investment decisions of an insurance or reinsurance undertaking or its investment manager to any kind of prior approval or systematic notification requirements.
- 3 This Article is without prejudice to Member States' requirements restricting the types of assets or reference values to which policy benefits may be linked. Any such rules shall be applied only where the investment risk is borne by a policy holder who is a natural person and shall not be more restrictive than those set out in the Directive 85/611/EEC.