

Chapter 5

Investment and borrowing powers

5.8 Investment powers and borrowing limits for feeder UCITS

Application

- 5.8.1** **R** (1) This section applies to:
- (a) the *authorised fund manager* of a *feeder UCITS*;
 - (b) the *depository* of a *feeder UCITS*; and
 - (c) an *ICVC* which is a *feeder UCITS*;
- where the *scheme* is a *UCITS scheme*.
- (2) Where this section refers to a *rule* or *guidance* in ■ COLL 5.1 to ■ COLL 5.5, those *rules* and *guidance*, and any *rules* and *guidance* to which they refer, must be read as if a reference to a *UCITS scheme* were a reference to a *feeder UCITS*.
- (3) Where the *sub-fund* of a *UCITS scheme* is a *feeder UCITS*, the provisions in this section apply to each *sub-fund* as they would for an *authorised fund*.

Permitted types of scheme property

- 5.8.2** **R** A *feeder UCITS* must invest at least 85% in value of the *scheme property* in *units* of a single *master UCITS*.

[Note: article 58(1) of the *UCITS Directive*]

- 5.8.2A** **R** The *authorised fund manager* of a *pension feeder fund* that is a *feeder UCITS* must ensure that the single *master UCITS* is:

- (1) a *UCITS scheme*; or
- (2) an *EEA UCITS scheme* that is a *recognised scheme*.

Balance of scheme property: investment restrictions on a feeder UCITS

- 5.8.3** **R** A *feeder UCITS* may hold up to 15% in value of the *scheme property* in one or more of the following:
- (1) cash or *near cash* in accordance with ■ COLL 5.5.3 R (Cash and near cash);

- (2) *derivatives* and forward transactions which may be used only for the purposes of hedging and in accordance with the *rules* set out at ■ COLL 5.8.7 R (Other provisions applicable to a feeder UCITS); and
- (3) (for an *ICVC*) movable and immovable property which is essential for the direct pursuit of the business.

[Note: article 58(2) first subparagraph of the *UCITS Directive*]

Exposure to derivatives

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In calculating the global exposure of a *feeder UCITS* to *derivatives* and forward transactions in accordance with ■ COLL 5.3.3A R (Cover for investment in derivatives and forward transactions), the *feeder UCITS* must combine its own direct exposure under ■ COLL 5.8.3R (2) with either:

- (1) the *master UCITS*' actual exposure to *derivatives* and forward transactions in proportion to the *feeder UCITS*' investment into the *master UCITS*; or
- (2) the *master UCITS*' potential maximum global exposure to *derivatives* and forward transactions provided for in the *master UCITS*' *instrument constituting the fund* or its *prospectus* in proportion to the *feeder UCITS* investment into the *master UCITS*.

[Note: article 58(2) second subparagraph of the *UCITS Directive*]

Prudent spread of risk

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An *authorised fund manager* must ensure that, to the extent that the *feeder UCITS* invests in assets other than *units* of a *master UCITS*, the *feeder UCITS* complies with ■ COLL 5.2.3 R (1) (Prudent spread of risk).

Investment powers: general

5.8.6

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The *scheme property* of a *feeder UCITS* must be invested only in accordance with the relevant provisions in this section and up to any maximum limit so stated, but the *instrument constituting the fund* may restrict the investment and borrowing powers of a *scheme* further than the relevant restrictions in this section.

Other provisions applicable to a feeder UCITS

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The following *rules* and *guidance* in ■ COLL 5.1 (Introduction), ■ COLL 5.2 (General investment powers and limits for UCITS schemes) and ■ COLL 5.5 (Cash, borrowing, lending and other provisions) apply to the *authorised fund manager* of a *UCITS scheme* which is a *feeder UCITS* and to an *ICVC* which is a *feeder UCITS*:

- (1) ■ COLL 5.1.1 R (Application), ■ COLL 5.1.2G (1) (Purpose) and ■ COLL 5.1.3 R (Treatment of obligations);
- (2) ■ COLL 5.2.1 R (Application), ■ COLL 5.2.2 R (Table of application) and ■ COLL 5.2.2A G;
- (3) ■ COLL 5.2.5 R (Valuation) and ■ COLL 5.2.6 G (Valuation guidance);

- (4) ■ COLL 5.2.10 R (Eligible markets: requirements);
- (5) ■ COLL 5.2.11R (7) (Spread: general);
- (6) ■ COLL 5.2.11B R (Counterparty risk and issuer concentration);
- (7) ■ COLL 5.2.15R (1) (Investment in associated collective investment schemes);
- (8) ■ COLL 5.2.19 R (1), ■ COLL 5.2.19 R (2) and ■ COLL 5.2.19R (4) (Derivatives: general);
- (9) ■ COLL 5.2.20 R (Permitted transactions (derivatives and forwards));
- (10) ■ COLL 5.2.20A R (Financial indices underlying derivatives), ■ COLL 5.2.20BG (1) and ■ COLL 5.2.20BG (4) (Guidance on financial indices underlying derivatives);
- (11) ■ COLL 5.2.21 R (Transactions for the purchase of property);
- (12) ■ COLL 5.2.22 R (Requirement to cover sales) and ■ COLL 5.2.22A G (Guidance on requirement to cover sales);
- (13) ■ COLL 5.2.23 R (OTC Transactions in derivatives), ■ COLL 5.2.23A R and ■ COLL 5.2.23B R);
- (14) ■ COLL 5.2.23C R (Valuation of OTC derivatives);
- (15) ■ COLL 5.2.26 R (Investment in deposits);
- (16) ■ COLL 5.5.1 R to ■ COLL 5.5.7A G (Cash, borrowing, lending and other provisions); and
- (17) ■ COLL 5.5.9 R (Guarantees and indemnities) and ■ COLL 5.5.10 G (Guidance on restricting payments).