



# Financial Services and Markets Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 8

### PART XIV

#### DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

#### **208 Decision notice.**

(1) If [<sup>F1</sup>a regulator] decides—

- (a) to publish a statement under section 205 (whether or not in the terms proposed), <sup>F2</sup> . . .
- (b) to impose a penalty under section 206 (whether or not of the amount proposed), [<sup>F3</sup> or
- (c) to suspend a permission or impose a restriction under section 206A (whether or not in the manner proposed).]

it must without delay give the authorised person concerned a decision notice.

(2) In the case of a statement, the decision notice must set out the terms of the statement.

(3) In the case of a penalty, the decision notice must state the amount of the penalty.

[<sup>F4</sup>(3A) In the case of a suspension or restriction, the decision notice must state the period for which the suspension or restriction is to have effect.]

(4) If [<sup>F5</sup>a regulator] decides to—

- (a) publish a statement in respect of an authorised person under section 205, <sup>F6</sup> . . .
- (b) impose a penalty on an authorised person under section 206, [<sup>F7</sup> or
- (c) suspend a permission of an authorised person, or impose a restriction in relation to the carrying on of a regulated activity by an authorised person, under section 206A,]

the authorised person may refer the matter to the Tribunal.

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 208(1) substituted (1.4.2013) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 122(3), **Sch. 9 para. 15** (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/423](#), art. 3, [Sch.](#)
- F2** Word in s. 208(1) omitted (8.6.2010) by virtue of [Financial Services Act 2010 \(c. 28\)](#), ss. 24(1), 26(2)(d)(e), **Sch. 2 para. 19(2)**
- F3** S. 208(1)(c) and preceding word inserted (8.6.2010) by [Financial Services Act 2010 \(c. 28\)](#), ss. 24(1), 26(2)(d)(e), **Sch. 2 para. 19(2)**
- F4** S. 208(3A) inserted (8.6.2010) by [Financial Services Act 2010 \(c. 28\)](#), ss. 24(1), 26(2)(d)(e), **Sch. 2 para. 19(3)**
- F5** Words in s. 208(4) substituted (1.4.2013) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 122(3), **Sch. 9 para. 15** (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/423](#), art. 3, [Sch.](#)
- F6** Word in s. 208(4) omitted (8.6.2010) by virtue of [Financial Services Act 2010 \(c. 28\)](#), ss. 24(1), 26(2)(d)(e), **Sch. 2 para. 19(4)**
- F7** S. 208(4)(c) and preceding word inserted (8.6.2010) by [Financial Services Act 2010 \(c. 28\)](#), ss. 24(1), 26(2)(d)(e), **Sch. 2 para. 19(4)**

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 14 applied (with modifications) (26.7.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [The Financial Services Act 2012 \(Consumer Credit\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1882\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3(7)**
- C2** Pt. 14 applied (with modifications) (26.7.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Regulated Activities\) \(Amendment\) \(No.2\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1881\)](#), arts. 1(2)(6), **12(10)**
- C3** Pt. 14 modified (E.W.S.) (29.11.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2019 in so far as not already in force) by [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Claims Management Activity\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1253\)](#), arts. 1(2)(3), **82(13)**
- C4** S. 208 excluded (1.12.2001) by [S.I. 2001/3592](#), **arts. 1(2)**, 61(5), 110(6) (with art. 23(2))
- C5** S. 208 modified (18.7.2002 for certain purposes and 21.8.2002 otherwise) by [The Electronic Commerce Directive \(Financial Services and Markets\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/1775\)](#), regs. 1, **12(1)**
- C6** Ss. 207-211 applied (22.7.2013) by [The Alternative Investment Fund Managers Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1773\)](#), regs. 1, **71(3)**
- C7** Ss. 204A-209 modified by [S.I. 2002/1775](#), reg. 12(1)(1A) (as substituted (24.3.2015) by [The Electronic Commerce Directive \(Financial Services and Markets\) \(Amendment\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/852\)](#), arts. 1(2), **2(3)**)
- C8** Ss. 207-211 applied (20.4.2015 for specified purposes, 21.12.2015 for specified purposes, 21.3.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [The Mortgage Credit Directive Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/910\)](#), arts. 1(5), **23(4)** (with Pt. 4)
- C9** S. 208 modified (E.W.S.) (29.11.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2019 in so far as not already in force) by [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Claims Management Activity\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1253\)](#), arts. 1(2)(3), **51(2)(3)**
- C10** S. 208 modified (E.W.S.) (29.11.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2019 in so far as not already in force) by [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Claims Management Activity\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1253\)](#), arts. 1(2)(3), **52(4)(5)**
- C11** S. 208 applied (31.5.2021) by [The Civil Liability Act 2018 \(Financial Conduct Authority\) \(Whiplash\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/594\)](#), regs. 1, **2(5)(f)**
- C12** S. 208 applied (with modifications) (8.6.2023 for specified purposes, 7.10.2023 in so far as not already in force) by [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Financial Promotion\) \(Amendment\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/612\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 21** (with art. 11)
- C13** S. 208(1)(a)(b) modified (1.12.2001) by [S.I. 2001/3592](#), **arts. 1(2)**, 68(2), 69(2) (with art. 23(2))

