

# Recognised Investment Exchanges

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

## 1.1 Application

- 1.1.1** G (1) The *rules and guidance* in this sourcebook apply to *recognised bodies* and to applicants for recognition as *RIEs* under Part XVIII of the Act (Recognised Investment Exchanges and Clearing Houses) and (as *RAPs*) under the *RAP regulations*.
- (2) The *recognition requirements and guidance* in ■ REC 2 relate primarily to *UK RIEs* which are recognised, or applying to be recognised, to operate a *regulated market* in the *United Kingdom*.
- (3) While some *recognition requirements* in ■ REC 2 apply to other *trading venues* operated by *UK RIEs*, *guidance* in respect of those venues is set out in ■ MAR 5 and ■ MAR 5A.
- 1.1.1A** G [deleted]
- 1.1.2** G (1) *UK RIEs* are *exempt persons* under section 285 of the Act (Exemption for recognised investment exchanges and clearing houses).
- (2) *UK RIEs* must satisfy *recognition requirements* prescribed by the Treasury (in certain cases with the approval of the Secretary of State) in the *Recognition Requirements Regulations*. *UK RIEs* must also satisfy the *MiFID/MiFIR requirements*. *RAPs* must satisfy the recognition requirements prescribed by the Treasury in the *RAP regulations*, under the *UK auctioning regulations* and must also be *UK RIEs* and so are subject to the *MiFID/MiFIR requirements*. *ROIEs* must satisfy *recognition requirements* laid down in section 292 of the Act (Overseas investment exchanges and overseas clearing houses).
- (3) *UK RIEs* must also comply with the following:
- (a) notification requirements in, and *notification rules* made under, sections 293 (Notification requirements) and 295 (Notification: overseas investment exchanges and clearing houses) of the Act; and
- (b) any rules made under the FCA's rule-making power in regulation 11 of the *Recognition Requirements Regulations*.
- 1.1.3** G (1) The *recognition requirements* for *UK recognised bodies* are set out, with *guidance*, in ■ REC 2. The *RAP recognition requirements* (other than requirements under the *UK auctioning regulations* which are not reproduced in REC) are set out, with *guidance*, in ■ REC 2A.
- (1A) Key relevant *MiFID/MiFIR requirements* directly applicable to *UK recognised bodies* are signposted as "**Notes**".
- (2) The *notification rules* for *UK recognised bodies* are set out in ■ REC 3 together with *guidance* on those rules.

- (3) *Guidance on the FCA's approach to the supervision of recognised bodies* is given in ■ REC 4.
- (4) *Guidance for applicants (and potential applicants) for UK recognised body status* is given in ■ REC 5.
- (5) The *recognition requirements, notification rules, and guidance for ROIEs* and *guidance for applicants (and potential applicants) for ROIE status* are set out in ■ REC 6.
- (5A) [deleted]
- (6) The *fees rules for recognised bodies* and applicants are set out in ■ FEES 1, ■ 2, ■ 3 and ■ 4.

## 1.2 Purpose, status and quotations, notes or references

### Purpose

- 1.2.1 G The purpose of the *guidance* in this sourcebook is to give information on the *recognised body requirements*. Explanations of the purposes of the *rules* in this sourcebook are given in the chapters concerned.

### Status

- 1.2.2 G
- (1) Most of the provisions in this sourcebook are marked with a G (to indicate *guidance*) or an R (to indicate a *rule*). Quotations from *UK* statute or statutory instruments are marked with the letters "UK" unless they form part of a piece of *guidance*. Other informative text regarding provisions of *EU* directives or *onshored regulations* which is meant to be for the convenience of readers but is not part of the legislative material is preceded by the word "**Note**". For a discussion of the status of provisions marked with a letter, see Chapter 6 of the Reader's Guide.
  - (2) Where the *guidance* states that the *FCA* may have regard to any factor in assessing or determining whether a *recognised body requirement* is satisfied, it means that the *FCA* will take that factor into account so far as it is relevant.
  - (3) In determining whether a *recognised body* satisfies the *recognised body requirements*, the *FCA* will have regard to any relevant factor, including, but not limited to, the factors specifically discussed in the *guidance*.

### Quotations

- 1.2.3 G
- (1) This sourcebook contains quotations from the *Act*, the *Recognition Requirements Regulations*, the *RAP regulations*, the *Companies Act 1989* and, where necessary, words have been added to, or substituted for, the text of these provisions to facilitate understanding.
  - (2) The additions and substitutions are enclosed in square brackets ([ ]). The omission of words within a quotation is indicated by three dots (...).



- (3) Any words in these quotations which have the same meaning as *Handbook* defined terms are shown in italics and their definitions may be found in the *Glossary*.
- (4) As these quotations contain provisions which impose obligations, they are printed in bold type. The use of bold type is not intended to indicate that these quotations are *rules* made by the *FCA*.
- (5) None of the editorial changes made by the *FCA* in these quotations can supersede or alter the meaning of the provision concerned.



## Chapter 2

# Recognition requirements

## 2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1** **G** (1) This chapter contains the *recognition requirements* for UK RIEs (other than RAPs) and sets out *guidance* on those requirements.
- (2) This chapter also contains “**Notes**” with informative text in relation to *MiFID/MiFIR requirements* applicable directly to UK RIEs operating *trading venues*.
- (3) This chapter directs UK RIEs to certain *recognition requirements* and *guidance* on those requirements found in other parts of the *Handbook*.
- 2.1.1A** **G** *Guidance* on the *RAP recognition requirements* which apply to RAPs is set out in ■ REC 2A (Recognised Auction Platforms). *Guidance* on the *recognition requirements* for ROIEs is set out in ■ REC 6 (Overseas Investment Exchanges).
- 2.1.2** **G** These *recognition requirements* must be satisfied by applicants for UK RIE status before recognition is granted and by all UK RIEs at all times while they are recognised. In addition the *MiFID implementing requirements* must be satisfied by applicants for UK RIE status before recognition is granted and by all UK RIEs at all times while they are recognised. The same standards apply both on initial recognition and throughout the period *recognised body* status is held. The term UK RIE in the *guidance* should be taken, therefore, to refer also to an applicant when appropriate.
- 2.1.3** **G** (1) The paragraphs in the Schedule to the *Recognition Requirements Regulations* are grouped in this sourcebook in sections which give *guidance* on the same subject for UK RIEs.
- (2) The table in ■ REC 2.1.4 G indicates in which section each of those paragraphs (and the associated *guidance*) can be found.
- 2.1.4** **G** **Location of recognition requirements and guidance**

Recognition Requirements Regulations	Subject	Section in REC 2/ other parts of the Handbook
Regulation 6	Method of satisfying recognition requirements	2.2
Part I of the Schedule	UK RIE recognition requirements	
Paragraph 1	Financial resources	2.3
Paragraph 2	Suitability	2.4
Paragraphs 2A and 2B	Management Body	2.4A
Paragraphs 3, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E, 3G and 3H	Systems and controls, market making agreements, halting trading, direct electronic access, co-location services, fee structures, algorithmic trading, tick size regimes, synchronisation of business clocks	2.5
Paragraphs 4(1), 4(2)(aa) and 4C	General safeguards for investors and publication of data regarding execution of transactions	2.6
Paragraph 4(2)(a)	Access to facilities	2.7
Paragraph 4(2)(c)	Availability of relevant information	2.12
Paragraph 4(2)(d)	Settlement	2.8
Paragraph 4(2)(e)	Transaction recording	2.9
Paragraph 4(2)(ea)	Conflicts	2.5
Paragraph 4(2)(f) and 4(2)(fa)	Financial crime and market abuse	2.10
Paragraph 4(2)(g)	Custody	2.11
Paragraph 4(3)	Definition of relevant information	2.12
Paragraph 6	Promotion and maintenance of standards	2.13
Paragraph 7	Rules and consultation	2.14
Paragraphs 7A and 9ZB (regulated markets only)	Admission of financial instruments to trading	2.12
Paragraphs 7B, 7C and 9ZC (regulated markets only)	Access to facilities	2.7
Paragraphs 7BA & 7BB	Position management and position reporting re commodity derivatives	2.7A
Paragraph 7D	Settlement and clearing facilitation services	2.8

Recognition Requirements Regulations	Subject	Section in REC 2/ other parts of the Handbook
Paragraphs 7E and 7F	Suspension and removal of financial instruments from trading	2.6
Paragraph 8	Discipline	2.15
Paragraph 9	Complaints	2.16
Paragraphs 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D, 9E, 9F, 9G, 9H and 9ZD	Operation of a multilateral trading facility or an organised trading facility	2.16A/ MAR 5 and MAR 5A
Paragraph 9ZA (regulated markets only)	Order execution	2.6
Paragraph 9K	Provision of data reporting services	2.16B/ MAR 9
Part II of the Schedule	UK RIE default rules in respect of market contracts	2.17

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## 2.2 Method of satisfying the recognition requirements

2.2.1 **UK** Recognition Requirements Regulations, Regulation 6

**(1) In considering whether a [UK recognised body] or applicant satisfies recognition requirements applying to it under these [Recognition Requirements Regulations], the [FCA] may take into account all relevant circumstances including the constitution of the person concerned and its regulatory provisions within the meaning of section 300E of the Act.**

**(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), a [UK recognised body] or applicant may satisfy recognition requirements applying to it under these [Recognition Requirements Regulations] by making arrangements for functions to be performed on its behalf by any other person.**

**(3) Where a [UK recognised body] or applicant makes arrangements of the kind mentioned in paragraph (2), the arrangements do not affect the responsibility imposed by the Act on the [UK recognised body] or applicant to satisfy recognition requirements applying to it under these [Recognition Requirements Regulations], but it is in addition a recognition requirement applying to the [UK recognised body] or applicant that the person who performs (or is to perform) the functions is a fit and proper person who is able and willing to perform them.**

### Relevant circumstances

2.2.2 **G** The FCA will usually expect :

- (1) the constitution, *regulatory provisions* and practices of the *UK recognised body* or applicant;
- (2) the nature (including complexity, diversity and risk) and scale of the *UK recognised body's* or applicant's business;
- (3) the size and nature of the market which is supported by the *UK recognised body's* or applicant's *facilities*;
- (4) the nature and status of the types of investor who use the *UK recognised body's* or applicant's *facilities* or have an interest in the market supported by the *UK recognised body's* or applicant's *facilities*;
- (4A) competition in the markets for services provided, or proposed to be provided, by the *UK recognised body* or applicant in its capacity as such; and
- (5) the nature and scale of the risks to the *statutory objectives* associated with the matters described in (1) to (4A);

to be among the relevant circumstances which it will take into account in considering whether a *UK recognised body* or applicant satisfies the *recognition requirements*.

