Collective Investment Schemes

Chapter 8

Qualified investor schemes



8.6 Termination, suspension, and schemes of arrangement

Application

- 8.6.1 This section applies to:
 - (1) an authorised fund manager, the directors, and the depositary of a qualified investor scheme; and
 - (2) an ICVC which is a qualified investor scheme.

Termination

8.6.2 For a *qualified investor scheme* the provisions in ■ COLL 7.3 to ■ COLL 7.5 will apply as appropriate as if ■ COLL 7 applied to *qualified investor schemes*.

Suspension

8.6.3 R

- (1) The authorised fund manager may, with the prior agreement of the depositary, and must without delay, if the depositary so requires, within any parameters which are fair and reasonable in respect of all the unitholders in the scheme and which are set out in the prospectus, temporarily suspend dealings in units of the scheme, a sub-fund or a class.
- (2) Any suspension within (1) must only be where the authorised fund manager has determined on reasonable grounds that there is good and sufficient reason in the interests of unitholders or potential unitholders and the authorised fund manager must have regard to the interests of all the unitholders in the scheme in reaching such an opinion.
- (3) At the commencement of suspension under (1), the authorised fund manager must immediately inform the FCA of the suspension and the reasons for it.
- (3A) The authorised fund manager must ensure that a notification of the suspension is made to unitholders of the authorised fund as soon as practicable after suspension commences.
- (3B) The authorised fund manager and the depositary must ensure that the suspension only continues for as long as it is justified having regard to the interests of the unitholders.

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- (4) The suspension of *dealings* in *units* must cease, as soon as (2) no longer applies.
- (4A) The authorised fund manager and the depositary must formally review the suspension at least every 28 days and inform the FCA of the results of this review and any change to the information provided in (3).
 - (5) The *authorised fund manager* must inform the *FCA* immediately of the resumption of *dealings*.
- **8.6.4 G** [deleted]

Schemes of arrangement

R In relation to an ICVC, ACS or an AUT which is a qualified investor scheme, the provisions in ■ COLL 7.6 (Schemes of arrangement) will apply as appropriate to the authorised fund manager, any other directors of the ICVC and the depositary as if ■ COLL 7.6 applied to a qualified investor scheme and did not exclude unitholders becoming unitholders in another qualified investor scheme.