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The Recognised Auction Platforms Regulations 2011

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<i>for the purpose of</i>		
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<i>for the purpose of the</i>		
<i>remaining regulations</i>		<i>12th December 2011</i>

The Treasury are a government department designated ^{M1} for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 ^{M2} in relation to measures relating to the operation of regulated markets and clearing or settlement systems and in relation to insider dealing and market manipulation.

The Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972, make the following Regulations.

Marginal Citations

M1 [S.I. 1993/2661](#); [S.I. 2004/2642](#).

M2 1972 c. 68. Section 2(2) was amended by section 27 of the [Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 \(c.51\)](#); and by section 3 of, and the Schedule to, the [European Union \(Amendment\) Act 2008 \(c. 7\)](#). By virtue of the amendment of section 1(2) made by section 1 of the [European Economic Area Act 1993 \(c. 51\)](#) regulations may be made under section 2(2) to implement obligations of the United Kingdom created by or arising under the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992 (Cm 2073, OJ L 1, 3.11.1994, p. 3) and the Protocol adjusting that Agreement signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993 (Cm 2183, OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 572).

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PART 1

General

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Recognised Auction Platforms Regulations 2011.

(2) These Regulations come into force—

- (a) for the purpose of regulations 1 to 5, 7 to 9 and 11 to 24 of, and Schedules 2 and 3 to, the Regulations, on 12th December 2011;
- (b) for the purpose of regulations 6 and 10 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Regulations, on 18th June 2012.

(3) In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ^{M3};

“auction platform” means a platform on which auctions of emissions allowances are held in accordance with the emission allowance auctioning regulation;

“auction recognition requirements” mean the requirements set out in Part 5 of these Regulations together with any requirements contained in the emission allowance auctioning regulation, or in any directly applicable Community regulation made under the market in financial instruments directive.

“bid” means an offer in an auction of emission allowances to acquire a given volume of allowances at a specified price;

“emission allowance” means an allowance to emit one tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent during a specified period, which is valid for the purposes of meeting the requirements of the emission allowance trading directive, and which is transferable in accordance with the provisions of that directive;

“emission allowance trading directive” means Directive [2003/87/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowances trading within the Community ^{M4};

“emission allowance auctioning regulation” means Commission Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 of 12 November 2010 on the timing, administration and other aspects of auctioning of greenhouse gas emission allowances pursuant to the emission allowance trading directive ^{M5};

“recognised investment exchange” means an investment exchange other than an overseas investment exchange in relation to which a recognition order has been made under section 290(1)(a);

“recognised auction platform” means a recognised investment exchange in relation to which a recognition order is in force;

“recognition order” means an order made under regulation 2;

(4) In these Regulations—

- (a) unless the contrary intention appears, expressions which are also used in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 have the same meaning as in that Act;
- (b) expressions which are also used in the emission allowance trading directive or the emission allowance auctioning regulation have the same meaning as in that directive or regulation; and
- (c) reference to a numbered section, unless otherwise stated, is a reference to a section in the Act.

Marginal Citations

M3 2000 c.8.

M4 OJ L 275 p 32, 25.10.2003.

M5 OJ L 302 p 1, 18.11.2010.

PART 2

Recognised Auction Platforms

Recognition orders

2.—(1) A recognised investment exchange may apply to the Authority for an order declaring it to be a recognised auction platform for the purposes of these Regulations.

(2) The application must be made in such manner as the Authority may direct and must, to the extent required by the Authority, be accompanied by—

- (a) a copy of the rules for the auction platform;
- (b) a copy of any guidance for the auction platform issued by the applicant;
- (c) particulars of the way in which the exchange satisfies the auction recognition requirements; and
- (d) such other information as the Authority may reasonably require for the purpose of determining the application.

(3) If it appears to the Authority that the applicant satisfies the auction recognition requirements, the Authority may make a recognition order declaring the applicant to be a recognised auction platform.

(4) At any time after receiving an application and before determining it, the Authority may require the applicant to provide such further information as it reasonably considers necessary to enable it to determine the application.

(5) Information which the Authority requires in connection with an application must be provided in such form, or verified in such manner, as the Authority may direct.

(6) Different directions may be given, or requirements imposed, by the Authority with respect to different applications.

(7) In considering an application, the Authority may have regard to any information which it considers relevant to the application.

(8) The application must be determined by the Authority before the end of the period of six months beginning with the date on which it receives the completed application.

(9) A recognition order must specify a date on which it is to come into effect.

Authority's power to give directions

3.—(1) This regulation applies if it appears to the Authority that a recognised auction platform—

- (a) has failed, or is likely to fail, to satisfy the auction recognition requirements; or
- (b) has failed to comply with any other obligation imposed on it by or under these Regulations.

(2) The Authority may direct the body to take specified steps for the purpose of securing the body's compliance with—

- (a) the auction recognition requirements; or

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- (b) any obligation of the kind in question.
- (3) Those steps may include—
 - (a) the granting to the Authority of access to the premises of the auction platform for the purpose of inspecting—
 - (i) those premises; or
 - (ii) any documents on the premises which appear to the Authority to be relevant for the purpose mentioned in paragraph (2);
 - (b) the suspension of the carrying on of any regulated activity by the auction platform for the period specified in the direction.
- (4) A direction under this regulation is enforceable, on the application of the Authority, by an injunction or, in Scotland, by an order for specific performance under section 45 of the Court of Session Act 1988 ^{M6}.
- (5) The fact that a rule made by a recognised auction platform has been altered in response to a direction given by the Authority does not prevent it from being subsequently altered or revoked by the auction platform.