**Outsourcing**

**2.2.3** **G** It is the *UK recognised body's* responsibility to demonstrate to the *FCA* that a *person* who performs a function on behalf of the *UK recognised body* is fit and proper and able and willing to perform that function. The *recognition requirement* referred to in Regulation 6(3) applies to the *UK recognised body* and not to any *person* who performs any function on its behalf. In this context, for a *person* to be "fit and proper" does not necessarily imply that they are an *authorised person*, or qualified to be so, or that the required standard is the same as that required either for *authorised persons* or *recognised bodies*.

**2.2.4** **G** If a *UK recognised body* makes arrangements for functions to be performed on its behalf by *persons* who are *authorised persons* or *recognised bodies*, this does not alter its obligations under Regulation 6.  
 [Note: MiFID RTS 7 contains further requirements for a *trading venue* whose systems enable *algorithmic trading* when outsourcing all or part of its functions]

**2.2.5** **G** If a *person* who performs a function on behalf of a *UK recognised body* is himself carrying on a *regulated activity* in the *United Kingdom*, he will, unless he is a *person* to whom the *general prohibition* does not apply, need to be either an *authorised person* or an *exempt person*. The *person* to whom a function is delegated is not covered by the *UK recognised body's* exemption.

**2.2.6** **G** In determining whether the *UK recognised body* meets the *recognition requirement* in Regulation 6(3), the *FCA* may have regard to whether that body has ensured that the *person* who performs that function on its behalf:

- (1) has sufficient resources to be able to perform the function (after allowing for any other activities);
- (2) has adequate systems and controls to manage that function and to report on its performance to the *UK recognised body*;
- (3) is managed by *persons* of sufficient skill, competence and integrity;
- (4) understands the nature of the function it performs on behalf of the *UK recognised body* and its significance for the *UK recognised body's* ability to satisfy the *recognition requirements* and other obligations in or under the *Act*; and
- (5) undertakes to perform that function in such a way as to enable the *UK recognised body* to continue to satisfy the *recognition requirements* and other obligations in or under the *Act*.

[Note: MiFID RTS 7 contains further requirements for a *trading venue* whose systems enable *algorithmic trading* when outsourcing all or part of its functions]



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In determining whether a *UK recognised body* continues to satisfy the *recognition requirements* where it has made arrangements for any function to be performed on its behalf by any *person*, the *FCA* may have regard, in addition to any of the matters described in the appropriate section of this chapter, to the arrangements made to exercise control over the performance of the function, including:

- (1) the contracts (and other relevant *documents*) between the *UK recognised body* and the *person* who performs the delegated function;
- (2) the arrangements made to monitor the performance of that function; and
- (3) the arrangements made to manage conflicts of interest and protect confidential regulatory information.

[**Note:** *MiFID RTS 7* contains further requirements for a *trading venue* whose systems enable *algorithmic trading* when outsourcing all or part of its functions]

## 2.3 Financial resources

2.3.1 **UK** Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 1

(1) The [UK RIE] must have financial resources sufficient for the proper performance of its [relevant functions] as a [UK RIE].

(2) In considering whether this requirement is satisfied, the [FCA] must (without prejudice to the generality of regulation 6(1)) take into account all the circumstances, including the [UK RIE's] connection with any person, and any activity carried on by the [UK RIE], whether or not it is an exempt activity.

2.3.2 **UK** [deleted]

2.3.3 **G** In determining whether a UK recognised body has financial resources sufficient for the proper performance of its *relevant functions*, the FCA may have regard to:

- (1) the operational and other risks to which the UK recognised body is exposed;
- (2) if the UK recognised body guarantees the performance of transactions in *specified investments*, the counterparty and market risks to which it is exposed in that capacity;
- (3) the amount and composition of the UK recognised body's capital;
- (4) the amount and composition of the UK recognised body's liquid financial assets;
- (5) the amount and composition of the UK recognised body's other financial resources (such as insurance policies and guarantees, where appropriate);
- (6) the financial benefits, liabilities, risks and exposures arising from the UK recognised body's connection with any person, including but not limited to, its connection with:
  - (a) any undertaking in the same group as the UK recognised body;
  - (b) any other person with a significant shareholding or stake in the UK recognised body;
  - (c) any other person with whom the UK recognised body has made a significant investment whether in the form of equity, debt, or by means of any guarantee or other form of commitment;

(d) any *person* with whom it has a significant contractual relationship.

(7) the nature and extent of the transactions concluded on the *UK RIE*.

**Accounting information and standards**

2.3.4 **G** The *FCA* will usually rely on a *UK recognised body's* published and internal *management accounts* and financial projections, provided that those accounts and projections are prepared in accordance with *UK*, *US* or international accounting standards.

**Counterparty and market risks: principles**

2.3.5 **G** In assessing whether a *UK recognised body* has sufficient financial resources in relation to counterparty and market risks, the *FCA* may have regard to:

- (1) the amount and liquidity of its financial assets and the likely availability of liquid financial resources to the *UK recognised body* during periods of major market turbulence or other periods of major stress for the *UK financial system*; and
- (2) the nature and scale of the *UK recognised body's* exposures to counterparty and market risks and, where relevant, the counterparties to which it is exposed.

**Operational and other risks: principles**

2.3.6 **G** In assessing whether a *UK recognised body* has sufficient financial resources in relation to operational and other risks, the *FCA* may have regard to the extent to which, after allowing for the financial resources necessary to cover counterparty and market risks, the *UK recognised body's* financial resources are sufficient and sufficiently liquid:

- (1) to enable the *UK recognised body* to continue carrying on properly the *regulated activities* that it expects to carry on; and
- (2) to ensure that it would be able to complete an orderly closure or transfer of its *exempt activities* without being prevented from doing so by insolvency or lack of available funds.

**Operational and other risks: components of calculation**

2.3.7 **G** In considering whether a *UK recognised body* has sufficient financial resources in relation to operational and other risks, the *FCA* will normally have regard to two components: eligible financial resources and net capital.

2.3.8 **G** (1) [deleted]  
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**Operational and other risks: UK RIEs - the standard and risk-based approach**

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- (1) The *FCA* considers that a *UK RIE* which at any time holds:
- (a) eligible financial resources not less than the greater of:
    - (i) the amount calculated under the standard approach; and
    - (ii) the amount calculated under the risk-based approach; and
  - (b) net capital not less than the amount of eligible financial resources determined under (1)(a);
- will, at that time, have sufficient financial resources to meet the *recognition requirement* in respect of operational and other risks unless there are special circumstances indicating otherwise.
- (2) The *FCA* would normally regard the amount calculated under ■ REC 2.3.9G (1)(a)(i) to be a minimum amount of financial resources below which a *UK RIE* would be failing the *recognition requirements*. The *FCA* would expect a *UK RIE* to hold, in addition to this minimum amount, an amount constituting an operational risk buffer calculated in accordance with ■ REC 2.3.22 G.

**Operational and other risks: individual guidance**

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The *FCA* would expect to provide a *UK recognised body* with individual *guidance*, issued with a frequency determined in accordance with the usual prudential cycle for such bodies, communicated from time to time, on the amount of eligible financial resources which it considers would be sufficient for the *UK recognised body* to hold in respect of operational and other risks to satisfy the *recognition requirements*. In formulating its individual *guidance*, the *FCA* will ordinarily apply the approach described in ■ REC 2.3.9 G for *UK RIEs*.

**Operational and other risks: eligible financial resources**

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For the purposes of ■ REC 2.3, "eligible financial resources" should consist of liquid financial assets held on the balance sheet of a *UK recognised body*, including cash and liquid financial instruments where the financial instruments have minimal market and credit risk and are capable of being liquidated with minimal adverse price effect.

**Operational and other risks: net capital**

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- For the purposes of ■ REC 2.3, "net capital" should be in the form of equity. For this purpose, the *FCA* considers that common stock, retained earnings, disclosed reserves and other instruments classified as common equity tier one capital or additional tier one capital constitute equity. The *FCA* considers that, when calculating its net capital, a *UK recognised body*:
- (1) should deduct holdings of its own securities, or those of any undertaking in the same *group* as the *UK recognised body*, together with any amount owed to the *UK recognised body* by an undertaking in its *group* under any loan or credit arrangement and any exposure arising under any guarantee, charge or contingent liability given in favour of such an undertaking or a creditor of such undertaking; and

- (2) may include interim earnings that have been independently verified by its auditor.

**Operational and other risks: eligible financial resources calculated under the standard approach**

2.3.13

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- (1) Under the standard approach, the amount of eligible financial resources is equal to six months of operating costs.
- (2) Under the standard approach, the FCA assumes liquid financial assets are needed to cover the costs that would be incurred during an orderly wind-down of the *UK recognised body's exempt activities*, while continuing to satisfy all the *recognition requirements* and complying with any other obligations under the Act (including the obligations to pay periodic fees to the FCA).
- (3) For the purposes of the standard approach, the FCA would normally expect the calculation of operating costs to be based on the *UK recognised body's* most recent audited annual accounts, with six months of operating costs being equal to one half of the sum of all operating costs reflected in the audited annual accounts of the *UK recognised body* in the course of performing its functions during the year to which the accounts relate. In calculating the gross annual operating costs, the FCA would consider it reasonable to exclude non-cash costs (costs that do not involve an outflow of funds).
- (4) The FCA considers it to be reasonable for a *UK recognised body* to adjust its operating expenditure calculation if, during the period since its last audited accounts were prepared, its level of operating expenditure has changed materially as documented by the current annual budget or forecast adopted by the *UK recognised body's governing body*.
- (5) The FCA considers that it is reasonable for a *UK recognised body* to adjust its operating expenditure to take account of arrangements between two or more undertakings in the same *group*, which are all subject to prudential regulation in the *United Kingdom* under which specified costs are shared or recharged among those undertakings and those costs would otherwise be double-counted in the calculation of their financial resources requirement.

