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#### TITLE I

# [XIVALUATION AND RISK-BASED CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS (PILLAR I), ENHANCED GOVERNANCE (PILLAR II) AND INCREASED TRANSPARENCY (PILLAR III)]

# CHAPTER X

#### **CAPITAL ADD-ON**

#### SECTION 1

#### Circumstances for imposing a capital add-on

#### Article 276

# Assessment of a significant deviation as regards the SCR

- F1... In concluding that the risk profile of an insurance or reinsurance undertaking deviates significantly from the assumptions underlying the Solvency Capital Requirement as calculated using the standard formula or an internal model, supervisory authorities shall take into account all relevant factors including all of the following:
- (a) the nature, type and size of the deviation;
- (b) the likelihood and severity of any adverse impact on policyholders and beneficiaries;
- (c) the level of sensitivity of the assumptions to which the deviation relates;
- (d) the anticipated duration and volatility of the deviation over the duration of the deviation.

# **Textual Amendments**

F1 Words in Art. 276 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), 11(41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)

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#### Article 277

# Assessment of a significant deviation as regards the governance

[F2In] concluding that the system of governance of an insurance or reinsurance undertaking deviates significantly from the standards laid down in Title I, Chapter IV, Section 2 of that Directive, supervisory authorities shall take into account all relevant factors including all of the following:

- (a) the effect of the deviation from the governance standards as laid down in Title I, Chapter IV, Section 2 of Directive 2009/138/EC on the sound and prudent management of the business and whether the deviation arises from an inadequate implementation of a requirement relating to the system of governance or a failure to implement such a requirement;
- (b) the likelihood and severity of any adverse impact on policyholders and beneficiaries;
- (c) the different ways of organising an effective system of governance which is proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of the risks inherent in the business of the undertaking;
- (d) the probable financial loss the undertaking could incur as a consequence of the deviation;
- (e) the anticipated duration of the deviation.

#### **Textual Amendments**

F2 Word in Art. 277 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), 11(42) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)

# Article 278

# Assessment of a significant deviation as regards adjustments to the relevant risk-free rate and transitional measures

- [F3In] concluding that the risk profile of an insurance or reinsurance undertaking deviates significantly from the assumptions underlying the matching adjustment F4..., the volatility adjustment referred to in [F5Article 77d of Directive 2009/138/EC] or the transitional measures referred to in Article 308c and 308d of that Directive, supervisory authorities shall take into account all relevant factors including all of the following:
  - a the nature, type and size of the deviation;
  - b the likelihood and severity of any adverse impact on policyholders and beneficiaries;
  - c the level of sensitivity of the assumptions to which the deviation relates;
  - d the anticipated duration and volatility of the deviation over the duration of the deviation;
  - e the impact of the deviation on the Solvency Capital Requirement and own funds of the undertaking.
- With respect to the matching adjustment and transitional measures and F6... the volatility adjustment, F7... where supervisory authorities have allowed an insurance or

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reinsurance undertaking to use one of these adjustments or transitional measures, they may impose a capital add-on <sup>F8</sup>... only in circumstances where the deviation from the assumptions underlying the adjustments or transitional measures is of a temporary nature and does not justify revoking the supervisory approval for the use of the adjustment or the transitional measure.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- Word in Art. 278(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), 11(43)(a) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F4 Words in Art. 278(1) omitted (30.6.2024) by virtue of The Insurance and Reinsurance Undertakings (Prudential Requirements) (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/594), regs. 1(2), 6(10)(a) (with reg. 3)
- F5 Words in Art. 278(1) substituted (30.6.2024) by The Insurance and Reinsurance Undertakings (Prudential Requirements) (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/594), regs. 1(2), 6(10)(b) (with reg. 3)
- Words in Art. 278(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), 11(43)(b)(i) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F7 Words in Art. 278(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), 11(43)(b)(ii) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F8 Words in Art. 278(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), 11(43)(b)(iii) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)

#### Article 279

# Add-ons in relation to deviations from Solvency Capital Requirement assumptions

- Where the modified Solvency Capital Requirement as calculated under Article 282(a) exceeds the Solvency Capital Requirement as calculated under 282(b) by 10 percent or more, supervisory authorities shall conclude that the risk profile of the insurance or reinsurance undertaking deviates significantly from the assumptions underlying the Solvency Capital Requirement F9..., unless they have strong evidence that this is not the case on the basis of the factors set out in article 276.
- Where the modified Solvency Capital Requirement as calculated in Article 282(a) exceeds the Solvency Capital Requirement as calculated in 282(b) by 15 percent or more, supervisory authorities shall conclude that the risk profile of the insurance or reinsurance undertaking deviates significantly from the assumptions underlying the Solvency Capital Requirement F9....