Marginal Citations

M6 1988 c. 36.

Revoking recognition

4.—(1) A recognition order may be revoked by an order made by the Authority at the request, or with the consent, of the recognised auction platform.

- (2) If it appears to the Authority that a recognised auction platform—
 - (a) is failing, or has failed, to satisfy the auction recognition requirements;
 - (b) has not carried on the business of an auction platform during the period of twelve months beginning with the day on which the recognition order declaring it to be a recognised auction platform took effect in relation to it;
 - (c) has not carried on the business of an auction platform at any time during the period of six months ending with the relevant day; or
 - (d) has failed, or is likely to fail, to comply with any obligation imposed on it by these Regulations, or by the emission allowance auctioning regulation,

it may make an order revoking the recognition order which declared that body to be a recognised auction platform, even though that body does not wish the order to be made.

(3) Where the Authority makes a revocation order under section 297 in relation to a recognised investment exchange which is also a recognised auction platform, the Authority shall also make an order revoking the recognition order which declared that body to be a recognised auction platform.

(4) The “relevant day”, for the purposes of paragraph (2)(c), is the day on which the power to make an order under paragraph (1) is exercised.

(5) An order under this regulation (“a revocation order”) must specify the date on which it is to take effect.

(6) In the case of a revocation order made under paragraph (2) or (3), the specified date must not be earlier than the end of the period of three months beginning with the day on which the order is made.

(7) An order under paragraph (1) or (2) does not affect that body's recognition as a recognised investment exchange.

Procedure

5.—(1) Before refusing to make a recognition order, giving a direction under regulation 3 or making a revocation order under regulation 4, the Authority must—

- (a) give written notice of its intention to do so to the body which would be affected by the proposed refusal, direction or revocation order;
- (b) take such steps as it considers reasonably practicable to bring the notice to the attention of members (if any) of that body; and
- (c) publish the notice in such manner as it thinks appropriate for bringing it to the attention of other persons who are, in its opinion, likely to be affected.

(2) A notice under paragraph (1) must—

- (a) state why the Authority intends to refuse to make the recognition order, to give the direction or to make the revocation order; and
- (b) draw attention to the right to make representations conferred by paragraph (3).

(3) Before the end of the period for making representations—

- (a) the body which would be affected by the proposed refusal, direction or revocation order,
- (b) any member of that body, and
- (c) any other person who is likely to be affected by the proposed refusal, direction or revocation order,

may make representations to the Authority.

(4) The period for making representations is—

- (a) two months beginning—
 - (i) with the date on which the notice is served on the body which would be affected by the proposed refusal, direction or revocation order; or
 - (ii) if later, with the date on which the notice is published; or
- (b) such longer period as the Authority may allow in the particular case.

(5) In deciding whether to—

- (a) refuse a recognition order,
- (b) give a direction, or
- (c) make a revocation order,

the Authority must have regard to any representations made in accordance with paragraph (3).

(6) When the Authority has decided whether to refuse a recognition order, give the proposed direction or make the proposed revocation order, it must—

- (a) give written notice of [F1its decision] to the body affected by its decision;
- (b) if it has decided to refuse a recognition order, give a direction or make a revocation order, take such steps as it considers reasonably practicable for bringing its decision to the attention of members of the body or of other persons who are, in the Authority's opinion, likely to be affected.

(7) If the Authority considers it essential to do so, it may give a direction under regulation 3—

- (a) without following the procedure set out in this regulation; or

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(b) if the Authority has begun to follow that procedure, regardless of whether the period for making representations has expired.

(8) If the Authority has, in relation to a particular matter, followed the procedure set out in paragraphs (1) to (5), it need not follow it again if, in relation to that matter, it decides to take action other than that specified in its notice under paragraph (1).

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in [reg. 5\(6\)\(a\)](#) substituted (20.7.2012) by [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Regulated Activities\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1906\)](#), arts. 1, **8(2)**

[^{F2}Power to impose civil penalties

5A.—(1) If the Authority considers that a recognised auction platform has contravened any requirement in Article 19, 20(7), 21(1) or (2), or 54 of the emission allowance auctioning regulation, it may impose upon on the auction platform a penalty of such amount as it considers appropriate, and for this purpose, “appropriate” means effective, proportionate and dissuasive.

(2) The Authority must not impose a penalty on a person under paragraph (1) where there are reasonable grounds for it to be satisfied that the person took all reasonable steps and exercised all due diligence to ensure that the requirement was complied with.

(3) In deciding whether a person has failed to comply with the requirements referred to in paragraph (1), the Authority must consider whether the person concerned followed any relevant guidance issued by the Authority.

(4) If the Authority is entitled to impose a penalty on a person under this regulation in respect of a particular matter, it may, instead of imposing a penalty in respect of that matter, publish a statement censuring the person.

(5) A penalty under this regulation is payable to the Authority.

Textual Amendments

F2 [Regs. 5A, 5B](#) inserted (20.7.2012) by [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Regulated Activities\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1906\)](#), arts. 1, **8(3)**

Procedure for civil penalties

5B.—(1) If the Authority proposes to take action against a person under regulation 5A, it must give that person a warning notice.

(2) A warning notice about a proposal to impose a penalty must state the amount of the proposed penalty.