**Operational and other risks: eligible financial resources calculated under the risk-based approach (UK RIE's only)**

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- (1) The risk-based approach is intended to ensure that sufficient financial resources are maintained at all times such that a *UK RIE* would not be prevented from implementing an orderly wind-down as a result of the financial impacts of stress events affecting its business or the markets in which it operates.
- (2) Under the risk-based approach the amount of eligible financial resources is calculated by adding together:
  - (a) the amount estimated by the *UK RIE* to absorb the potential business losses that a business of its nature, scale and complexity might incur in stressed but plausible market conditions; and
  - (b) the amount estimated by the *UK RIE* to effect an orderly closure.

In this context, a business loss arises where there is an increase in cost or reduction of revenue relative to a *UK RIE's* expectation of its financial performance, such that a loss needs to be charged against its capital.

**Operational and other risks: the risk-based assessment (UK RIEs only)**

- 2.3.15 **G** For the purposes of calculating the risk-based approach, the *FCA* would normally expect the *UK RIE* to provide the *FCA* with an annual financial risk assessment that identifies the risks to its business. As a financial risk assessment is likely to form an integral part of the *UK RIE's* management process and decision-making culture, the *FCA* would normally expect it to be approved by the *UK RIE's governing body*.
  
- 2.3.16 **G** The *FCA* would normally expect to use the most recent financial risk assessment prepared by the *UK RIE* in the course of preparing individual *guidance*, issued in accordance with the usual prudential cycle for such bodies, on the amount of financial resources that it considers is sufficient for a *UK RIE* to hold to satisfy the *recognition requirements*. The financial risk assessment would provide the basis for calculating the amount of eligible financial resources that should be held by the *UK RIE* under the risk-based approach.
  
- 2.3.17 **G** The financial risk assessment should be based on a methodology which provides a reasonable estimate of the potential business losses which a *UK RIE* might incur in stressed but plausible market conditions. The *FCA* would expect a *UK RIE* to carry out a financial risk assessment at least once in every twelve-month period, or more frequently if there are material changes in the nature, scale or complexity of the *UK RIE's* operations or its business plans that suggest such financial risk assessment no longer provides a reasonable estimate of its potential business losses. The *FCA* considers that it would be reasonable for a financial risk assessment to proceed in the following way:
  - (1) Step 1: the *UK RIE* would identify, in writing, the risks to which the business of the *UK RIE* is exposed and which could have a material adverse effect on its financial position, in the light of the nature, scale and complexity of its operations and its business plans. For this purpose, it would be reasonable to refer to the categorisation of risk used under the system of risk management adopted by the *UK RIE* in order to meet its responsibilities under the *recognition requirements* referred to in **■ REC 2.5**. That description would identify which risks are indemnified or transferred by the *UK RIE* and which are retained and accepted.
  
  - (2) Step 2: the *UK RIE* would conduct an assessment of the potential business losses that could arise in the event that the risks identified in accordance with step 1 were to materialise. For this purpose, it would be reasonable for a *UK RIE* to develop, and keep under review, a stress and scenario testing plan designed to simulate the effects of a pre-determined series of events, or sets of circumstances, that would be likely to occur following the crystallisation of one or more identified risks, taking into account the systems and controls in place to mitigate those risks. The stress and scenario testing plan would:
    - (a) cover a forward-looking period of at least one year;

- (b) consider a suitable range of adverse events and sets of circumstances, of a defined severity and duration, which could occur in stressed but plausible market conditions;
- (c) consider how a particular adverse event or set of circumstances could lead to or be correlated with other events;
- (d) consider the potential for a particular adverse event or set of circumstances to affect multiple business lines;
- (e) take into account realistic management actions to resolve such adverse events and circumstances; and
- (f) where appropriate, involve sensitivity analysis showing the effects of changes to assumptions made about the impact of particular adverse events and circumstances.

In designing its stress and scenario testing plan, the *FCA* considers that it would be reasonable for a *UK RIE* to be guided by any risk-scoring methodology that it deploys for general risk-management purposes that might have application in evaluating the probability and impact of its risks.

- (3) Step 3: the *UK RIE* would assess the eligible financial resources that it would need to hold to cover such potential business losses. Such eligible financial resources would enable the *UK RIE* to absorb any financial shocks attributable to such business risks were they to arise.

In carrying out this assessment, the *FCA* considers that it would be reasonable for a *UK RIE* to take account of any action which its senior management might plan on taking in response to a given stress event. For example, if the risk appetite of a *UK RIE* is such that it would not pursue recovery from a given stress event (and would instead initiate an orderly wind-down), the assessment of eligible financial resources needed in such circumstances might reasonably be limited to the costs of orderly wind-down from the point in time at which that decision would be likely to be made.

Where a *UK RIE* expects to be making a loss during the period covered by the financial risk assessment as a result of its anticipated business performance in normal market conditions, the business losses which are relevant to the calculation of the risk-based approach are those additional losses which the *UK RIE* would expect to incur in stressed but plausible market conditions.

- (4) Step 4: the *UK RIE* would make an assessment of the cost of orderly closure. The *FCA* considers that an orderly closure should normally include an assessment of the impact of closure on the users of the markets operated by that *UK RIE*. For the purpose of this assessment, the *FCA* considers that it would be reasonable for a *UK RIE* to adopt the amount needed under the standard approach as its cost of orderly closure or to use its own method of calculation based on a scenario plan which comprehensively documents the costs that a *UK RIE* in its position might incur in order to fully implement an orderly wind-down.
- (5) Step 5: the *UK RIE* would produce a proposal for the amount of eligible financial resources considered to be adequate to meet the risk-based approach. Such a proposal would be based on the sum of:

- (a) the amount assessed to cover potential business losses in accordance with ■ REC 2.3.17G (3); and
  - (b) an amount assessed to cover the cost of orderly closure in accordance with ■ REC 2.3.17G (4).
- (6) Step 6: the *UK RIE* would calculate the amount available as an operational risk buffer in accordance with ■ REC 2.3.22 G. To the extent the amount available is insufficient to constitute an operational risk buffer, the *UK RIE* would include within its proposal the amount it would propose to hold (in addition to the sum of the amounts referred to in (5)(a) and (b)) for those purposes.

**2.3.18** G The *FCA* would normally expect a financial risk assessment to include a description of the methodology applied by the *UK RIE* to arrive at the proposal made in accordance with ■ REC 2.3.17G (5).

**2.3.19** G Where a *UK RIE* is a member of a *group*, the *FCA* would normally expect the annual risk assessment to be accompanied by a consolidated balance sheet:

- (1) of any *group* in which the *UK RIE* is a *subsidiary undertaking*; or
- (2) (if the *UK RIE* is not a *subsidiary undertaking* in any *group*) of any *group* of which the *UK RIE* is a *parent undertaking*.

**2.3.20** G The *FCA* would expect to consider the relevant annual financial risk assessment, any proposal with respect to an operational risk buffer and, if applicable, the consolidated balance sheet, in formulating, in accordance with the usual prudential cycle for *UK RIEs*, its *guidance* on the amount of eligible financial resources it considers to be sufficient for the *UK RIE* to hold for the *recognition requirements*. In formulating its *guidance*, the *FCA* would, where relevant, consider whether or not the financial risk assessment makes adequate provision for the following risks:

- (1) the risks related to the administration and operation of the *UK RIE* as a business enterprise (whether as a result of adverse reputational effects, poor execution of business strategy, ineffective response to competition, or otherwise);
- (2) the risk that deficiencies in information systems or internal processes, human errors, management failures, or disruptions from external events will result in the reduction, deterioration, or breakdown of services provided by a *UK RIE* (whether as a result of errors or delays in processing, system outages, insufficient capacity, fraud, data loss and leakage, or otherwise);
- (3) the risk that the financial position of the *UK RIE* may be adversely affected by its relationships (financial or non-financial) with other entities in the same *group* or by risks which may affect the financial position of the whole *group*, including reputational contagion; and
- (4) any other type of risk which is relevant to that particular *UK RIE*.



**Operational and other risks: purpose of the risk buffer**

2.3.21 **G** The *FCA* would normally consider a *UK recognised body* to be failing the *recognition requirements* if it held financial resources less than the amount calculated under ■ REC 2.3.9G (1)(a)(i) (in respect of *UK RIEs*). The *FCA* therefore expects a *UK recognised body* to hold an operational risk buffer of a sufficient amount in excess of this minimum, to ensure that it is at all times able to comply with its regulatory obligations.

**Operational and other risks: calculation of the operational risk buffer - UK recognised bodies**

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- (1) [deleted]
- (2) The *FCA* would normally expect a *UK RIE* to hold, in addition to the minimum amount determined under ■ REC 2.3.9G (1)(a)(i), an operational risk buffer consistent with a risk-based approach.
  - (a) Where the amount of eligible financial resources calculated by a *UK RIE* under ■ REC 2.3.17G (5) (the risk-based approach) is greater than the amount of eligible financial resources calculated under ■ REC 2.3.13 G (the standard approach), and the difference is of an amount sufficient to serve the purposes of the operational risk buffer, then the *FCA* considers that there would be no need for a *UK RIE* to hold any further amount as an operational risk buffer.
  - (b) Where the amount of eligible financial resources calculated by a *UK RIE* under ■ REC 2.3.17G (5) (the risk-based approach) is not sufficient to provide an effective operational risk buffer over and above the amount calculated under ■ REC 2.3.13 G (the standard approach), then the *FCA* would expect the *UK RIE* to include within its annual risk assessment a proposal to hold additional financial resources sufficient to constitute an operational risk buffer.
- (3) As the operational risk buffer is an amount in excess of the minimum financial resources sufficient to meet the *recognition requirements*, the *FCA* would normally not regard a *UK recognised body* that draws upon or temporarily depletes the operational risk buffer to have failed or be failing a *recognition requirement* in respect of its financial resources. However, the *FCA* would expect to be notified as soon as reasonably practicable if the *UK recognised body* draws upon, or intends to draw upon, its operational risk buffer.

