
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No. 1773

The Alternative Investment Fund Managers Regulations 2013

PART 1

Introductory provisions

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Regulations 2013 and come into force on 22nd July 2013.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000;

“AIF” has the meaning given in regulation 3;

“AIFM” has the meaning given in regulation 4;

“Article 36 custodian” has the meaning given in regulation 57(5)(a);

“authorised AIF” means an AIF that is—

- (a) an authorised unit trust scheme,
- (b) an authorised contractual scheme, or
- (c) an authorised open-ended investment company,

as defined in section 237(3) of the Act (other definitions) ^{M1};

“Commission Delegated Regulation” means the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 231/2013 of 19 December 2012, supplementing Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to exemptions, general operating conditions, depositaries, leverage, transparency and supervision ^{M2};

“competent authority”, other than in regulation 65, means the national authority of an EEA State other than the United Kingdom responsible for supervising AIFMs, and when used in relation to an EEA AIF or a full-scope EEA AIFM means—

- (a) in relation to an EEA AIF, the competent authority in the EEA State in which the EEA AIF is registered or authorised, or (if the EEA AIF is not authorised or registered in an EEA State) in which the EEA AIF has its registered office or head office;
- (b) in relation to a full-scope EEA AIFM, the competent authority that has authorised that AIFM;

“depository” means a person appointed in compliance with the requirement for an AIFM to appoint a depository at Article 21.1 of the directive;

“the directive” means Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on Alternative Investment Fund Managers ^{M3};

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“EEA AIF” means an AIF which—

- (a) is authorised or registered under the applicable national law in an EEA State other than the United Kingdom; or
- (b) is not authorised or registered in an EEA State, but has its registered office or head office in an EEA State other than the United Kingdom;

“EEA AIFM” means an EEA firm falling within paragraph 5(h) of Schedule 3 to the Act, which is exercising in the United Kingdom an EEA right deriving from the directive;

[^{F1}“EEA ELTIF” means an ELTIF that has been authorised by a competent authority other than the FCA under the ELTIF Regulation;]

[^{F1}“ELTIF” means an AIF that is authorised as a European long-term investment fund under Article 6 of the ELTIF Regulation;]

[^{F1}“ELTIF Regulation” means Regulation (EU) No 2015/760 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29th April 2015 on European Long-term Investment Funds;]

“ESRB” means the European Systemic Risk Board established by Regulation (EU) No 1092/2010 of the European Parliament and the Council of 24 November 2010 on European Union macro-prudential oversight of the financial system and establishing a European Systemic Risk Board ^{M4};

“EuSEF Manager” means the manager of a qualifying social entrepreneurship fund that is registered in accordance with Article 15 of the EuSEF Regulation;

“EuSEF Regulation” means Regulation (EU) No 346/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council of 17 April 2013 on European social entrepreneurship funds ^{M5};

“EuVECA Manager” means the manager of a qualifying venture capital fund that is registered in accordance with Article 14 of the EuVECA Regulation;

“EuVECA Regulation” means Regulation (EU) No 345/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council of 17 April 2013 on European venture capital funds ^{M6};

“external AIFM” has the meaning given in regulation 4(3);

“external valuer” means a person who performs the valuation function described in Article 19 of the directive in respect of an AIF managed by a full-scope UK AIFM, and is not the AIFM of that AIF;

“full-scope UK AIFM” means a UK AIFM which has a Part 4A permission to carry on the regulated activity of managing an AIF and is not a small authorised UK AIFM;

“full-scope EEA AIFM” means an AIFM authorised in accordance with Article 6.1 of the directive in an EEA State other than the United Kingdom;

“implementing provision” means a requirement that is imposed—

- (a) by these Regulations;
- (b) by the Commission Delegated Regulation;
- (c) by any other directly applicable EU regulation made under the directive; or
- (d) by or under the Act, if the provision implements the directive;

“internal AIFM” has the meaning given in regulation 4(3);

“managing an AIF” is to be interpreted in accordance with regulation 4(2), and cognate expressions are to be interpreted accordingly;

“professional investor” means an investor who is considered to be a professional client or may, on request, be treated as a professional client within the meaning of Annex II to the markets in financial instruments directive;

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“qualifying social entrepreneurship fund” has the meaning given in Article 3(b) of the EuSEF Regulation;

“qualifying venture capital fund” has the meaning given in Article 3(b) of the EuVECA Regulation;

“the Regulated Activities Order” means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001 ^{M7};

“regulator's notice” means a notice of intention referred to in paragraph 14(1)(b) of Schedule 3 to the Act;

“retail investor” means an investor who is not a professional investor;

“small AIFM” has the meaning given in regulation 9;

“small authorised UK AIFM” means a UK AIFM which—

- (a) is a small AIFM;
- (b) has a Part 4A permission to carry on the regulated activity of managing an AIF; and
- (c) has not exercised the option mentioned in Article 3.4 of the directive to meet the full requirements of the directive;

“small registered EEA AIFM” means an AIFM which—

- (a) is a small AIFM;
- (b) has its registered office in an EEA State other than the United Kingdom;
- (c) is registered in accordance with Article 3.3(a) of the directive; and
- (d) has not exercised the option mentioned in Article 3.4 of the directive to meet the full requirements of the directive;