(3) A warning notice about a proposal to publish a statement must set out the terms of the proposed statement.

(4) If the Authority decides to take action against a person under regulation 5A, it must without delay give the person a decision notice.

(5) A decision notice about the imposition of a penalty must state the amount of the penalty.

(6) A decision notice about the publication of a statement must set out the terms of the statement.

(7) If the Authority decides to take action against a person under regulation 5A, that person may refer the matter to the Tribunal.

(8) In this regulation “the Tribunal” has the meaning given in section 417 of the Act.

(9) Sections 387, 389 to 391, 393 and 394 of the Act apply to notices given in accordance with this regulation.

(10) Section 388 of the Act applies to notices given in accordance with this regulation and references in subsection (1)(e)(i) of that section to “any right to have a matter referred to the Tribunal which is given by this Act” shall include a right to have a matter referred to the Tribunal under this regulation.]

Textual Amendments

F2 Regs. 5A, 5B inserted (20.7.2012) by [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Regulated Activities\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1906\)](#), arts. 1, **8(3)**

Market abuse on auction platforms

6. Part 8 (penalties for market abuse) of the Act applies in relation to an auction platform as it applies in relation to a prescribed market, but subject to the modifications set out in Schedule 1.

Application of certain provisions of the Act with modifications

7. In its application to a recognised investment exchange that is also a recognised auction platform, Part 18 (recognised investment exchanges and clearing houses) of the Act, apart from Chapter 3A ^{M7}, has effect with the modifications set out in Schedule 2.

Marginal Citations

M7 Chapter 3A was inserted into the Act by [S.I. 2007/126](#).

Application of Chapter 3A of Part 18 of the Act with modifications

8. In its application to—

- (a) an EEA market operator (as defined in section 312D ^{M8}) which operates an auction platform, or
- (b) a recognised investment exchange which is a recognised auction platform,

Chapter 3A of Part 18 of the Act has effect with the modifications set out in Schedule 3.

Marginal Citations

M8 Section 312D was inserted into the Act by [S.I. 2007/126](#).

PART 3

The Authority

Functions of the Authority

9.—(1) The Authority is to have the functions conferred on it by these Regulations or by the emission allowance auctioning regulation.

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(2) Reference in an enactment to—

- (a) functions conferred on the Authority by or under the Act (or any part of it), or
- (b) functions of the Authority,

includes a reference to functions conferred on the Authority by these Regulations or by the emission allowance auctioning regulation.

PART 4

Amendments to secondary legislation

Amendment of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Prescribed Markets and Qualifying Investments) Order 2001

10.—(1) The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Prescribed Markets and Qualifying Investments) Order 2001 ^{M9} is amended as follows.

(2) In article 3, insert after the definition of “ the Act ”

““auctioned products” has the meaning given in Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 on the timing, administration and other aspects of auctioning of greenhouse gas emission allowances pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowances trading within the Community;

“emission allowance auctioning regulation” means Commission Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 of 12 November 2010 on the timing, administration and other aspects of auctioning of greenhouse gas emission allowances pursuant to the emission allowance trading directive;

“recognised auction platform” means a recognised investment exchange in relation to which there is in force a recognition order made under regulation 2 of the Recognised Auction Platforms Regulations 2011 (recognition orders);”.

(3) In article 4—

- (a) in the heading, insert at the end “ and auction platforms ”;
- (b) after paragraph (2), insert—

“(3) There are prescribed, as auction platforms to which subsections (2), (3), (5), (6) and (7) of section 118 ^{M10} (as modified by the Recognised Auction Platform Regulations 2011) apply, all recognised auction platforms, and all other auction platforms which have been appointed under the emission allowance auctioning regulation.

(4) There are prescribed, as auction platforms to which subsections (4) and (8) of section 118 (as modified by the Recognised Auction Platform Regulations 2011) apply, all recognised auction platforms.

(5) There are prescribed, as auction platforms to which subsection (8A) of section 118 as inserted by the modifications made to that section by the Recognised Auction Platforms Regulations 2011 applies, all auction platforms which have been appointed under the emission allowance auctioning regulation.”.

(4) In article 5—

- (a) renumber the existing provision as paragraph (1);
- (b) in paragraph (1), for “article 4” substitute “ article 4(1) and (2) ”;
- (c) after paragraph (1), insert—

“(2) There are prescribed, as qualifying investments in relation to the auction platforms prescribed by article 4(3) and (4), all auctioned products which are financial instruments within the meaning given in Article 4.1(17) of the market in financial instruments directive.

(3) There are prescribed, as qualifying investments in relation to the auction platforms prescribed by article 4(5), all auctioned products which are not financial instruments within the meaning given in Article 4.1(17) of the market in financial instruments directive.”.

Marginal Citations

M9 S.I. 2001/996, amended by S.I. 2005/381; 2008/3053.

M10 Section 118 was substituted, together with sections 118A to 118D for the original section 118 by S.I. 2005/381.

Amendment of the Money Laundering Regulations 2007

11.—(1) The Money Laundering Regulations 2007^{M11} are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1), insert at the appropriate place—

““auction platform” has the meaning given by regulation 3(13A);

“the emission allowance auctioning regulation” means Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1031/2010 of 12 November 2010 on the timing, administration and other aspects of auctioning of greenhouse gas emission allowances pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowances trading within the Community;”.