2.4 Suitability

2.4.1 UK Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 2

(1) The [UK RIE] must be a fit and proper person to perform the [ relevant functions ] of a [ UK RIE ].

(2) In considering whether this requirement is satisfied, the [FCA] may (without prejudice to the generality of regulation 6(1)) take into account all the circumstances, including the [UK RIE's] connection with any person.

(3) The *members of the management body* must be of sufficiently good repute and possess sufficient knowledge, skill and experience to perform their duties.

(4) The *persons* who are in a position to exercise significant influence over the management of the [UK RIE], whether directly or indirectly must be suitable.

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In determining whether a *UK recognised body* is a fit and proper person, the FCA may have regard to any relevant factor including, but not limited to:

- (1) the commitment shown by the *UK recognised body's management body* to satisfying the *recognition requirements* and to complying with other obligations in or under the *Act*;
- (2) its arrangements, policies and resources for fulfilling its obligations under the *Act* in relation to its activities as a *UK recognised body*;
- (3) the extent to which its constitution and organisation provide for effective governance;

[Note: MiFID RTS 7 contains further governance requirements for a *trading venue* whose systems enable *algorithmic trading*]

- (4) the arrangements made to ensure that its *management body* has effective oversight of the *UK recognised body's relevant functions*;
- (5) the access which its regulatory department has to the *management body*;
- (6) [deleted]
- (7) [deleted]

- (8) [deleted]
- (9) breaches of any relevant law, regulation or code of practice by the *UK recognised body* or its *key individuals*;
- (10) its arrangements for ensuring that it employs individuals who are honest and demonstrate high standards of integrity;
- (11) the effectiveness of its arrangements to control conflicts of interest (see also *REC 2.5*); and
- (12) the independence of its regulatory department from its commercial and marketing departments.

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In determining whether a *UK recognised body* is a fit and proper *person*, the *FCA* may have regard to its connections with:

- (1) any *undertaking* in the same *group*;
- (2) any owner or part-owner of the *UK recognised body*;
- (3) any *person* who has the right to appoint or remove members of the *management body*;
- (4) any *person* who is able in practice to appoint or remove members of the *management body*;
- (5) any *person* in accordance with whose instructions the *management body* is accustomed to act; and
- (6) any *key individual* in relation to the *UK recognised body* .

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In assessing whether its connection with any *person* could affect whether a *UK recognised body* is a fit and proper *person*, the *FCA* may have regard to:

- (1) the reputation and standing of that other *person*, including his standing with any relevant *UK* or *overseas regulator*;
- (2) breaches of any law or regulation by that other *person*;
- (3) the roles of any of the *UK recognised body's key individuals* who have a position within organisations under the control or influence of that other *person*, including their responsibilities in that organisation and the extent and type of their access to its senior management or governing body;
- (4) the extent to which the *UK recognised body* operates as a distinct entity notwithstanding its connection with that other *person*;
- (5) the extent to which the *UK recognised body's management body* is responsible for its day-to-day management and operations;

but nothing in this paragraph should be taken to imply any restriction on the ability of a *UK recognised body* to outsource any function to any *person* in a manner consistent with Regulation 6 of the Recognition Requirements Regulations.

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In assessing whether the *persons* who effectively direct the business and operations of the *UK RIE* are of sufficiently good repute and sufficiently experienced to ensure the sound and prudent management and operation of the financial markets operated by it, the *FCA* may have regard to the repute and experience of the *UK RIE's key individuals*.



## 2.4A Management body

### 2.4A.1 UK Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, paragraph 2A

- (1) The composition of the management body of a [UK RIE] must reflect an adequately broad range of experience.
- (2) The *management body* must possess adequate collective knowledge, skills and experience in order to understand the [UK RIE's] activities and main risks.
- (3) Members of the management body must -
  - (a) commit sufficient time to perform their functions on the management body;
  - (b) act with honesty, integrity and independence of mind; and
  - (c) effectively -
    - (i) assess and challenge, where necessary, the decisions of the senior management; and
    - (ii) oversee and monitor decision making.
- (4) The management body must -
  - (a) define and oversee the implementation of governance arrangements that ensure the effective and prudent management of the [UK RIE] in a manner which promotes the integrity of the market, which at least must include the -
    - (i) the segregation of duties in the organisation; and
    - (ii) the prevention of conflicts of interest;
  - (b) monitor and periodically assess the effectiveness of the [UK RIE's] governance arrangements; and
  - (c) take appropriate steps to address any deficiencies found as a result of the monitoring under paragraph (b).
- (5) A [UK RIE] must -
  - (a) devote adequate human and financial resources to the induction and training of members of the management body;
  - (b) ensure that the management body has access to the information and documents it requires to oversee and monitor management decision-making; and
  - (c) notify the FCA of the identity of all the members of its management body.
- (6) A [UK RIE] and, if it has a nomination committee, its nomination committee must engage a broad set of qualities and competences when recruiting persons to the management body, and for that purpose have a policy promoting diversity on the management body.

2.4A.2

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Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, paragraph 2B

(7) The number of directorships a member of the management body can hold at the same time must take into account individual circumstances and the nature, scale and complexity of the [UK RIE's] activities.

(1) If the [UK RIE] is significant the following requirements apply to the management body -

- (a) members of the management body must not at the same time hold positions exceeding more than one of the following combinations -
  - (i) one executive directorship with two non-executive directorships (or where so authorised by the FCA under regulation 44(1) [of the *MiFI Regulations*], three non-executive directorships); or
  - (ii) four non-executive directorships (or where so authorised by the FCA under regulation 44(1) [of the *MiFI Regulations*], five non-executive directorships); and
- (b) the management body must have a nomination committee unless it is prevented by law from selecting and appointing its own members.

(2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(a) -

- (a) any directorship in which the person represents the United Kingdom is not counted;
- (b) executive or non-executive directorships -
  - (i) held within the same group, or
  - (ii) held within the same undertaking where the [UK RIE] holds a qualifying holding,
 shall be counted as a single directorship; and
- (c) any directorship in an organisation which does not pursue predominantly commercial objectives is not counted.

(3) The nomination committee referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(b) must -

- (a) be composed of members of the management body who do not perform an executive function in the [UK RIE];
- (b) identify and recommend to the [UK RIE] persons to fill management body vacancies;
- (c) at least annually assess the structure, size, composition and performance of the management body and make recommendations to the management body;
- (d) at least annually assess the knowledge, skills and experience of individual members of the management body and of the management body collectively and report to the management body accordingly; and
- (e) periodically review the policy of the management body for the selection and appointment of senior management and make recommendations to the management body; and
- (f) be able to use any forms of resource it deems appropriate, including external advice.

- (4) In performing its functions under sub-paragraph (3), the nomination committee must take account of the need to ensure that the management body's decision making is not dominated by-
  - (a) any one individual; or
  - (b) a small group of individuals,
 in a manner that is detrimental to the interests of the [UK RIE] as a whole.
- (5) In performing its function under sub-paragraph 3(b) the nomination committee must -
  - (a) evaluate the balance of knowledge, skills, diversity and experience of the management body;
  - (b) prepare a description of the roles, capabilities and expected time commitment for any particular appointment;
  - (c) decide on a target for the representation of the underrepresented gender in the management body and prepare a policy on how to meet that target;
  - (d) engage a broad set of qualities and competences, and for that purpose have a policy promoting diversity on the management body.
- (6) In sub-paragraph (1), "significant" in relation to a [UK RIE] means significant in terms of the size and internal organisation of the [UK RIE] and the nature, scale and complexity of the [UK RIE's] activities.
- (7) In sub-paragraph (2)(b)(ii)—
 

"qualifying holding" means a direct or indirect holding in an investment firm which represents 10% or more of the capital or of the voting rights, as set out in Articles 9 and 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC, taking into account the conditions regarding aggregation thereof laid down in Article 12(4) and (5) of that Directive, or which makes it possible to exercise a significant influence over the management of the investment firm in which that holding subsists;

"Directive 2004/109/EC" means Directive 2004/109/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of transparency requirements in relation to information about issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market.

2.4A.3

**G** The FCA will assess an application under section 299AB of the Act for a *person* on a *management body* to hold an additional non-executive directorship on a case-by-case basis, having regard to the *person's* ability to commit sufficient time to perform their functions on the *management body* and the complexity, nature and scale of operations of the *UK RIE*.

## 2.5 Systems and controls, algorithmic trading and conflicts

### 2.5.1

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#### Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, paragraphs 3 – 3H

##### Paragraph 3 – Systems and controls

- (1) The [UK RIE] must ensure that the systems and controls, including procedures and arrangements, used in the performance of its functions and the functions of the trading venues it operates are adequate, effective and appropriate for the scale and nature of its business.

[Note: SYSC 15A contains requirements relating to the operational resilience of UK RIEs]

- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) applies in particular to systems and controls concerning -
- (a) the transmission of information;
  - (b) the assessment, mitigation and management of risks to the performance of the [UK RIE's relevant functions];
  - (c) the effecting and monitoring of transactions on the [UK RIE];
  - (ca) the technical operation of the [UK RIE], including contingency arrangements for disruption to its facilities;
  - (d) the operation of the arrangements mentioned in paragraph 4(2)(d); and
  - (e) (where relevant) the safeguarding and administration of assets belonging to users of the [UK RIE's] facilities.
  - (f) the resilience of its trading systems;

[Note: MiFID RTS 7 contains requirements on the resilience of trading systems operated by trading venues that enable algorithmic trading]

- (g) the ability to have sufficient capacity to deal with peak order and message volumes;

[Note: MiFID RTS 7 contains requirements on the adequacy of capacity of trading systems operated by trading venues that enable algorithmic trading]

- (h) the ability to ensure orderly trading under conditions of severe market stress;
- (i) the effectiveness of business continuity arrangements to ensure the continuity of the [UK RIE's] services if there is any failure of its trading systems including the testing of the [UK RIE's] systems and controls;
- (j) the ability to reject orders that exceed predetermined volume or price thresholds or which are clearly erroneous;



(k) the ability to ensure algorithmic trading systems cannot create or contribute to disorderly trading conditions on trading venues operated by the [UK RIE];

(l) the ability to ensure disorderly trading conditions which arise from the use of algorithmic trading systems, including systems to limit the ratio of unexecuted orders to transactions that may be entered into the [UK RIE's] trading system by a member or participant are capable of being managed;

[Note: MiFID RTS 9 contains requirements on the ratio of unexecuted orders to transactions to be taken into account by a trading venue that operates electronic continuous auction order book, quote-driven or hybrid trading systems]

(m) the ability to ensure the flow of orders is able to be slowed down if there is a risk of system capacity being reached;

(n) the ability to limit and enforce the minimum tick size which may be executed on its trading venues; and

(o) the requirement for members and participants to carry out appropriate testing of algorithms.

