Financial Crime Guide: A firm's guide to countering financial crime risks (FCG)

Chapter 1

Introduction



1.3 Format of the FCG

Financial crime: a guide for firms

1.3.1 G FCG looks at key aspects of firms' efforts to counter different types of crime. It is aimed at firms big and small; material will not necessarily apply to all situations. If guidance is specific to certain types of firm, this is indicated by

Self-assessment questions:

- •These questions will help you to consider whether your firm's approach is appropriate. (Text in brackets expands on this.)
- •The FCA may follow similar lines of inquiry when discussing financial crime issues with firms.
- •The questions draw attention to some of the key points firms should consider when deciding how to address a financial crime issue or comply with a financial crime requirement.

- This list provides illustrative examples of good practices.
- Good practice examples are drawn from conduct seen in firms during thematic work in relation to financial crime.
- We would draw comfort from seeing evidence that these practices take place.
- Note that if these practices are lacking it may not be a problem. The FCA would consider whether a firm has taken other measures to meet its obligations.

- This list provides illustrative examples of **poor practices**.
- Poor practice examples are also drawn from conduct seen during thematic work.
 - Some show a lack of commitment, others fall short of our expectations; some, as indicated in the text, may breach regulatory requirements or be criminal offences.
- These do not identify all cases where conduct may give rise to regulatory breaches or criminal offences.

Case studies and other information

1.3.2 G Most sections contain case studies outlining occasions when a person's conduct fell short of the regulatory expectations, and enforcement action followed; or information on topics relevant to the section.