(3) In regulation 3—

(a) after paragraph (1), insert—

“(1A) Regulations 2, 20, 21, 23, 24, 35 to 42, and 44 to 48 apply to an auction platform acting in the course of business carried on by it in the United Kingdom, and such an auction platform is a relevant person for the purposes of those provisions.”;

(b) after paragraph (13), insert—

“(13A) “Auction platform” means a platform which auctions two-day spot or five-day futures, within the meanings given by Article 3(4) and (5) of the emission allowance auctioning regulation, when it carries out activities covered by that regulation.”.

(4) In regulation 20(4) and (5), after “financial institution” insert “ and an auction platform ”.

(5) In regulation 23(1)(a), after paragraph (iv), insert—

“(v) auction platforms;”.

(6) In regulation 24, after paragraph (1), insert—

“(1A) The Authority, when carrying out its supervisory functions in relation to an auction platform—

(a) must effectively monitor the auction platform's compliance with—

(i) the customer due diligence requirements of Articles 19 and 20(6) of the emission allowance auctioning regulation;

(ii) the monitoring and record keeping requirements of Article 54 of the emission allowance auctioning regulation; and

(iii) the notification requirements of Article 55(2) and (3) of the emission allowance auctioning regulation; and

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- (b) may monitor the auction platform's compliance with regulations 20 and 21 of these Regulations.”.
- (7) In regulation 42—
- (a) in paragraph (1), after “a relevant person” insert “ (except an auction platform) ”;
- (b) after paragraph (1), insert—
- “(1A) A designated authority may impose a penalty of such amount as it considers appropriate on an auction platform which fails to comply with—
- (a) the customer due diligence requirements of Article 19 or 20(6) of the emission allowance auctioning regulation;
- (b) the monitoring and record keeping requirements of Article 54 of the emission allowance auctioning regulation; or
- (c) regulation 20(1), (4) or (5) or 21 of these Regulations;
- and, for this purpose, “appropriate” means effective, proportionate and dissuasive.”;
- (c) in paragraph (2), after “paragraph (1)” insert “ or (1A) ”.
- (8) In regulation 45—
- (a) in paragraph (1), after “a person” insert “ (except an auction platform) ”;
- (b) after paragraph (1), insert—
- “(1A) An auction platform which fails to comply with the customer due diligence requirements of Article 19 or 20(6) of the emission allowance auctioning regulation, the monitoring and record keeping requirements of Article 54 of that regulation, or regulation 20(1), (4) or (5) or 21 of these Regulations, is guilty of an offence and liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, to a fine or to both.”;
- (c) in paragraph (2), after “paragraph (1)” insert “ or (1A) ”.

Marginal Citations

M11 S.I. 2007/2157, amended by the Terrorist Asset-Freezing etc. Act 2010 (c.38), sections 45(1), 52(1), Schedule 1, Part 1, paragraph 6(a), and Schedule 2, Part 1 and by S.I. 2007/3299, S.I. 2009/56, S.I. 2009/1835, S.I. 2009/1912, S.I. 2010/22 and S.I. 2011/99; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

PART 5

Auction Recognition Requirements

Interpretation

12. In this Part—

“bidders” means persons who have been admitted to bid at auctions conducted by the recognised auction platform;

“investor” means any person making a bid at an auction conducted by a recognised auction platform, and any person on whose behalf such a bid is made.

Method of satisfying auction recognition requirements

13.—(1) In considering whether a recognised auction platform or applicant satisfies the auction recognition requirements, the Authority may—

- (a) treat compliance by the auction platform or applicant with the recognition requirements applying to it as a recognised investment exchange as conclusive evidence that the auction platform or applicant satisfies any equivalent auction recognition requirements applying to it under these Regulations, taking into account any arrangements that would be necessary to meet the auction recognition requirements, and
- (b) take into account all relevant circumstances including the constitution of the person concerned.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), a recognised auction platform or applicant may satisfy auction recognition requirements by making arrangements for functions to be performed on its behalf by any other person.

(3) Where a recognised auction platform or applicant makes arrangements of the kind mentioned in paragraph (2) the arrangements do not affect the responsibility imposed by these Regulations on the recognised auction platform or applicant to satisfy the auction recognition requirements, but it is in addition an auction recognition requirement applying to the recognised auction platform or applicant that the person who performs (or is to perform) the functions is a fit and proper person who is able and willing to perform them.

Financial resources

14.—(1) The auction platform must have financial resources sufficient for the proper performance of its functions as a recognised auction platform.

(2) In considering whether this requirement is satisfied, the Authority must (without prejudice to the generality of regulation 13(1)) take account of all the circumstances, including the auction platform's connection with any person, and any activity carried on by the auction platform, whether or not it is an exempt activity.

Suitability

15.—(1) The auction platform must be a fit and proper person to perform the functions of a recognised auction platform.

(2) In considering whether this requirement is satisfied, the Authority may (without prejudice to the generality of regulation 13(1)) take into account all the circumstances, including the auction platform's connection with any person.

(3) The persons who effectively direct the business and operations of the auction platform must be of sufficiently good repute and sufficiently experienced to ensure the sound and prudent management and operation of the auction platform.

(4) The persons who are in a position to exercise significant influence over the management of the auction platform, whether directly or indirectly, must be suitable.