[Note: MiFID RTS 7 contains requirements on the appropriate testing of algorithms to ensure that trading systems, when they enable algorithmic trading, cannot create or contribute to disorderly trading conditions]

(3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph 2(c), the [UK RIE] must -

(a) establish and maintain effective arrangements and procedures including the necessary resource for the regular monitoring of the compliance by members or participants with its rules; and

(b) monitor orders sent including cancellations and the transactions undertaken by its members or participants under its systems in order to identify infringements of those rules, disorderly trading conditions or conduct that may indicate behavior that is prohibited under the market abuse regulation or system disruptions in relation to a financial instrument.

(4) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (2)(o) the [UK RIE] must provide environments to facilitate such testing.

(5) The [UK RIE] must be adequately equipped to manage the risks to which it is exposed, to implement appropriate arrangements and systems to identify all significant risks to its operation, and to put in place effective measures to mitigate those risks.

**Paragraph 3A – Market making arrangements**

(1) The [UK RIE] must -

(a) have written agreements with all investment firms pursuing a market making strategy on trading venues operated by it ("market making agreements");

(b) have schemes, appropriate to the nature and scale of a trading venue, to ensure that a sufficient number of investment firms enter into such agreements which require them to post firm quotes at competitive prices with the result of providing liquidity to the market on a regular and predictable basis;

(c) monitor and enforce compliance with the market making agreements;

(d) inform the FCA of the content of its market making agreements; and

- (e) provide the FCA with any information it requests which is necessary for the FCA to satisfy itself that the market making agreements comply with paragraphs (c) and (d) of this sub-paragraph and sub-paragraph 2.
- (2) A market making agreement must specify-
  - (a) the obligations of the investment firm in relation to the provision of liquidity;
  - (b) where applicable, any obligations arising from the participation in a scheme mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(b);
  - (c) any incentives in terms of rebates or otherwise offered by the [UK RIE] to the investment firm in order for it to provide liquidity to the market on a regular and predictable basis; and
  - (d) where applicable, any other rights accruing to the investment firm as a result of participation in the scheme referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(b).
- (3) For the purposes of this paragraph, an investment firm pursues a market making strategy if -
  - (a) the firm is a member or participant of one or more trading venues;
  - (b) the firm's strategy, when dealing on own account, involves posting firm, simultaneous two-way quotes of comparable size at competitive prices relating to one or more financial instruments on a single trading venue, across different trading venues; and
  - (c) the result is providing liquidity on a regular and frequent basis to the overall market.

**Paragraph 3B – Halting trading**

- (1) The [UK RIE] must be able to -
  - (a) temporarily halt or constrain trading on any trading venue operated by it if there is a significant price movement in a financial instrument on such a trading venue or a related trading venue during a short period; and
  - (b) in exceptional cases be able to cancel, vary, or correct any transaction.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), the [UK RIE] must ensure that the parameters for halting trading are appropriately calibrated in a way which takes into account -
  - (a) the liquidity of different asset classes and subclasses;
  - (b) the nature of the trading venue market model; and
  - (c) the types of users,
 to ensure the parameters are sufficient to avoid significant disruptions to the orderliness of trading.
- (3) The [UK RIE] must report the parameters mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) and any material changes to those parameters to the FCA in a format to be specified by the FCA.
- (4) If a trading venue operated by the [UK RIE] is material in terms of liquidity of the trading of a financial instrument and it halts trading in the United Kingdom in that instrument it must have systems and procedures in place to ensure that it notifies the FCA.

[Note: MiFID RTS 12 contains requirements for when a *regulated market* is material in terms of liquidity in a *financial instrument* for purposes of trading halt notifications]

**Paragraph 3C – Direct electronic access**

Where the [UK RIE] permits direct electronic access to a trading venue it operates, it must -

- (1) (a) ensure that a member of, or participant in that trading venue is only permitted to provide direct electronic access to the venue if the member or participant -
  - (i) an investment firm which has permission under Part 4A of the Act to carry on a regulated activity which is any of the investment services or activities;
  - (ii) a qualifying credit institution that has Part 4A permission to carry on the regulated activity of accepting deposits;
  - (iii) is a person who falls within regulation 30(1A) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2017 and has permission under Part 4A of the Act to carry on a regulated activity which is any of the investment services or activities;
  - (iv) is a third country firm providing the direct electronic access in the course of exercising rights under Article 46.1 (general provisions) of the markets in financial instruments regulation;
  - (v) is a third country firm and the provision of the direct electronic access by that firm is subject to the exclusion in Article 72 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001; or
  - (vi) is a third country firm which does not come within paragraph (iv) or (v) and is otherwise permitted to provide the direct electronic access under the Act;
- (b) ensure that appropriate criteria are set and applied for the suitability of persons to whom direct electronic access services may be provided;
- (c) ensure that a member of, or participant in, the trading venue retains responsibility for adherence to the requirements of any provisions of the law of the United Kingdom relied on by the United Kingdom before IP completion day to implement the markets in financial instruments directive in respect of orders and trades executed using the direct electronic access service, as those provisions have effect on IP completion day, in the case of rules made by the FCA under the Act, and as amended from time to time, in all other cases;
- (d) set appropriate standards regarding risk controls and thresholds on trading through direct electronic access;
- (e) be able to distinguish and if necessary stop orders or trading on that trading venue by a person using direct electronic access separately from -
  - (i) other orders; or
  - (ii) trading by the member or participant providing the direct electronic access; and
- (f) have arrangements in place to suspend or terminate the provision to a client of direct electronic access to that trading venue by a *member* of, or participant in, the trading venue in the case of non-compliance with this paragraph.

[Note: MiFID RTS 7 contains requirements on *direct electronic access* permitted through a *trading venue's* systems]

**Paragraph 3D – Co-location services**

- (1) The [UK RIE's] rules on colocation services must be transparent, fair and nondiscriminatory.

[Note: MiFID RTS 10 contains requirements to ensure co-location services are transparent, fair and non-discriminatory]

**Paragraph 3E – Fee structures**

- (1) The [UK RIE's] fee structure, for all fees it charges including execution fees and ancillary fees and rebates it grants, must -

- (a) be transparent, fair and non-discriminatory;

[Note: MiFID RTS 10 contains requirements to ensure fee structures are transparent, fair and non-discriminatory]

- (b) not create incentives to place, modify or cancel orders, or execute transactions, in a way which contributes to disorderly trading conditions or market abuse; and

[Note: MiFID RTS 10 contains requirements concerning prohibited fee structures]

- (c) impose market making obligations in individual shares or suitable baskets of shares for any rebates that are granted.

- (2) Nothing in sub-paragraph (1) prevents the [UK RIE] from -

- (a) adjusting its fees for cancelled orders according to the length of time for which the order was maintained;

- (b) calibrating its fees to each financial instrument to which they apply;

- (c) imposing a higher fee -

- (i) for placing an order which is cancelled than an order which is executed;

- (ii) on participants placing a high ratio of cancelled orders to executed orders; or

- (iii) on a person operating a high-frequency algorithmic trading technique,

in order to reflect the additional burden on system capacity.

**Paragraph 3F – Algorithmic trading**

- (1) The [UK RIE] must require members of and participants in trading venues operated by it to flag orders generated by algorithmic trading in order for it to be able to identify the -

- (a) the different algorithms used for the creation of orders; and

- (b) the persons initiating those orders.

**Paragraph 3G – Tick size regimes**

- (1) Subject to paragraph 1A, the [UK RIE] must adopt tick size regimes in respect of trading venues operated by it in -

- (a) shares, depositary receipts, exchange-traded funds, certificates and other similar financial instruments traded on each trading venue; and

[Note: MiFID RTS 11 contains requirements on the tick size regime for shares, depositary receipts, exchange traded funds and certificates]

- (b) any financial instrument for which technical standards are adopted by FCA under paragraphs 24 and 25 of Part 2 of Schedule 3 to the markets in financial instruments regulation which is traded on that trading venue.

[Note: MiFID RTS 11]

(1A) The application of tick sizes shall not prevent the [UK RIE] from matching orders that are large in scale (as determined in accordance with Article 4 of the markets in financial instruments regulation) at the mid-point within the current bid and offer prices.  
 [Note: MiFID RTS 11]

(2) The tick size regime must -

- (a) be calibrated to reflect the liquidity profile of the financial instrument in different markets and the average bid-ask spread taking into account desirability of enabling reasonably stable prices without unduly constraining further narrowing of spreads; and
- (b) adapt the tick size for each financial instrument appropriately.

(3) The tick size regime must comply with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/588 of 14 July 2016 supplementing Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards on the tick size regime for shares, depositary receipts and exchange-traded funds.  
 [Note: MiFID RTS 11]

**Paragraph 3H – Synchronisation of business clocks**

(1) The [UK RIE] must synchronise the business clocks it uses to record the date and time of any reportable event in accordance with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/574 of 7 June 2016 supplementing Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards for the level of accuracy of business clocks.  
 [Note: MiFID RTS 25]

2.5.1A UK Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, paragraph 4(2)(ea)

Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph [4(1)], the [UK RIE] must ensure that -

appropriate arrangements are made to -

- (i) identify conflicts between the interests of the [UK RIE], its owners and operators and the interests of the persons who make use of its *facilities* or the interests of the trading venues operated by it; and
- (ii) manage such conflicts so as to avoid adverse consequences for the operation of the trading venues operated by the [UK RIE] and for the [persons] who make use of its [*facilities*].

