

Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013

2013 CHAPTER 33

PART 5

REGULATION OF PAYMENT SYSTEMS

Regulatory and competition functions

Power to require disposal of interest in payment system

- (1) The Payment Systems Regulator may require a person who has an interest in [F1—
 - (a) the operator of a regulated payment system, or
 - (b) an infrastructure provider in relation to such a system, to dispose of all or part of that interest.
- (2) The power conferred by subsection (1) may be exercised only if the Payment Systems Regulator is satisfied that, if the power is not exercised, there is likely to be a restriction or distortion of competition in—
 - (a) the market for payment systems, or
 - (b) a market for services provided by payment systems.
- [F2(2A) The reference in subsection (2) to a restriction or distortion of competition includes, in particular, a restriction or distortion of competition—
 - (a) between different operators of payment systems,
 - (b) between different payment services providers, or
 - (c) between different infrastructure providers.]
 - (3) The Payment Systems Regulator may not exercise the power conferred by subsection (1) without the consent of the Treasury.

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- (4) If the Payment Systems Regulator decides to exercise the power conferred by subsection (1) in relation to a person who has an interest in the operator of a regulated payment system—
 - (a) the Payment Systems Regulator must notify the relevant competition authorities (see subsection (5)), and
 - (b) the relevant competition authorities may not take any action in relation to the person that would require the person to dispose of all or part of that interest.
- (5) The relevant competition authorities are—
 - (a) the Secretary of State,
 - (b) the Competition and Markets Authority, and
 - (c) the FCA.

Textual Amendments

- F1 Words in s. 58(1) substituted (26.5.2015) by Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (c. 26), ss. 14(3), 164(3)(a)(v)
- F2 S. 58(2A) inserted (26.5.2015) by Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (c. 26), ss. 14(4), 164(3)(a)(v)

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