Systems and controls

16.—(1) The auction platform must ensure that the systems and controls used in the performance of its functions are adequate, and appropriate for the scale and nature of its business.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies in particular to systems and controls concerning—

- (a) the transmission of information;

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- (b) the assessment, mitigation and management of risks to the performance of the auction platform's functions;
- (c) the monitoring of bids made by, and transactions effected by, bidders at auctions conducted by the auction platform;
- (d) the technical operation of the auction platform, including contingency arrangements for disruption to its facilities;
- (e) the operation of the arrangements mentioned in regulation 17(2)(d) below; and
- (f) (where relevant) the safeguarding and administration of assets belonging to users of the auction platform's facilities.

Safeguards for investors

17.—(1) The auction platform must ensure that business conducted at auctions or otherwise by means of its facilities is conducted in an orderly manner and so as to afford proper protection to investors.

- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), the auction platform must ensure that—
 - (a) access to the auction platform's facilities, including access to bid at auctions conducted by the auction platform, is subject to criteria designed to protect the orderly functioning of—
 - (i) such auction, and
 - (ii) the interests of investors;
 - (b) it has transparent and non-discretionary rules and procedures—
 - (i) to provide for fair and orderly auctions, and
 - (ii) to establish objective criteria for the efficient execution of transactions;
 - (c) appropriate arrangements are made for relevant information to be made available to participants in auctions conducted by the auction platform;
 - (d) satisfactory arrangements are made for securing the timely discharge (whether by performance, compromise or otherwise) of the rights and liabilities of the parties to transactions executed under systems operated by the auction platform;
 - (e) satisfactory arrangements are made for recording transactions executed by bidders at auctions conducted by the auction platform and any other transactions which are cleared or to be cleared by means of its facilities;
 - (f) appropriate arrangements are made to—
 - (i) identify conflicts between the interests of the auction platform, its owners and operators and the interests of bidders, investors and other persons who make use of its facilities or the interests of any market operated by the auction platform in its capacity as a recognised investment exchange;
 - (ii) manage such conflicts so as to avoid adverse consequences for the operation of the auctions conducted by, or markets operated by, the auction platform in its capacity as a recognised investment exchange and for the persons who use its facilities;
 - (g) appropriate measures (including the monitoring of transactions executed under systems operated by the auction platform) are adopted to reduce the extent to which the auction platform's facilities can be used for a purpose connected with market abuse or financial crime, and to facilitate their detection and monitor their influence; and
 - (h) where the auction platform's facilities include making provision for the safeguarding and administration of assets belonging to users of those facilities, satisfactory arrangements are made for that purpose.

(3) In paragraph (2)(c), “relevant information” means information on the terms of the emission allowance, and the terms on which it will be offered for sale at auction.

Promotion and maintenance of standards

18.—(1) The auction platform must be able and willing to promote and maintain high standards of integrity and fair dealing in the carrying on of regulated activities by persons in the course of using the facilities provided by the auction platform.

(2) The auction platform must be able and willing to co-operate, by the sharing of information or otherwise, with the Authority, with any other authority, body or person having responsibility in the United Kingdom for the supervision or regulation of any regulated activity or other financial service or with an overseas regulator within the meaning of section 195.

Rules and consultation

19.—(1) The auction platform must ensure that appropriate procedures are adopted for it to make rules, for keeping the rules under review and for amending them.

(2) The procedures must include procedures for consulting users of the auction platform's facilities in appropriate cases.

(3) The auction platform must consult users of its facilities on any arrangements it proposes to make for dealing with penalty income in accordance with regulation 22(3).

Access to auctions

20.—(1) The auction platform must make transparent and non-discriminatory rules, based on objective criteria, governing access to auctions conducted by it or other facilities offered by it.

(2) In particular those rules must specify the obligations for bidders, investors and other persons who make use of its facilities arising from—

- (a) the constitution and administration of the auction platform;
- (b) rules relating to bids made at auctions conducted by the auction platform, or other transactions executed under systems operated by the auction platform;
- (c) its professional standards for staff of any bidders; and
- (d) the rules and procedures for clearing and settlement of transactions executed by bidders.

(3) Rules of the auction platform about access to bid at auctions conducted by it must permit the auction platform to give access only to those persons who are eligible to be given access to bid directly in auctions under Article 18 of the emission allowance auctioning regulation.

(4) Rules under this regulation must enable—

- (a) an investment firm authorised under Article 5 of the markets in financial instruments directive, or
- (b) a credit institution authorised under the banking consolidation directive,

by the competent authority of another EEA State (including a branch established in the United Kingdom of such a firm or institution) to apply for access to bid in auctions conducted by the auction platform on the same terms as an investment firm or credit institution which has a Part IV permission to carry on one or more regulated activities.

(5) The auction platform must make arrangements regularly to provide the Authority with a list of bidders.

(6) The auction platform may refuse access to its facilities on legitimate commercial grounds.

(7) This regulation is without prejudice to the generality of regulation 17.

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Choice of settlement facilities

21.—(1) The rules of the auction platform must permit a bidder to use whatever settlement facility that person chooses for a transaction.

(2) Paragraph (1) only applies where—

- (a) such links and arrangements exist between the chosen settlement facility and any other settlement facility as are necessary to ensure the efficient and economic settlement of the transaction, and
- (b) the auction platform is satisfied that the smooth and orderly functioning of the auction platform will be maintained.

