

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35 of 10 October 2014
supplementing Directive 2009/138/EC of the European Parliament
and of the Council on the taking-up and pursuit of the business of
Insurance and Reinsurance (Solvency II) (Text with EEA relevance)

TITLE I

[^{X1}VALUATION AND RISK-BASED CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS
(PILLAR I), ENHANCED GOVERNANCE (PILLAR II)
AND INCREASED TRANSPARENCY (PILLAR III)]

CHAPTER IV

OWN FUNDS

SECTION 2

Classification of own funds

Article 77

Tier 3 Basic own-funds– Features determining classification

- 1 The features referred to in Article 76 shall be the following:
- a the basic own-fund item, in the case of items referred to in points (a)(i) and (ii) and point (b) of Article 76, ranks after the claims of all policy holders and beneficiaries and non-subordinated creditors;
 - b the basic own-fund item does not include features which may cause the insolvency of the insurance or reinsurance undertaking or may accelerate the process of the undertaking becoming insolvent;
 - c the basic own-fund item, in the case of items referred to in points (a)(i) and (ii) and point (b) of Article 76, is undated or has an original maturity of at least 5 years, where the maturity date is the first contractual opportunity to repay or redeem the basic own-fund item;
 - d the basic own-fund item, in the case of items referred to in points (a)(i) and (ii) and point (b) of Article 76, is only repayable or redeemable at the option of the insurance or reinsurance undertaking and the repayment or redemption of the basic own-fund item is subject to prior supervisory approval;
 - e the basic own-fund item, in the case of items referred to in points (a)(i) and (ii) and point (b) of Article 76, may include limited incentives to repay or redeem that basic own-fund item;
 - f the basic own-fund item, in the case of items referred to in points (a)(i) and (ii) and point (b) of Article 76, provides for the suspension of repayment or redemption where there is non-compliance with the Solvency Capital Requirement or repayment or redemption would lead to such non-compliance until the undertaking complies with

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- the Solvency Capital Requirement and the repayment or redemption would not lead to non-compliance with the Solvency Capital Requirement;
- g the basic own-fund item, in the case of items referred to in points (a)(i) and (ii) and point (b) of Article 76, provides for the deferral of distributions where there is non-compliance with the Minimum Capital Requirement or the distribution would lead to such non-compliance until the undertaking complies with the Minimum Capital Requirement and the distribution would not lead to non-compliance with the Minimum Capital Requirement;
- h the basic own-fund item is free from encumbrances and is not connected with any other transaction, which could undermine the features that the item is required to possess in accordance with this Article.

Notwithstanding point (f), the basic own-fund item may only allow for the repayment or redemption of that item where there is non-compliance with the Solvency Capital Requirement or repayment or redemption would lead to such non-compliance, where all the following conditions are met:

- (i) the supervisory authority has exceptionally waived the suspension of repayment or redemption of that item;
- (ii) the item is exchanged for or converted into another Tier 1, Tier 2 basic own-fund item or Tier 3 basic own-fund item of at least the same quality;
- (iii) the Minimum Capital Requirement is complied with after the repayment or redemption.

2 For the purposes of this Article, the exchange or conversion of a basic own-fund item into another Tier 1, Tier 2 basic own-fund item or Tier 3 basic own-fund item or the repayment or redemption of a Tier 3 basic own-fund item out of the proceeds of a new basic own-fund item of at least the same quality shall not be deemed to be a repayment or redemption, provided that the exchange, conversion, repayment or redemption is subject to the approval of the supervisory authority.

3 For the purposes of point (f) of paragraph 1, references to the Solvency Capital Requirement shall be read as references to the Minimum Capital Requirement where non-compliance with the Minimum Capital Requirement occurs before non-compliance with the Solvency Capital Requirement.

4 For the purposes of point (e) of paragraph 1, undertakings shall consider incentives to redeem in the form of an interest rate step-up associated with a call option as limited where the step-up takes the form of a single increase in the coupon rate and results in an increase in the initial rate that is no greater than the higher of the following amounts:

- a 100 basis points, less the swap spread between the initial index basis and the stepped-up index basis;
- b 50 % of the initial credit spread, less the swap spread between the initial index basis and the stepped-up index basis.

[^{F15} Notwithstanding the requirement in point (c) of paragraph 1, the basic own-fund item may allow for repayment or redemption sooner than 5 years after the date of issuance where all of the following conditions are met:

- a the undertaking's Solvency Capital Requirement, after the repayment or redemption, will be exceeded by an appropriate margin, taking into account the solvency position of the undertaking, including the undertaking's medium-term capital management plan;
- b the circumstances are as described in point (i) or point (ii):

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- (i) there is a change in the regulatory classification of the basic own-fund item which would be likely to result in its exclusion from own funds, and both of the following conditions are met:
 - the supervisory authority considers such a change to be sufficiently certain;
 - the undertaking demonstrates to the satisfaction of the supervisory authority that the regulatory reclassification of the basic own-fund item was not reasonably foreseeable at the time of its issuance;
- (ii) there is a change in the applicable tax treatment of the basic own-fund item which the undertaking demonstrates to the satisfaction of the supervisory authority is material and was not reasonably foreseeable at the time of its issuance.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Inserted by [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2019/981 of 8 March 2019 amending Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2015/35 supplementing Directive 2009/138/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the taking-up and pursuit of the business of Insurance and Reinsurance \(Solvency II\)](#) (Text with EEA relevance).

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- [Recital 53 Sentence 1 replacement by EUR 2016/2283 Regulation](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions

- [Art. 1\(18a\) words substituted by S.I. 2024/705 Sch. 2 para. 27\(a\)](#)
- [Art. 1\(18b\)\(a\) substituted by S.I. 2024/705 Sch. 2 para. 27\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- [Art. 1\(18b\)\(a\) word omitted by S.I. 2024/705 Sch. 2 para. 27\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- [Art. 1\(18b\)\(c\) and word inserted by S.I. 2024/705 Sch. 2 para. 27\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
- [Art. 1\(19\) words substituted by S.I. 2024/705 Sch. 2 para. 27\(c\)](#)
- [Art. 1\(20\) words substituted by S.I. 2024/705 Sch. 2 para. 27\(d\)](#)
- [Art. 1\(21\) words substituted by S.I. 2024/705 Sch. 2 para. 27\(e\)](#)
- [Art. 1\(22\) words substituted by S.I. 2024/705 Sch. 2 para. 27\(f\)](#)
- [Art. 1\(23\) words substituted by S.I. 2024/705 Sch. 2 para. 27\(g\)](#)
- [Art. 177\(2\)\(b\) words omitted by S.I. 2019/407 reg. 11\(25\)\(a\) \(This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 11\(25\)\(39\) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2019/710, regs. 1\(2\), 22\)](#)
- [Art. 177\(2\)\(h\)\(i\) words omitted by S.I. 2019/407 reg. 11\(25\)\(b\)\(ii\) \(This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 11\(25\)\(39\) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2019/710, regs. 1\(2\), 22\)](#)
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- [Art. 177\(5\)\(a\) words substituted by S.I. 2019/407 reg. 11\(25\)\(f\) \(This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 11\(25\)\(39\) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2019/710, regs. 1\(2\), 22\)](#)
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- [Art. 257\(1A\) inserted by S.I. 2024/705 Sch. 2 para. 28\(3\)](#)
- [Art. 257\(6\) inserted by S.I. 2024/705 Sch. 2 para. 28\(7\)](#)