#### **Textual Amendments**

F9 Words in Art. 279 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), 11(44) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)

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#### Article 280

# Assessment of the requirement to use an internal model

- 1 [F10The] circumstances in which the requirement to use an internal model is inappropriate include those where the estimated financial and other resources required to develop the internal model are disproportionate to the size of the deviation of the risk profile of the undertaking from the assumptions underlying the Solvency Capital Requirement.
- <sup>[F10]</sup>The] requirement to use an internal model is ineffective where no internal model has been developed or where the developed internal model fails to meet the general conditions for the approval of full and partial internal models as set out in Title I, Chapter VI, Section 4, Subsections 1 and 3 of Directive 2009/138/EC.

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F10** Word in Art. 280 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), 11(45) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)

#### Article 281

# Appropriate timeframe for adapting the internal model

[FII] concluding that the adaptation of the internal model to better reflect the given risk profile has failed or that the application of other measures is unlikely to improve deficiencies, supervisory authorities shall take account of all relevant factors in determining an appropriate timeframe, including the likelihood and severity of any adverse impact on policy holders and beneficiaries. That timeframe shall not exceed 6 months.

#### **Textual Amendments**

F11 Word in Art. 281 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), 11(46) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)

# SECTION 2

#### Methodologies for calculating capital add-ons

#### Article 282

# Calculation of add-ons in relation to deviations from SCR assumptions

For the purposes of imposing a capital add-on [F12 in relation to deviations from SCR assumptions], supervisory authorities shall calculate the capital add-on as the difference, at a given point in time, between the following:

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- (a) the Solvency Capital Requirement of the insurance or reinsurance undertaking, excluding any previous or simultaneous capital add-on, that would be calculated if the standard formula or internal model, as appropriate, were modified so as to reflect the actual risk profile of the insurance or reinsurance undertaking and to ensure compliance with Article 101(3) of Directive 2009/138/EC;
- (b) the Solvency Capital Requirement of the insurance or reinsurance undertaking, excluding any previous or simultaneous capital add-on.

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F12** Words in Art. 282 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), **11(47)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)

#### Article 283

#### Scope and approach of modifications as regards a deviation from SCR assumptions

- In calculating the amount referred to in Article 282(a), supervisory authorities shall consider the aspects of the standard formula or the internal model which gave rise to the deviation of the risk profile assumed under the standard formula or the internal model from the actual risk profile of the undertaking including, where relevant, quantifiable risks not taken into account by the standard formula or the internal model, the structure of the formula or the model, aggregation methods, parameters, and assumptions.
- For the purposes of paragraph 1, supervisory authorities shall modify the assumptions and parameters underlying the Solvency Capital Requirement as calculated using the standard formula or internal model in order for those assumptions or parameters to properly reflect the actual risk profile of the insurance or reinsurance undertaking and to ensure compliance with Article 101(3) of Directive 2009/138/EC.
- Where the modifications referred to in paragraph 2 are insufficient or inappropriate to calculate the amount referred to in Article 282(a), alternative methodologies which go beyond modifying assumptions or parameters shall be used for the purposes of the calculation referred to in Article 282(a).
- Any modification referred to in paragraph 2 or alternative methodology referred to in paragraph 3 shall use adequate, applicable and relevant actuarial and statistical techniques and shall be based on accurate, complete and appropriate data of the undertaking, or where these are not available, data which is directly relevant for the operations of that undertaking.
- Where alternative methodologies referred to in paragraph 3 are insufficient or inappropriate, supervisory authorities may calculate the Solvency Capital Requirement for the purposes of Article 282(a) by comparing the Solvency Capital Requirements of undertakings with similar risk profiles.
- For the purposes of paragraphs 4 and 5, supervisory authorities may use information relating to other insurance or reinsurance undertakings with similar risk profiles provided that the supervisory authorities ensure that the reasons for their decision to set a capital add-on are stated <sup>F13</sup>... and that this statement will comply with the professional secrecy requirements in [<sup>F14</sup>section 348 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000].

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- Supervisory authorities shall not set off aspects of the risk profile deviation, which indicate that a lower Solvency Capital Requirement would better reflect the insurance or reinsurance undertaking's actual risk profile, against the other aspects which indicate that a higher Solvency Capital Requirement is appropriate, unless the insurance or reinsurance undertaking satisfies all of the following requirements:
  - a modification or a methodology exists which complies with the requirements set out in paragraph 4 to quantify the impact on the amount referred to in Article 282(a) of the aspects which indicate a lower Solvency Capital Requirement;
  - it would be inappropriate to address the aspects which indicate a lower Solvency Capital Requirement by replacing standard parameters by parameters specific to the undertaking in accordance with Article 104(7) of Directive 2009/138/EC or by using an internal model in accordance with Article 112 of that Directive;
  - the overall Solvency Capital Requirement that would result after setting off the risk profile deviations against each other complies with Article 101(3) of Directive 2009/138/EC.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F13 Words in Art. 283(6) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), 11(48)(a) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F14 Words in Art. 283(6) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), 11(48)(b) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)