Discipline

22.—(1) The auction platform must have—

- (a) effective arrangements (which include the monitoring of transactions executed under systems operated by the auction platform) for monitoring and enforcing compliance with its rules;
- (b) effective arrangements for monitoring and enforcing compliance with the arrangements made by it as mentioned in regulation 17(2)(d); and
- (c) effective arrangements for monitoring transactions effected under systems operated by the auction platform in order to identify disorderly trading conditions.

(2) Arrangements made pursuant to paragraph (1) must include procedures for—

- (a) investigating complaints made to the auction platform about the conduct of persons in the course of using the auction platform's facilities; and
- (b) the fair, independent and impartial resolution of appeals against decisions of the auction platform.

(3) Where arrangements made pursuant to paragraph (1) include provision for requiring the payment of financial penalties, they must include arrangements for ensuring that any amount so paid is applied only in one or more of the following ways—

- (a) towards meeting expenses incurred by the auction platform in the course of the investigation of the breach in respect of which the penalty is paid, or in the course of any appeal against the decision of the auction platform in relation to that breach;
- (b) for the benefit of users of the auction platform's facilities;
- (c) for charitable purposes.

Complaints

23.—(1) The auction platform must have effective arrangements for the investigation and resolution of complaints arising in connection with the performance of, or failure to perform, any of its regulatory functions.

(2) But paragraph (1) does not extend to—

- (a) complaints about the content of rules made by the platform, or
- (b) complaints about a decision against which the complainant has the right to appeal under procedures of the kind mentioned in regulation 22(2)(b).

(3) The arrangements must include arrangements for a complaint to be fairly and impartially investigated by a person independent of the auction platform, and for that person to report on the result of the investigation to the auction platform and to the complainant.

(4) The arrangements must confer on the person mentioned in paragraph (3) the power to recommend, if that person considers it appropriate, that the auction platform—

- (a) makes a compensatory payment to the complainant,
- (b) remedies the matter complained of,

or takes both of these steps.

(5) Sub-paragraph (3) is not to be taken as preventing the platform from making arrangements for the initial investigation of a complaint to be conducted by the platform.

PART 6

Review

Review

24.—(1) The Treasury must from time to time—

- (a) carry out a review of regulations 2 to 23,
- (b) set out the conclusions of the review in a report, and
- (c) publish the report.

(2) In carrying out the review the Treasury must, so far as is reasonable, have regard to how the emission allowance auctioning regulation is implemented in other Member States.

(3) The report must in particular—

- (a) set out the objectives intended to be achieved by the regulatory system established by regulations 2 to 23,
- (b) assess the extent to which those objectives are achieved, and
- (c) assess whether those objectives remain appropriate and, if so, the extent to which they could be achieved with a system that imposes less regulation.

(4) The first report under this regulation must be published before the end of the period of five years beginning with the last day on which any of regulations 2 to 23 come into force.

(5) Reports under this regulation are afterwards to be published at intervals not exceeding five years.

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SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 6

Modifications of Part 8 of the Act in relation to behaviour related to auction platforms

1. Section 118^{M12} has effect as if—
 - (a) in subsection (1)(a), for sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) there were substituted—
 - “(i) qualifying investments which are offered for sale on a prescribed auction platform, or”;
 - (b) in subsection (1)(b), the reference to subsections “(2) to (8)” were a reference in subsections “(2) to (8A)”;
 - (c) in subsection (4), for “market” each time it occurs, there were substituted “ auction platform ”;
 - (d) in subsection (5)—
 - (i) after “transactions” there were inserted “ , bids ”,
 - (ii) for “relevant market” there were substituted “ relevant auction platform ”;
 - (e) in subsection (6), after “transactions” there were inserted “ , bids ”;
 - (f) in subsection (8)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a) for “market”, there were substituted “ auction platform ”,
 - (ii) in paragraph (b)—
 - (aa) for “regular user of the market”, there were substituted “ regular user of the auction platform ”,
 - (bb) for “market in such an investment”, there were substituted “ auction of such an investment ”,
 - (iii) for “or (7)” there were substituted “ , (7) or (8A) ”;
 - (g) after that subsection there were inserted—

“(8A) The eighth is where the behaviour contravenes any of the provisions in Articles 38 to 41 of the emission allowance auctioning regulation.”.

Marginal Citations

M12 Section 118 was substituted, together with sections 118A to 118C, for the original section 118 by [S.I. 2005/381, regulation 5, Schedule 2, paragraph 1.](#)

2. Section 118A has effect as if—
 - (a) in subsection (1), for paragraph (b), there were substituted—
 - “(b) in relation to—
 - (i) qualifying investments which are offered for sale on a prescribed auction platform,
 - (ii) in the case of section 118(2) and (3), investments which are related investments in relation to such qualifying investments.”;
 - (b) in subsection (2), for “prescribed market”, there were substituted “ prescribed auction platform ”.
3. Section 118B has effect as if—
 - (a) the existing provision were subsection (1) of the section;

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(b) in paragraphs (a) and (b) of that subsection, for “an issuer of qualifying investments” there were substituted “ an auction platform or its operator, an auctioneer or auction monitor ”;

(c) after subsection (1) there were inserted—

“(2) For the purposes of this section—

“auctioneer” has the same meaning as in paragraph 20 of Article 3 of the emission allowance auctioning regulation;

“auction monitor” means the person appointed pursuant to Article 24 of the emission allowance auctioning regulation to act as auction monitor of auctions conducted under the emission allowance auctioning regulation.”.

