Enforcement Guide

Chapter 19 Non-FSMA powers



19.12 **Financial Conglomerates and Other Financial Groups Regulations 2004**

19.12.1 These Regulations implemented in part the Financial Conglomerates Directive, 25 which imposed certain procedural requirements on the FCA as a competent authority under the Directive. These Regulations also made specific provision about the exercise of certain supervisory powers in relation to financial conglomerates.

²⁵ Directive 2002/87/EC

19.12.2 The FCA's powers to vary a firm's Part 4A permission or to impose requirements under sections 55J and 55L of the Act were extended under these Regulations. The FCA is able to use these powers where it is desirable to do so for the purpose of:

> supervision in accordance with the Financial Groups Directive Regulations;

acting in accordance with specified provisions of the Capital Requirements Regulations 2013; and acting in accordance with specified provisions that implemented or supplemented Solvency II Directive.

The duty imposed by section 55B(3) (The threshold conditions) of the Act does not prevent the FCA from exercising its own-initiative power for these purposes. But subject to that, when exercising this power under the Regulations, the FCA will do so in a manner consistent with its approach generally to variation under the Act.

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