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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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### 2017 No. 754

## The European Union Financial Sanctions (Amendment of Information Provisions) Regulations 2017

### Democratic Republic of the Congo (Asset-Freezing) Regulations 2012

**13.**—(1) The Schedule (information provisions) to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Asset-Freezing) Regulations 2012<sup>(1)</sup> is amended as follows.

(2) In the heading to paragraph 1, at the end, insert “and others”.

(3) In paragraph 1, after “relevant institution”, in each place it occurs, insert “or relevant business or profession”.

(4) In paragraph 1(3)(b), after “the institution” insert “or relevant business or profession”.

(5) After paragraph 1(5) insert—

“(6) In this paragraph, a “relevant business or profession” means—

- (a) an auditor;
- (b) a casino;
- (c) a dealer in precious metals or stones;
- (d) an estate agent;
- (e) an external accountant;
- (f) an independent legal professional;
- (g) a tax adviser; and
- (h) a trust or company service provider,

operating in the United Kingdom.

(7) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (6)—

“auditor” means any firm or sole practitioner who is—

- (a) a statutory auditor within the meaning of Part 42 of the Companies Act 2006 (statutory auditors), when carrying out statutory audit work within the meaning of section 1210 of that Act (meaning of statutory auditor); or
- (b) a local auditor within the meaning of section 4(1) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (general requirements for audit), when carrying out an audit required by that Act;

“casino” means the holder of a casino operating licence and, for this purpose, a “casino operating licence” has the meaning given by section 65(2)(a) of the Gambling Act 2005 (nature of a licence);

“dealer in precious metals or stones” means a person engaged in the business of making, supplying, selling (including selling by auction) or exchanging—

- (a) articles made from gold, silver, platinum or palladium; or

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(b) precious stones or pearls;

“estate agent” means a firm or sole practitioner, who, or whose employees, carry out estate agency work, when the work is being carried out;

“external accountant” means a firm or sole practitioner who by way of business provides accountancy services to other persons, when providing such services;

“independent legal professional” means a firm or sole practitioner who by way of business provides legal or notarial services to other persons, when providing such services;

“tax adviser” means a firm or sole practitioner who by way of business provides advice about the tax affairs of other persons, when providing such services;

“trust or company service provider” means a firm or sole practitioner who by way of business provides any of the following services to other persons, when that firm or practitioner is providing such services—

- (a) forming companies or other legal persons;
- (b) acting, or arranging for another person to act—
  - (i) as a director or secretary of a company;
  - (ii) as a partner of a partnership; or
  - (iii) in a similar capacity in relation to other legal persons;
- (c) providing a registered office, business address, correspondence or administrative address or other related services for a company, partnership or any other legal person or arrangement;
- (d) acting, or arranging for another person to act, as—
  - (i) a trustee of an express trust or similar legal arrangement; or
  - (ii) a nominee shareholder for a person.

(8) In sub-paragraph (7)—

- (a) in the definition of “estate agent”, “estate agency work” is to be read in accordance with section 1 of the Estate Agents Act 1979 (estate agency work), but for those purposes references in that section to disposing of or acquiring an interest in land are (despite anything in section 2 of that Act) to be taken to include reference to disposing of or acquiring an estate or interest in land outside the United Kingdom where that estate or interest is capable of being owned or held as a separate interest;
- (b) “firm” means any entity that, whether or not a legal person, is not an individual and includes a body corporate and a partnership or other unincorporated association.”.

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