4. Section 118C has effect as if—

(a) in subsection (2)—

(i) in paragraph (b), the words for “to one or more issuers of qualifying investments or” were omitted;

(ii) in paragraph (c), for “the price of the qualifying investments” there were substituted “ the price at which bids would be made for the qualifying investments ”;

(b) in subsection (4)—

(i) for “orders” there were each time substituted “ bids ”;

(ii) in paragraph (c), the words for “to one or more issuers of qualifying investments or” were omitted;

(iii) in paragraph (d), for “the price of those qualifying investments” there were substituted “ the price at which bids would be made for those qualifying investments ”;

(c) in subsection (5)(b), for “the price of qualifying investments” there were substituted “ the price at which bids would be made for qualifying investments ”.

5. Section 119 ^{M13} has effect as if in subsection (2)(d) and (e), after “specified markets” there were inserted “ or specified auction platforms ”.

Marginal Citations

M13 Paragraphs (d) and (e) were inserted into section 119(2) by [S.I. 2005/381, regulation 5, Schedule 2, paragraph 2\(1\), \(2\)](#).

6. Section 124 has effect as if in subsection (2), after “the market” there were inserted “ or auction platform ”.

7. Section 130A ^{M14} has effect as if—

(a) in subsection (1)—

(i) in paragraph (a), for “the markets which are prescribed markets” there were substituted “ the auction platforms which are prescribed auction platforms ”, and

(ii) in paragraph (b), for “the prescribed markets” there were substituted “ the prescribed auction platforms ”;

(b) in subsection (2), for “markets or descriptions of market” there were substituted “ auction platforms or descriptions of auction platform ”;

(c) in subsection (3)—

(i) for the definition of “accepted market practices” there were substituted—

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““accepted market practices” means—

- (i) in relation to an auction platform, practices that are reasonably expected on the auction platform or platforms in question, and are accepted by the Authority or, in the case of an auction platform situated in another EEA State, the competent authority of that EEA State, within the meaning of Article 35.5 of the emission allowance auctioning regulation,
- (ii) in relation to a market, practices that are reasonably expected in the financial market or markets in question and are accepted by the Authority or, in the case of a market situated in another EEA State, the competent authority of that EEA State within the meaning of Directive 2003/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2003 on insider dealing and market manipulation (market abuse);”;
- (ii) for the definition of “dealing”, there were substituted—

““dealing”, in relation to an investment, means bidding or withdrawing a bid for the investment, or agreeing to bid or withdraw a bid for the investment,”;
- (iii) after the definition of “dealing” there were inserted—

““emission allowance auctioning regulation” means Commission Regulation (EU) No 1031/2010 of 12 November 2010 on the timing, administration and other aspects of auctioning of greenhouse gas emission allowances pursuant to the emission allowance trading directive;”
- (iv) for the definition of “regular user”, there were substituted—

““regular user” in relation to a particular auction platform, means a reasonable person who regularly bids for qualifying investments on that platform;”.

Marginal Citations

M14 Section 130A was inserted by S.I. 2005/381, regulation 5, Schedule 2, paragraph 3.

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 7

Modifications of Part 18 of the Act in relation to recognised auction platforms

1. In section 285(2), reference to the exchange's business as an investment exchange includes a reference to its business as an auction platform.
2. In section 291(3), reference to the obligations to which the body is subject under or by virtue of the Act is to be read as including a reference to the obligations to which it is subject under these Regulations or under the emission allowance auctioning regulation.
3. In section 292A ^{M15}—
 - (a) in subsection (1) reference to a recognition order is to be read as including a reference to a recognition order under regulation 2 of these Regulations;
 - (b) in subsections (2) and (4) references to the management of the exchange are to be read as including references to the management of the auction platform.

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M15 Section 292A was inserted by S.I. 2007/126, regulation 3(2), Schedule 2, paragraphs 1 and 5.

4. In section 293, in subsection (6)(a), reference to transactions effected on the exchange is to be read as including a reference to transactions effected on the auction platform.

5. In section 293A^{M16}, reference to any directly applicable Community regulation made under the markets in financial instruments directive is to be read as including a reference to any requirements under the emission allowance auctioning regulation to which the recognised investment exchange is subject as the operator of an auction platform.

Marginal Citations

M16 Section 293A was inserted by S.I. 2007/126, Schedule 2, paragraphs 1 and 6.

6. In section 299(2), reference to whether the body concerned should remain a recognised body is to be read as including whether it should remain a recognised auction platform.

7. In section 300—

- (a) in subsection (1)(a), reference to a recognition order under section 290 is to be read as including a reference to a recognition order under regulation 2 of these Regulations;
- (b) in subsection (4), reference to the rules of an investment exchange is to be read as including a reference to rules made in relation to an auction platform.

8. In section 301F(4), reference to any financial market operated by the recognised investment exchange is to be read as including a reference to any auction platform operated by it.

9. Sections 290A, 300A to 300E, and sections 302 to 310 do not apply to a recognised investment exchange in its capacity as a recognised auction platform.

SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 8

Modifications of Chapter 3A of Part 18 of the Act in relation to recognised auction platforms and EEA market operators of auction platforms

1. In section 312A^{M17}—

- (a) in subsection (1), reference to a specified regulated market is to be read as including a reference to a specified auction platform;
- (b) in subsection (2), reference to a market is to be read as including a reference to an auction platform.

Marginal Citations

M17 Sections 312A to 312D were inserted by S.I. 2007/126, Schedule 2, paragraphs 1 and 15.