2.5.1B R In paragraph 3B(3) of the Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, under which a UK RIE must report the parameters for halting trading to the FCA, such information must be provided to the FCA in writing and delivered by any one of the methods in ■ REC 3.2.3R.

2.5.2 UK [deleted]

2.5.3 G In assessing whether the systems and controls used by a UK recognised body in the performance of its *relevant functions* are adequate, effective and

appropriate for the scale and nature of its business, the *FCA* may have regard to the *UK recognised body's*:

- (1) arrangements for managing, controlling and carrying out its *relevant functions*, including:
  - (a) the distribution of duties and responsibilities among the *members of the management body* and the departments of the *UK recognised body* responsible for performing its *relevant functions*;
  - (b) (where the staffing requirements in *MiFID RTS 7* do not apply to the *UK RIE*) the staffing and resources of the departments of the *UK recognised body* responsible for performing its *relevant functions*; and
  - (c) the arrangements made to enable *members of the management body* to supervise the departments or functions for which they are responsible;
- (2) arrangements for the identification and management of conflicts of interest;
- (3) arrangements for internal and external audit; and
- (4) information technology systems.

**2.5.4** G ■ REC 2.5.5G to ■ REC 2.5.20G set out other matters to which the *FCA* may have regard in assessing the *UK RIE's* systems and controls used for the transmission of information, risk management, the operation of settlement arrangements (the matters covered in paragraph 4(2)(d) of the Schedule to the *Recognition Requirements Regulations*), the safeguarding and administration of assets and certain other aspects of its operations.

**2.5.4A** G Where the *MiFID/MiFIR Systems Regulations* apply to a *UK RIE*, the *FCA* will, in assessing the *UK RIE's* systems and controls, additionally have regard to the *UK RIE's* satisfaction of any relevant requirements in those regulations. Of particular importance is *MiFID RTS 7*, which will apply where a *trading venue* allows or enables *algorithmic trading*.

**Information transmission**

**2.5.5** G In assessing a *UK recognised body's* systems and controls for the transmission of information, the *FCA* may also have regard to the extent to which these systems and controls ensure that information is transmitted promptly and accurately:

- (1) within the *UK recognised body* itself;
- (2) to *members*; and
- (3) (where appropriate) to other market participants or other relevant persons.

**Risk management**

**2.5.6** **G** In assessing a *UK recognised body's* systems and controls for assessing and managing risk, the *FCA* may also have regard to the extent to which these systems and controls enable the *UK recognised body* to:

- (1) identify all the general, operational, legal and market risks wherever they arise in its activities;
- (2) measure and control the different types of risk;
- (3) allocate responsibility for risk management to *persons* with appropriate knowledge and expertise; and
- (4) provide sufficient, reliable information to *key individuals* and, where relevant, the *governing body* of the *UK recognised body*.

**2.5.7** **G** [deleted]

**Operation of settlement arrangements and effecting and monitoring of transactions**

**2.5.8** **G** In assessing a *UK RIE's* systems and controls for the operation of settlement arrangements, the *FCA* may have regard to the totality of the arrangements and processes through which the *UK RIE's* transactions are cleared and settled, including:

- (1) (in relation to non-derivatives transactions) a *UK RIE's* arrangements with another *person* under which any rights or liabilities arising from transactions are discharged including arrangements for transmission to a settlement system or *clearing house*;
- (2) (in relation to non-derivatives transactions and if relevant), a *UK RIE's* arrangements under which instructions relating to a transaction, to be cleared by another *person* by means of a *clearing facilitation service* are entered into its systems by the relevant other *person* and transmitted to the other *person*; and
- (3) the arrangements made by the *UK RIE* for monitoring and reviewing the operation of these systems and controls.

[Note: In relation to derivative transactions, *MiFID RTS 26* contains requirements on the systems for clearing such transactions]

**2.5.8A** **G** Where the requirements of *MiFID RTS 7* in respect of effecting and monitoring transactions do not apply to a *UK RIE*, the *FCA* may, in addition, assess the *UK RIE's* systems and controls for the effecting and monitoring of transactions. In doing so, it will have regard to the *UK RIE's* arrangements under which orders are received and matched, and its arrangements for trade and transaction reporting.

**Safeguarding and administration of assets**

**2.5.9** **G** In assessing a *UK recognised body's* systems and controls for the safeguarding and administration of assets belonging to users of its *facilities*,

the *FCA* may have regard to the totality of the arrangements and processes by which the *UK recognised body*:

- (1) records the assets held and the identity of the owners of (and other *persons* with relevant rights over) those assets;
- (2) records any instructions given in relation to those assets;
- (3) records the carrying out of those instructions;
- (4) records any movements in those assets (or any corporate actions or other events in relation to those assets); and
- (5) reconciles its records of assets held with the records of any *custodian* or *sub-custodian* used to hold these assets, and with the records of beneficial or legal ownership of those assets.

### Management of conflicts of interest

- 2.5.10** G A conflict of interest arises in a situation where a *person* with responsibility to act in the interests of one *person* may be influenced in his or her action by an interest or association of his or her own, whether personal or business or employment related. Conflicts of interest can arise both for the *employees* of *UK recognised bodies* and for the *members* (or other *persons*) who may be involved in the decision-making process, for example where they belong to committees or to the *management body*. Conflicts of interest may also arise for the *UK recognised body* itself as a result of its connection with another *person*.
- 2.5.11** G The *FCA* recognises that a *UK RIE* has legitimate interests of its own and that its general business policy may properly be influenced by other *persons* (such as its owners). Such a connection does not necessarily imply the existence of a conflict of interest nor is it necessary to exclude individuals closely connected with other *persons* (for example, those responsible for the stewardship of the owner's interests) from all decision-making processes in a *UK recognised body*. However, there may be decisions, primarily regulatory decisions, from which it may be appropriate to exclude an individual in certain circumstances where an interest, position or connection of his conflicts with the interest of the *recognised body*.
- 2.5.12** G ■ REC 2.5.13 G to ■ REC 2.5.16 G set out the factors to which the *FCA* may have regard in assessing a *UK recognised body's* systems and controls for managing conflicts of interest.
- 2.5.13** G The *FCA* may have regard to the arrangements a *UK recognised body* makes to structure itself and to allocate responsibility for decisions so that it can continue to take proper regulatory decisions notwithstanding any conflicts of interest, including:
- (1) the size and composition of the *management body* and relevant committees;
  - (2) the roles and responsibilities of *members of the management body*, especially where they also have responsibilities in other organisations;



- (3) the arrangements for transferring decisions or responsibilities to alternates in individual cases; and
- (4) the arrangements made to ensure that individuals who may have a permanent conflict of interest in certain circumstances are excluded from the process of taking decisions (or receiving information) about matters in which that conflict of interest would be relevant.

2.5.14 **G** The *FCA* may also have regard to the systems and controls intended to ensure that confidential information is only used for proper purposes. Where relevant, *recognised bodies* will have to comply with section 348 (Restrictions on disclosure of confidential information by the *FCA* etc.) and regulations made under section 349 (Exemptions from section 348) of the *Act*.

2.5.15 **G** The *FCA* may also have regard to the contracts of employment, staff rules, letters of appointment for *members of the management body*, members of relevant committees and other guidance given to individuals on handling conflicts of interest. Guidance to individuals may need to cover:

- (1) the need for prompt disclosure of a conflict of interest to enable others, who are not affected by the conflict, to assist in deciding how it should be managed;
- (2) the circumstances in which a general disclosure of conflicts of interest in advance of any particular instance in which a conflict of interest arises may be sufficient;
- (3) the circumstances in which a general advance disclosure may not be adequate;
- (4) the circumstances in which it would be appropriate for a conflicted individual to withdraw from involvement in the matter concerned, without disclosing the interest; and
- (5) the circumstances in which safeguards in addition to disclosure would be required, such as the withdrawal of the individual from the decision-taking process, or from access to relevant information.

2.5.16 **G** The *FCA* may also have regard to the arrangements made:

- (1) for enforcing rules or other provisions applicable to staff and other *persons* involved in regulatory decisions; and
- (2) to keep records of disclosures of conflicts of interest and the steps taken to handle them.

**Internal and external audit**

2.5.17 **G** A *UK recognised body's* arrangements for internal and external audit will be an important part of its systems and controls. In assessing the adequacy of these arrangements, the *FCA* may have regard to:

- (1) the size, composition and terms of reference of any audit committee of the *UK recognised body's governing body*;

- (2) the frequency and scope of external audit;
- (3) the provision and scope of internal audit;
- (4) the staffing and resources of the *UK recognised body's* internal audit department;
- (5) the internal audit department's access to the *UK recognised body's* records and other relevant information; and
- (6) the position, responsibilities and reporting lines of the internal audit department and its relationship with other departments of the *UK recognised body*.

**Information technology systems**

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Where *MiFID RTS 7* applies to the *UK RIE*, the *FCA* may, in assessing the adequacy of the *UK recognised body's* information technology systems, have regard to:

- (1) the organisation, management and resources of the information technology department within the *UK recognised body*;
- (2) the arrangements for documenting the design, development, implementation and use of information technology systems; and
- (3) the arrangements for maintaining, recording and enforcing technical and operational standards and specifications for information technology systems, including the procedures for the evaluation and selection of information technology systems.

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Where *MiFID RTS 7* does not apply to a *UK RIE*, the *FCA* may in addition have regard to the performance, capacity and reliability of its systems. The *FCA* may also have regard to the arrangements for maintaining, recording and enforcing technical and operational standards and specifications for information technology systems, including:

- (1) the procedures for the evaluation and selection of information technology systems;
- (2) the arrangements for testing information technology systems before live operations;
- (3) the procedures for problem management and system change;
- (4) the arrangements to monitor and report system performance, availability and integrity;
- (5) the arrangements (including spare capacity and access to back-up facilities) made to ensure information technology systems are resilient and not prone to failure;
- (6) the arrangements made to ensure business continuity in the event that an information technology system does fail;

- (7) the arrangements made to protect information technology systems from damage, tampering, misuse or unauthorised access; and
- (8) the arrangements made to ensure the integrity of data forming part of, or being processed through, information technology systems.

