Prudential sourcebook for Mortgage and Home Finance Firms, and Insurance Intermediaries

Chapter 2

Responsibility for insurance distribution and MCD credit intermediation activity



2.2 Allocation of the responsibility for insurance distribution activity or MCD credit intermediation activity

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2.2.1 A firm, other than a sole trader, must allocate the responsibility for the firm's R insurance distribution activity or MCD credit intermediation activity to a director or senior manager.

> [Note: article 3(1), eighth paragraph of the IDD and article 29(4)(a), first sentence, of the MCD.]

> > seniority and authority within the firm to take on that role.

- G 2.2.1A (1) Where a firm allocates responsibility under ■ MIPRU 2.2.1R it should ensure that the person to whom the allocation is made is of sufficient
 - (2) The person could, for example, be:
 - (a) a SMF manager who holds the executive director function (SMF 3) or the other overall responsibility function (SMF 18); or
 - (b) a person who holds a significant management FCA certification function.

in relation to, as relevant, insurance distribution business or MCD credit intermediation business.

- 2.2.1B R (1) The firm must notify the FCA in a timely manner of the allocation in ■ MIPRU 2.2.1R in accordance with (2).
 - (2) Where the person allocated responsibility under MIPRU 2.2.1R, is:
 - (a) a SMF manager, then notification must be made in the following
 - (i) in Form A (Application to perform controlled functions) (see ■ SUP 10C Annex 3D), Form D (Notification: Changes to personal information/application details and conduct breaches/disciplinary action related to conduct) (see ■ SUP 10C Annex 6R) or Form E (Internal transfer of a person performing a controlled function) (see ■ SUP 10C Annex 7D);
 - (ii) included in (as relevant):
 - (A) a statement of responsibilities; or

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- (B) revised statement of responsibilities sent to the FCA as described in SUP 10C.11.7D (Revised statements of responsibilities: Procedure); or
- (b) a *Directory person*, the notification is included in the *Directory person* report (see SUP 16 Annex 47AR (Directory persons report)); or
- (c) a person other than a person in (a) and (b), then notification may be emailed to 'firm.queries@fca.org.uk' or made using a method as set out in SUP 15.7.4R (Method of notification).
- 2.2.2 R | [deleted]
- **2.2.3 G** [deleted]
- 2.2.4 C Where a firm has appointed an appointed representative to carry on insurance mediation activity or MCD credit intermediation activity on its behalf, the person responsible for the firm's insurance mediation activity or MCD credit intermediation activity will also be responsible for the insurance distribution activity or MCD credit intermediation activity carried on by an appointed representative.
- 2.2.5 G The FCA will specify in the Financial Services Register the name of the persons to whom the responsibility for the firm's insurance distribution activity or MCD credit intermediation activity has been allocated. In the case of a sole trader, the FCA will specify in the Financial Services Register the name of the sole trader as the 'contact person' in the firm.