



# Financial Services and Markets Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 8

### PART XXVI

#### NOTICES

##### *The Authority's procedures*

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- (1) The Authority must determine the procedure that it proposes to follow in relation to the giving of—
  - (a) supervisory notices; and
  - (b) warning notices and decision notices.
- (2) That procedure must be designed to secure, among other things, that the decision which gives rise to the obligation to give any such notice is taken by a person not directly involved in establishing the evidence on which that decision is based.
- (3) But the procedure may permit a decision which gives rise to an obligation to give a supervisory notice to be taken by a person other than a person mentioned in subsection (2) if—
  - (a) the Authority considers that, in the particular case, it is necessary in order to protect the interests of consumers; and
  - (b) the person taking the decision is of a level of seniority laid down by the procedure.
- (4) A level of seniority laid down by the procedure for the purposes of subsection (3)(b) must be appropriate to the importance of the decision.
- (5) The Authority must issue a statement of the procedure.
- (6) The statement must be published in the way appearing to the Authority to be best calculated to bring it to the attention of the public.

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- (7) The Authority may charge a reasonable fee for providing a person with a copy of the statement.
- (8) The Authority must, without delay, give the Treasury a copy of any statement which it issues under this section.
- (9) When giving a supervisory notice, or a warning notice or decision notice, the Authority must follow its stated procedure.
- (10) If the Authority changes the procedure in a material way, it must publish a revised statement.
- (11) The Authority's failure in a particular case to follow its procedure as set out in the latest published statement does not affect the validity of a notice given in that case.
- (12) But subsection (11) does not prevent the Tribunal from taking into account any such failure in considering a matter referred to it.
- (13) "Supervisory notice" means a notice given in accordance with section—
  - (a) 53(4), (7) or (8)(b);
  - (b) 78(2) or (5);
  - (c) 197(3), (6) or (7)(b);
  - (d) 259(3), (8) or (9)(b);
  - (e) 268(3), (7)(a) or (9)(a) (as a result of subsection (8)(b));
  - (f) 282(3), (6) or (7)(b);
  - (g) 321(2) or (5).

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 395 applied (1.12.2001) by S.I. 2001/1228, **regs. 1(2)(c), 10** (with reg. 1(2)(3)); S.I. 2001/3538, **art. 2(1)**  
S. 395 amended (1.12.2001) by S.I. 2001/1228, **regs. 1(2)(c), 27(15)** (with reg. 1(2)(3)); S.I. 2001/3538, **art. 2(1)**
- C2** S. 395 applied (N.I.) (1.11.2004) by Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 (S.R. 2004/335), **regs. 1(1)(b), 10** (with reg. 1(2))
- C3** S. 395 modified (N.I.) (1.11.2004) by Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 (S.R. 2004/335), **regs. 1(1)(b), 27(15)** (with reg. 1(2))
- C4** S. 395(1)(9) excluded (1.12.2001) by S.I. 2001/2957, **arts. 1, 12(9)**; S.I. 2001/3538, **art. 2(1)**

**396 Statements under section 395: consultation.**

- (1) Before issuing a statement of procedure under section 395, the Authority must publish a draft of the proposed statement in the way appearing to the Authority to be best calculated to bring it to the attention of the public.
- (2) The draft must be accompanied by notice that representations about the proposal may be made to the Authority within a specified time.
- (3) Before issuing the proposed statement of procedure, the Authority must have regard to any representations made to it in accordance with subsection (2).
- (4) If the Authority issues the proposed statement of procedure it must publish an account, in general terms, of—

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- (a) the representations made to it in accordance with subsection (2); and
  - (b) its response to them.
- (5) If the statement of procedure differs from the draft published under subsection (1) in a way which is, in the opinion of the Authority, significant, the Authority must (in addition to complying with subsection (4)) publish details of the difference.
- (6) The Authority may charge a reasonable fee for providing a person with a copy of a draft published under subsection (1).
- (7) This section also applies to a proposal to revise a statement of policy.

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