“small registered UK AIFM” means an AIFM entered in the register maintained in accordance with regulation 10(1);

“small third country AIFM” means a third country AIFM which is a small AIFM;

“third country” means a state which is not an EEA State;

“third country AIF” means an AIF which is neither an EEA AIF nor a UK AIF;

“third country AIFM” means an AIFM which has its registered office in a third country;

“UK AIF” means an AIF which—

- (a) is an authorised AIF; or
- (b) is not authorised or registered in an EEA State, but has its registered office or head office in the United Kingdom;

“UK AIFM” means an AIFM which has its registered office in the United Kingdom;

[^{F1}“UK ELTIF” means an ELTIF that has been authorised by the FCA under the ELTIF Regulation;]

“working day” has the meaning given in section 191G(2) of the Act (interpretation of Part 12) ^{M8}.

(2) Unless otherwise defined—

- (a) any expression used in these Regulations which is used in the directive has the same meaning as in the directive;
- (b) any expression used in these Regulations which is used in a directly applicable EU regulation made under the directive has the same meaning as in that regulation; and
- (c) any other expression used in these Regulations which is defined for the purposes of the Act has the meaning given by the Act.

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(3) Any reference in these Regulations to an application for a Part 4A permission to carry on a regulated activity, the giving of such a permission or a refusal to give such a permission, includes reference to an application to vary a Part 4A permission by adding that regulated activity to the activities to which the permission relates, such a variation of a Part 4A permission or a refusal so to vary a Part 4A permission.

[^{F2}(3A) Any reference in these Regulations to an EEA State other than the United Kingdom is to be read as including reference to Gibraltar.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (3.12.2015) by [The European Long-term Investment Funds Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1882\)](#), regs. 1, **4(2)**
- F2** Reg. 2(3A) inserted (16.6.2014) by [The Alternative Investment Fund Managers Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1292\)](#), **arts. 1(2)**, 4(2) (as amended by [S.I. 2014/1313](#), **arts. 1**, 2(a))

Marginal Citations

- M1** In section 237(3) the definition of “authorised contractual scheme” was inserted by [S.I. 2013/1388](#).
- M2** OJ L 83, 22.3.2013, p.1.
- M3** OJ L 174, 1.7.2011, p.1.
- M4** OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p.1.
- M5** OJ L 115, 25.4.2013, p.18.
- M6** OJ L 115, 25.4.2013, p.1.
- M7** [S.I. 2001/544](#).
- M8** Section 191G was substituted by [S.I. 2009/534](#) and amended by section 26 of the Financial Services Act 2012.

Meaning of “AIF”

3.—(1) “AIF” means a collective investment undertaking, including investment compartments of such an undertaking, which—

- (a) raises capital from a number of investors, with a view to investing it in accordance with a defined investment policy for the benefit of these investors; and
- (b) does not require authorisation pursuant to Article 5 of the UCITS directive.

(2) An AIF may be open-ended or closed-ended, and constituted in any legal form, including under a contract, by means of a trust or under statute.

(3) None of the following entities is an AIF—

- (a) an institution for occupational retirement provision which falls within the scope of Directive [2003/41/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 June 2003 on the activities and supervision of institutions for occupational retirement provision ^{M9};
- (b) a holding company;
- (c) an employee participation scheme or employee savings scheme;
- (d) a securitisation special purpose entity.

Marginal Citations

- M9** OJ L 235, 23.9.2003, p.10.

Meaning of “AIFM”, “managing an AIF”, “external AIFM” and “internal AIFM”

4.—(1) “AIFM” means a legal person, the regular business of which is managing one or more AIFs.

(2) Managing an AIF means performing at least risk management or portfolio management for the AIF.

(3) The AIFM of an AIF may be either—

- (a) another person appointed by or on behalf of the AIF and which through that appointment is responsible for managing the AIF (“external AIFM”); or
- (b) where the legal form of the AIF permits internal management and where the AIF's governing body chooses not to appoint an external AIFM, the AIF itself (“internal AIFM”).

(4) None of the following entities is an AIFM—

- (a) an institution for occupational retirement provision which falls within the scope of Directive 2003/41/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 June 2003 on the activities and supervision of institutions for occupational retirement provision^{M10}, including, where applicable, the authorised entities responsible for managing such institutions and acting on their behalf referred to in Article 2.1 of that directive, or the investment managers appointed pursuant to Article 19.1 of that directive, in so far as they do not manage AIFs;
- (b) the European Central Bank, the European Investment Bank, the European Investment Fund, a bilateral development bank, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, any other supranational institution or similar international organisation, or a European Development Finance Institution, in the event that such institution or organisation manages AIFs and in so far as those AIFs act in the public interest;
- (c) a national central bank;
- (d) a national, regional or local government or body or other institution which manages funds supporting social security and pension systems;
- (e) a holding company;
- (f) an employee participation scheme or employee savings scheme;
- (g) a securitisation special purpose entity.

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M10 OJ L 235, 23.9.2003, p.10.

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