### Article 284

# Calculation of add-ons in relation to adjustments to the relevant risk-free rate or transitional measures

For the purposes of imposing a capital add-on [F15 in relation to assumptions underlying the relevant risk-free rate or transitional measures], supervisory authorities shall calculate the capital add-on as the sum, at a given point in time, of the following amounts:

- (a) the negative of the amount of eligible own funds that would be calculated if the adjustment or transitional measure was modified in a manner that the assumptions underlying the adjustment or transitional measure would fit the actual assets, liabilities and risk profile of the insurance or reinsurance undertaking:
- the amount of the Solvency Capital Requirement, excluding any previous or (b) simultaneous capital add-on, that would be calculated if the adjustment or transitional measure was modified in a manner that the assumptions underlying the adjustment or transitional measure would fit the actual assets, liabilities and risk profile of the insurance or reinsurance undertaking, and ensure compliance with Article 101(3) of Directive 2009/138/EC;
- the amount of eligible own funds; (c)
- the negative of the amount of the Solvency Capital Requirement, excluding any (d) previous or simultaneous capital add-on, of the insurance or reinsurance undertaking.

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#### **Textual Amendments**

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#### Article 285

# Scope and approach of modifications as regards adjustments to the relevant risk-free rate and transitional measures

- In calculating the amounts referred to in Article 284(a) and (b), supervisory authorities shall consider the features of the undertaking's assets, liabilities or risk profile which gave rise to the deviation from the assumptions underlying the adjustment or transitional measure.
- For the purposes of paragraph 1, supervisory authorities shall modify the adjustment or transitional measure and the calculation of the Solvency Capital Requirement in a manner that the assumptions underlying the adjustment or transitional measure would fit the actual assets, liabilities and risk profile of the insurance or reinsurance undertaking, and ensure compliance with Article 101(3) of Directive 2009/138/EC;
- Any modification referred to in paragraph 2 shall use adequate, applicable and relevant actuarial and statistical techniques and shall be based on accurate, complete and appropriate data of the undertaking, or where these are not available, data which is directly relevant for the operations of that undertaking.

# Article 286

# Calculation of add-ons in relation to deviations from governance standards

For the purposes of calculating a capital add-on [F16in relation to deviations from governance standards], supervisory authorities shall take into account all relevant factors including all of the following:

- (a) where appropriate, the factors referred to in Article 277;
- (b) where appropriate, capital add-ons set previously for comparable deviations of other insurance or reinsurance undertakings with similar risk profiles provided that supervisory authorities ensure that the reasons for their decision to set a capital add-on are stated <sup>F17</sup>... and this statement complies with the professional secrecy requirements set out in [F18 section 348 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000].

#### **Textual Amendments**

- **F16** Words in Art. 286 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), **11(50)(a)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)
- F17 Words in Art. 286(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), 11(50)(b)(i) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)

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**F18** Words in Art. 286(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), **11(50)(b)(ii)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)

# Article 287

# Apportionment of add-ons for undertakings which simultaneously pursue life and non-life insurance activities

- When calculating a capital add-on in relation to an insurance undertaking [F19that simultaneously pursues life and non-life insurance activities], supervisory authorities shall calculate a notional life capital add-on and a notional non-life capital add-on.
- Where the causes of the relevant deviations can be objectively apportioned between the life insurance activity and the non-life insurance activity, supervisory authorities shall calculate the notional life capital add-on and the notional non-life capital add-on according to the same apportionment.
- Where an apportionment in accordance with paragraph 2 is not possible, supervisory authorities shall calculate the notional life capital add-on and notional non-life capital add-on in the same way as the apportionment between the notional life Minimum Capital Requirement and the notional non-life Minimum Capital Requirement as referred to in Article 74(2) of Directive 2009/138/EC.

# **Textual Amendments**

**F19** Words in Art. 287(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Solvency 2 and Insurance (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/407), regs. 1(2), **11(51)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(2), 54(2) and with savings in S.I. 2019/680, reg. 11)

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- 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)
- Art. 177(2)(h)(i) words substituted by S.I. 2019/407 reg. 11(25)(b)(i) (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)(r) words substituted by S.I. 2019/407 reg. 11(25)(c) (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)(s) words substituted by S.I. 2019/407 reg. 11(25)(c) (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)(t) words substituted by S.I. 2019/407 reg. 11(25)(d) (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(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)
- Art. 177(5)(c) 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)
- 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)