2. In section 312B—

- (a) in subsection (1), reference to a regulated market is to be read as including a reference to an auction platform;

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- (b) in subsection (2), references to the markets in financial instruments directive are to be read as including references to the emission allowance auctioning regulation.
3. In section 312C—
- (a) in subsection (1), reference to a regulated market is to be read as including a reference to an auction platform;
- (b) in subsection (5)(b), reference to the third sub-paragraph of Article 42.6 of the markets in financial instruments directive (in the case of relevant arrangements relating to a regulated market) is to be read as including a reference to that provision as applied to auction platforms by Article 35 of the emission allowance auctioning regulation (in the case of arrangements relating to a recognised auction platform).
4. In section 312D, the definition of “applicable provision” shall be read as including, in addition to the cases set out in paragraphs (a) and (b)—
- “(c) in the case of arrangements relating to an auction platform, the first sub-paragraph of Article 42.6 of the market in financial instruments directive as applied to auction platforms under Article 35 of the emission allowance auctioning regulation;”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations implement the obligations in Articles 35, 36 and 43 of Commission Regulation (EU) 1031/2010 of 12 November 2010 on the timing, administration and other aspects of auctioning of greenhouse gas emission allowances (OJ L 302/1, 18.11.2010) (“the emission allowance auctioning regulation”) to ensure that UK law implementing provisions of the Directive [2004/39/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments of 21 April 2004 (OJ L 145, 20.4.2004, p1) in relation to regulated markets, and of Directive [2003/6/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on insider dealing and market manipulation of 28 January 2003 (OJ L 96, 12.4.2003, p16), and EU measures on money laundering and terrorist financing apply to auction platforms auctioning emission allowances under the emission allowance auctioning regulation.

Regulation 2 sets out the procedure for applications to be recognised as a recognised auction platform. Only recognised investment exchanges will be eligible to make such an application. Regulation 3 gives the Financial Services Authority (“the Authority”) power to make directions in relation to a recognised auction platform where that platform appears to the Authority to be failing to comply with the auction recognition requirements or other obligations applying to it.

Regulation 4 provides for the revocation of a recognition order made under regulation 2.

Regulation 5 provides for the procedure to be followed where the Authority refuses to make a recognition order, or proposes to give a direction under regulation 3 or to make a revocation order under regulation 4.

Regulation 6 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Regulations apply the provisions of Part 8 (penalties for market abuse) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (“the Act”) to auction platforms with the modifications set out in the Schedule.

Regulation 7 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Regulations ensure that the provisions in Part 18 (recognised investment exchanges and clearing houses) of the Act will apply to a recognised investment exchange which is also a recognised auction platform with the modifications which are set out in Schedule 2.

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Regulation 8 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Regulations modify the provisions of Chapter 3A (passport rights) of Part 18 of the Act in their application to recognised auction platforms, and EEA operators of auction platforms.

Regulation 9 ensures that any reference in legislation to functions of the Authority under the Act is understood to include the functions given to the Authority under these Regulations or under the emission allowance auctioning regulation. This ensures that the powers given to the Authority for the performance of its functions under the Act will also apply in relation to the performance of its functions under these Regulations or under the emission allowance auctioning regulation.

Regulation 10 amends the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Prescribed Markets and Qualifying Investments) Order 2001 to prescribe auction platforms and make emission allowances qualifying investments for the purposes of Part 8 (penalties for market abuse) of the Act.

Regulation 11 amends the Money Laundering Regulations 2007 (“the 2007 Regulations”) so that specific provisions of the 2007 Regulations apply to an auction platform auctioning certain emissions allowances. The effect of the amendments is that an auction platform is a “relevant person” for the purposes of regulations 20 and 21 of the 2007 Regulations, and must have in place policies and procedures in order to prevent activities related to money laundering and terrorist financing, and take appropriate measures to train employees in that regard. An auction platform is also a “relevant person” for the purposes of Parts 4 (supervision) and 5 (enforcement) of the 2007 Regulations, so that the powers of the relevant supervisory authority and enforcement authorities may be exercised in relation to a platform. The Authority is the supervisor for auction platforms, responsible for monitoring their compliance with certain provisions of the emission allowance auctioning regulation and of the 2007 Regulations. It may impose a civil penalty on an auction platform which breaches the anti-money laundering and terrorist financing requirements of the emission allowance auctioning regulation the requirements of the 2007 Regulations to which it is subject. It is also an offence for an auction platform to breach those requirements.

Part 5 of the Regulations set out the requirements which will have to be satisfied by any recognised investment exchange which wishes to be recognised as a recognised auction platform.

Regulation 12 contains definitions relevant to Part 5. Regulation 13 indicates the factors which the Authority may take into account in assessing compliance with the requirements in Part 5. Those requirements are set out in detail in regulations 14 to 23, and cover matters ranging from the financial resources required by an auction platform to the arrangements it must have for investigating complaints.

Regulation 24 requires the Treasury to review the operation and effect of these Regulations within five years after they come into force and within every five years after that. Following a review it will fall to the Treasury to consider whether the Regulations should remain as they are, or be revoked or be amended. A further instrument would be needed to revoke the Regulations or to amend them.

An Impact Assessment of the effect that these Regulations will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available on HM Treasury's website (hm-treasury.gov.uk) and is published with the Explanatory Memorandum alongside these Regulations on the legislation.gov.uk website.

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