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- C14** S. 208(4) excluded (26.7.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Regulated Activities\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1881\)](#), arts. 1(2)(6), **45(3)**
- C15** S. 208(4) excluded (E.W.S.) (29.11.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2019 in so far as not already in force) by [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Claims Management Activity\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1253\)](#), arts. 1(2)(3), **48(4)**
- C16** S. 208(4) excluded (E.W.S.) (29.11.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2019 in so far as not already in force) by [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Claims Management Activity\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1253\)](#), arts. 1(2)(3), **53(3)**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act power to apply conferred (temp. until 15.5.2039) by [2014 c. 21 s. 79\(4\)](#)
- Act power to apply conferred (temp. until 15.5.2039) by [2014 c. 21 s. 81\(10\)](#)

**Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):**

- Pt. 17 Ch. 3B inserted by [2023 c. 29 s. 64\(3\)](#)
- Pt. 20C inserted by [2016 c. 14 s. 30\(3\)](#)
- s. 31(1)(aa) inserted by [2021 c. 22 s. 22\(2\)](#)
- s. 32A inserted by [2021 c. 22 s. 22\(3\)](#)
- s. 32A power to apply (with modifications) conferred by [2021 c. 22 s. 23\(10\)](#)
- s. 36A and cross-heading inserted by [2021 c. 22 s. 22\(4\)](#)
- s. 71J and cross-heading inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 4](#)
- s. 86(9A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/707 reg. 8\(9\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 8(6)-(10) omitted (6.9.2019) by virtue of S.I. 2019/1234, regs. 1(2), 13(c))
- s. 87A(11) inserted by [S.I. 2019/707 reg. 10\(5\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 10(4)(5) omitted (6.9.2019) by virtue of S.I. 2019/1234, regs. 1(2), 15(b))
- s. 124(10)(c)(i) word omitted by [S.I. 2019/310 reg. 5\(11\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 5(11)(b) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(4), 51(2)(e))
- s. 129(7)(a) word inserted by [S.I. 2019/310 reg. 5\(12\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 5(12)(a)(b) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(4), 51(2)(f))
- s. 129(7)(c) omitted and word by [S.I. 2019/310 reg. 5\(12\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 5(12)(a)(b) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1385, regs. 1(4), 51(2)(f))
- s. 204A(3)(fa) inserted by [S.I. 2024/705 Sch. 2 para. 1](#)
- s. 214(5A) inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 8](#)
- s. 234I(9) inserted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 29 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 234J(6) inserted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 29 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- s. 261E(A1) inserted by [2023 c. 29 s. 64\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 367A inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 10](#)
- s. 395(13)(h)(i) inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 12\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 395(13)(bc)-(be) word inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 12\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 395(14) inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 12\(3\)](#)
- s. 427A(3) words substituted by [2002 c. 40 Sch. 17 para. 59](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 does not contain a section 427A.)
- Sch. 1ZA para. 32(c) and word inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 18](#)
- Sch. 2A para. 19(2)(b)(iia) inserted by [2023 c. 29 Sch. 10 para. 19\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2A2B power to apply (with modifications) conferred by [2021 c. 22 s. 23\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 2A power to apply (with modifications) conferred by [2021 c. 22 s. 23\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 2B inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 7](#)
- Sch. 2B power to apply (with modifications) conferred by [2021 c. 22 s. 23\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 11A para. 5(3) inserted by [S.I. 2019/707 reg. 38\(5\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 38(2)-(5)(7)(8) omitted (6.9.2019) by virtue of S.I. 2019/1234, regs. 1(2), 20)

- Sch. 17A para. 12 words substituted by [S.I. 2019/662 reg. 13\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Reg. 13(1) substituted (25.6.2020) by S.I. 2020/646, regs. 1(2)(c), 11(3))