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The *FCA* may have regard to the arrangements made to keep clear and complete audit trails of all uses of information technology systems and to reconcile (where appropriate) the audit trails with equivalent information held by system users and other interested parties.

**2.5A Guidance on Public Interest Disclosure Act: Whistleblowing**

**Application and Purpose: Application**

**2.5A.1** **G** This section is relevant to every *UK recognised body* to the extent that the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 ("PIDA") applies to it.

**Purpose**

**2.5A.2** **G**

- (1) The purposes of this section are to:
  - (a) provide *UK recognised bodies* with *guidance* regarding the provisions of PIDA; and
  - (b) Encourage *UK recognised bodies* to consider adopting and communicating to workers appropriate internal procedures for handling workers' concerns as part of an effective risk management system.
- (2) In this section "worker" includes, but is not limited to, an individual who has entered into a contract of employment.

**2.5A.3** **G** The *guidance* in this section concerns the effect of PIDA in the context of the relationship between *UK recognised bodies* and the *FCA*. It is not comprehensive guidance on PIDA itself.

**Practical Measures: Effect of PIDA**

**2.5A.4** **G** Under PIDA, any clause or term in an agreement between a worker and his employer is void in so far as it purports to preclude the worker from making a protected disclosure (that is, "blow the whistle").

**2.5A.5** **G** In accordance with section 1 of PIDA:

- (1) a "protected disclosure" is a qualifying disclosure which meets the relevant requirements set out in part 4A of the Employment Rights Act 1996;
- (2) a "qualifying disclosure" is a disclosure, made in the public interest, of information which, in the reasonable belief of the worker making the disclosure, tends to show that one or more of the following (a "failure") has been, is being, or is likely to be, committed:
  - (a) a criminal offence; or

- (b) a failure to comply with any legal obligation; or
  - (c) a miscarriage of justice; or
  - (d) the putting of the health and safety of any individual in danger; or
  - (e) damage to the environment; or
  - (f) deliberate concealment relating to any of (a) to (e);
- it is immaterial whether the relevant failure occurred, occurs or would occur in the *United Kingdom* or elsewhere, and whether the law applying to it is that of the *United Kingdom* or of any other country or territory.

**Internal Procedures**

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- (1) *UK recognised bodies* are encouraged to consider adopting appropriate internal procedures which will encourage their workers with concerns to blow the whistle internally about matters which are relevant to the functions of the *FCA*.
- (2) In considering appropriate internal procedures, *UK recognised bodies* may find the *guidance* provided to *firms* in ■ SYSC 18.2.2 G (2) and ■ SYSC 18.2.2 G (3) helpful.

**Link to fitness and propriety**

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In determining whether a *UK recognised body* is a fit and proper *person*, the *FCA* may have regard to any relevant factor including, but not limited to, how the *UK recognised body* and *key individuals* have complied with any relevant law (see REC 2.4.3 G (9)).

**2.6 General safeguards for investors, suspension and removal of financial instruments from trading and order execution on regulated markets**

- 2.6.1 UK **Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 4(1)**  
The [UK RIE] must ensure that business conducted by means of its facilities conducted in an orderly manner and so as to afford proper protection to investors.
- 2.6.2 UK **Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 4(2)(aa)**  
Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph [4(1)], the [UK RIE] must ensure that -  
 it has transparent rules and procedures -  
 (i) to provide for fair and orderly trading, and  
 (ii) to establish objective criteria for the efficient execution of orders;
- 2.6.2A UK **Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 4C**  
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- 2.6.3 UK [deleted]
- 2.6.4 UK [deleted]
- 2.6.5 G [deleted]
- 2.6.6 UK (1) The rules of the [UK RIE] must provide that the [UK RIE] must not exercise its power to suspend or remove from trading on a trading venue operated by it any financial instrument which no longer complies with its rules, where such step would be likely to cause significant

ant damage to the interests of investors or the orderly functioning of the financial markets.

(2) Where the [UK RIE] suspends or removes any financial instrument from trading on a trading venue it operates it must also suspend or remove from trading on that venue any derivative that relates to or is referenced to that financial instrument where that is required to support the objectives of the suspension or removal of trading of that financial instrument.

(3) Where the [UK RIE] suspends or removes any financial instrument from trading on a trading venue it operates, including any derivative in accordance with sub-paragraph (2), it must make that decision public and notify the FCA.

(4) Where following a decision made under sub-paragraph (2) the [UK RIE] lifts a suspension or re-admits any financial instrument to trading on a trading venue it operates, including any derivative suspended or removed from trading in accordance with that sub-paragraph , it must make that decision public and notify the FCA.

[Note: MiFID RTS 18 contains requirements on the suspension and removal of financial instruments from trading]

- 2.6.6B** UK Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 9ZA  
 [Note: This paragraph is relevant to *regulated markets* only. See ■ REC 2.16A regarding *MTFs* or *OTFs*]
- (1) A [UK RIE] must have non-discretionary rules for the execution of orders on a regulated market operated by it.
- (2) A [UK RIE] must not on a regulated market operated by it -
- (a) execute any client orders against its proprietary capital; or
  - (b) engage in matched principal trading.
- 2.6.7** UK [Note: article 3 of MiFIR covers pre-trade transparency requirements for *trading venues* in respect of shares, depositary receipts, *ETFs*, *certificates* and other similar *financial instruments*, and article 8 of MiFIR imposes similar requirements in respect of bonds, *structured finance products*, *emission allowances* and derivatives]
- 2.6.8** UK [Note: MiFID RTS 1 on transparency requirements for trading venues in respect of shares, depositary receipts, *exchange traded funds*, *certificates* and other similar *financial instruments* and the obligation for *investment firms* to execute transactions in certain *shares* on a *trading venue* or a *systematic internaliser*]
- 2.6.9** EU [deleted]
- 2.6.10** UK [Note: articles 4 and 5 of MiFIR, MiFID RTS 1 and MiFID RTS 3 on the double volume cap mechanism and the provision of information for the purposes of transparency and other calculations] **Article 18 of the MiFID Regulation**

Waivers based on market model and type of order or transaction	
(1)	<p>Waivers in accordance with Article 29(2) and 44(2) of [MiFID] [(see REC 2.6.3 UK)] may be granted by the[FCA] for systems operated by an <i>MTF</i> or a <i>regulated market</i>, if those systems satisfy one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) they must be based on a trading methodology by which the price is determined in accordance with a reference price generated by another system, where that reference price is widely published and is regarded generally by market participants as a reliable reference price;</li> <li>(b) they formalise negotiated transactions [(see REC 2.6.11 EU)], each of which meets one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) it is made at or within the current volume weighted spread reflected on the order book or the quotes of the market makers of the <i>regulated market</i> or <i>MTF</i> operating that system or, where the share is not traded continuously, within a percentage of a suitable reference price, being a percentage and a reference price set in advance by the system operator;</li> <li>(ii) it is subject to conditions other than the current market price of the share [see REC 2.6.12 EU].</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>For the purposes of point (b), the other conditions specified in the rules of the <i>regulated market</i> or <i>MTF</i> for a transaction of this kind must also have been fulfilled.</p> <p>In the case of systems having functionality other than as described in points (a) or (b), the waiver shall not apply to that other functionality.</p>
(2)	<p>Waivers in accordance with Articles 29(2) and 44(2) of [MiFID] [(see REC 2.6.3 UK)], based on the type of orders may be granted only in relation to orders held in an order management facility maintained by the <i>regulated market</i> or the <i>MTF</i> pending their being disclosed to the market.</p>

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[Note: article 5 of MiFIR, and MiFID RTS 3] **Article 19 of the MiFID Regulation**

References to negotiated transaction	
<p>For the purpose of Article 18(1)(b) [(see REC 2.6.10 EU)] a negotiated transaction shall mean a transaction involving members or participants of a <i>regulated market</i> or an <i>MTF</i> which is negotiated privately but executed within the <i>regulated market</i> or <i>MTF</i> and where that member or participant in doing so undertakes one of the following tasks:</p>	
(a)	dealing on own account with another member or participant who acts for the account of a <i>client</i> ;
(b)	dealing with another member or participant, where both are executing orders on own account;
(c)	acting for the account of both the buyer and seller;
(d)	acting for the account of the buyer, where another member or participant acts for the account of the seller;
(e)	trading for own account against a <i>client</i> order.



- 2.6.11A UK [Note: article 8 of *MiFIR*]
- 2.6.11B UK [Note: *MiFID RTS 2* with regard to regulatory technical standards on transparency requirements for trading venues with respect to bonds, *structured finance products*, emission allowances and derivatives]
- 2.6.11C R [Note: article 9 of *MiFIR*]
- 2.6.12 EU [deleted]
- 2.6.13 EU [deleted]
- 2.6.14 EU [deleted]
- 2.6.15 UK [Note: article 6 of *MiFIR* now covers post-trade transparency requirements for *trading venues* in respect of shares, depositary receipts, *ETFs*, *certificates* and other similar *financial instruments* and article 10 of *MiFIR* imposes similar requirements in respect of bonds, *structured finance products*, *emission allowances* and *derivatives*]**Article 27(1) of the MiFID Regulation**

Post-trade transparency obligation	
1.	<p>... <i>regulated markets</i>, and ... <i>market operators</i> operating an <i>MTF</i> shall, with regard to transactions in respect of shares admitted to trading on <i>regulated markets</i> concluded ... within their systems, make public the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the details specified in points 2, 3, 6, 16, 17, 18 and 21 of Table 1 of Annex I [(see REC 2.6.16 EU)]</li> <li>(b) an indication that the exchange of shares is determined by factors other than the current market valuation of the share, where applicable [(see REC 2.6.17 EU)];</li> <li>(c) an indication that the trade was a negotiated trade, where applicable;</li> <li>(d) any amendments to previously disclosed information, where applicable.</li> </ul> <p>Those details shall be made public either by reference to each <i>transaction</i> or in a form aggregating the volume and price of all <i>transactions</i> in the same share taking place at the same price at the same time.</p>

- 2.6.16 UK [Note: *MiFID RTS 1*] **Points 2, 3, 6, 16, 17, 18 and 21 of Table 1 of Annex I of the MiFID Regulation**

2.	Trading Day	The trading day on which the <i>transaction</i> was executed.
3.	Trading Time	The time at which the <i>transaction</i> was executed, reported in the local time of the competent authority to which the <i>transaction</i> will be reported, and the basis in which the <i>transaction</i> is re-

6.	Instrument Identification	ported expressed as Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) +/- hours. This shall consist in:  - a unique code to be decided by the competent authority (if any) to which the report is made identifying the [share] which is the subject of the <i>transaction</i> ;  - if the [share] in question does not have a unique identification code, the report must include the name of the [share] ...
16.	Unit Price	The price per [share] excluding commission and (where relevant) accrued interest. ...
17.	Price Notation	The currency in which the price is expressed ...
18.	Quantity	The number of units of the [shares].
21.	Venue identification	Identification of the venue where the <i>transaction</i> was executed. That identification shall consist ... [of the <i>regulated market</i> or <i>MTF's</i> ] ... unique harmonised identification code;  ...

2.6.17 EU [deleted]

2.6.18 UK [Note: article 7 of *MiFIR*]

**Deferred publication of large transactions**

The deferred publication of information in respect of *transactions* may be authorised, for a period no longer than the period specified in Table 4 in Annex II [(see REC 2.6.20 EU)] for the class of share and *transaction* concerned, provided the following criteria are satisfied:

- (a) the *transaction* is between [a *MiFID investment firm*] *dealing on own account* and a *client* of that firm;
- (b) the size of that *transaction* is equal to or exceeds the relevant minimum qualifying size, as specified in Table 4 in Annex II [(see REC 2.6.20 EU)].

In order to determine the relevant minimum qualifying size for the purposes of point (b), all shares admitted to trading on a *regulated market* shall be classified in accordance with their average daily turnover to be calculated in accordance with Article 33.

2.6.18A UK [Note: article 10 of *MiFIR*]

2.6.18B UK [Note: *MiFID RTS 22*]

2.6.18C UK [Note: article 11 of *MiFIR*]

2.6.19	EU	[deleted]
2.6.20	EU	[deleted]
2.6.21	EU	[deleted]
2.6.22	EU	[deleted]
2.6.23	EU	[deleted]
2.6.24	EU	[deleted]
2.6.25	EU	[deleted]
2.6.26	G	<p>In determining whether:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) business conducted by means of a <i>UK RIE's facilities</i> is conducted so;</li> <li>(2) [deleted]</li> </ol> <p>as to afford proper protection to investors, the <i>FCA</i> may, in addition to the matters dealt with in ■ REC 2.7 to ■ REC 2.12, have regard to all the arrangements made by the <i>UK recognised body</i> concerning the operation of its <i>facilities</i>.</p>
2.6.27	G	<p>The <i>FCA</i> may also have regard to the extent to which the <i>UK recognised body's</i> rules, procedures and the arrangements for monitoring and overseeing the use of its <i>facilities</i>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) include appropriate measures to prevent the use of its <i>facilities</i> for abusive or improper purposes;</li> <li>(2) provide appropriate safeguards for investors against fraud or misconduct, recklessness, negligence or incompetence by users of its <i>facilities</i>;</li> <li>(3) provide appropriate information to enable users of its <i>facilities</i> to monitor their use of the <i>facilities</i>;</li> <li>(4) include appropriate arrangements to enable users of its <i>facilities</i> to raise queries about any use of those <i>facilities</i> which they are reported to have made;</li> <li>(5) include appropriate arrangements to enable users of its <i>facilities</i> to comply with any relevant regulatory or legal requirements; and</li> <li>(6) include appropriate arrangements to reduce the risk that those <i>facilities</i> will be used in ways which are incompatible with relevant regulatory or legal requirements;</li> </ol>

and in this paragraph "appropriate" should be taken to mean appropriate having regard to the nature and scale of the *UK recognised body's facilities*, the types of persons who will use the *facilities* and the use which they will make of those *facilities*.

### Orderly markets

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In determining whether a *UK RIE* is ensuring that business conducted by means of its *facilities* is conducted in an orderly manner (and so as to afford proper protection to investors), the *FCA* may have regard to the extent to which the *UK RIE's* rules and procedures:

- (1) are consistent with the *Market Abuse Regulation*;
- (2) prohibit abusive trading practices or the deliberate reporting or publication of false information about trades; and
- (3) prohibit or prevent:
  - (a) trades in which a party is improperly indemnified against losses;
  - (b) trades intended to create a false appearance of trading activity ("wash trades");
  - (c) cross trades executed for improper purposes;
  - (d) improperly prearranged or prenegotiated trades;
  - (e) trades intended to assist or conceal any potentially identifiable trading abuse ("accommodation trades"); and
  - (f) trades which one party does not intend to close out or settle.

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In determining whether a *UK RIE* is ensuring that business conducted by means of its *facilities* is conducted in an orderly manner (and so as to afford proper protection to investors), the *FCA* may have regard to whether the *UK RIE's* arrangements and practices:

- (1) enable *members* and *clients* for whom they act to obtain the best price available at the time for their size and type of trade;
- (2) demonstrate that the *UK RIE* is able to satisfy:
  - (a) either or both of the following:
    - (i) (for shares, depositary receipts, *exchange traded funds*, *certificates* and other similar *financial instruments* traded on its *trading venues*) the pre-trade transparency requirements in article 3 of *MiFIR*, unless waived by the *FCA* under article 4 of *MiFIR* in which case the *FCA* will have regard to the *UK RIE's* ability to demonstrate that it is able to satisfy article 5(7) of *MiFIR*; or
    - (ii) (for bonds, *structured finance products*, *emission allowances* and derivatives traded on its *trading venues*) the pre-trade transparency requirements in article 8 of *MiFIR*, unless waived or temporarily suspended by the *FCA* under article 9 of *MiFIR*; and
  - (b) either or both of the following:

- (i) (for shares, depositary receipts, *exchange traded funds*, *certificates* and other similar *financial instruments* traded on its *trading venues*) the post-trade transparency requirements set out in article 6 of *MiFIR*, unless the *FCA* has provided for deferred publication in accordance with article 7 of *MiFIR*; or
- (ii) (for bonds, *structured finance products*, *emission allowances* and *derivatives* traded on its *trading venues*) the directly applicable post-trade transparency requirements set out in article 10 of *MiFIR*, unless the *FCA* has provided for deferred publication or temporarily suspended such post-trade transparency requirements in accordance with article 11 of *MiFIR*. In the event the *FCA* has provided for deferred publication of the post-trade transparency requirements, regard would be had to the *UK RIE's* ability to demonstrate that it is able to satisfy any other requests made by the *FCA* pursuant to article 11(3) of *MiFIR*; and
- (c) (for all *financial instruments* referred to in ■ REC 2.6.29G(2)(a) or ■ REC 2.6.29(2)(b) traded on its *trading venue*) the obligation to make pre-trade and post-trade data available separately and on a reasonable commercial basis in accordance with articles 12 and 13 of *MiFIR*, and *MiFID RTS 14* on the specification of the offering of pre-trade data and post-trade data and the level of disaggregation.

(2A) [deleted]

(3) [deleted]

(4) [deleted]

**2.6.29A** G In addition to the matters set out in ■ REC 2.6.29G, the *FCA* may have regard to the *UK recognised body's* compliance with relevant requirements of *MiFID RTS 7* on the prevention of disorderly trading conditions.

**2.6.30** G [deleted]

**2.6.31** G [deleted]

**2.6.32** G [deleted]

**2.6.33** G [deleted]

**2.6.34** G [deleted]

## 2.7 Access to facilities

### 2.7.1 UK Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 4(2)(a)

Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph [4(1)], the [UK RIE] must ensure that -  
 access to the [UK RIE's] *facilities* is subject to criteria designed to protect the orderly functioning of the market and the interests of investors and is in accordance with paragraph 7B;

### 2.7.1A UK Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 7B

- (1) The [UK RIE] must make transparent and non-discriminatory rules, based on objective criteria, governing access to, or membership of, its *facilities*.
- (2) In particular those rules must specify the obligations for users or members of its *facilities* arising from -
  - (a) the constitution and administration of the [UK RIE] ;
  - (b) rules relating to transactions on its trading venues;
  - (c) its professional standards for staff of any *investment firm* or qualifying credit institution having access to or membership of a financial market operated by the [UK RIE];
  - (d) conditions established under sub-paragraph (3)(c) for access to or membership of a trading venue operated by the [UK RIE] by persons other than *investment firms* or qualifying credit institutions; and
  - (e) the rules and procedures for clearing and settlement of transactions concluded on a trading venue operated by the [UK RIE].
- (3) [Note: see paragraph 9ZC below, replacing paragraph 7B(3)]
- (4) [deleted]  
  
 by the *competent authority* of another *EEA State* (including a *branch* established in the *United Kingdom* of such a firm or institution) to have direct or remote access to or membership of, any trading venue operated by the [UK RIE] on the same terms as a *UK firm*.
- (5) The [UK RIE] must make arrangements regularly to provide the [FCA] with a list of users or members of its *facilities*.

		(6) This paragraph is without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 4.
2.7.1B	UK	<p><b>Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 7C</b></p> <p>(1) This paragraph applies to [a <i>UK RIE</i>] which provides central counterparty, clearing or settlement <i>facilities</i>.</p> <p>(2) The [<i>UK RIE</i>] must make transparent and non-discriminatory rules based on objective criteria, governing access to those <i>facilities</i>.</p> <p>(3) [deleted]</p> <p>(4) The [<i>UK RIE</i>] may refuse access to those <i>facilities</i> on legitimate commercial grounds.</p>
2.7.1C	UK	<p><b>Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 9ZC</b></p> <p>[<b>Note:</b> this sub-paragraph is relevant to <i>regulated markets</i> only. See ■ REC 2.16A regarding <i>MTFs</i> or <i>OTFs</i>.]</p> <p>(1) The rules of the [<i>UK RIE</i>] about access to, or membership of, a regulated market operated by it must permit the [<i>UK RIE</i>] to give access to or admit membership to (as the case may be) only -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) an investment firm which has permission under Part 4A of the Act to carry on a regulated activity which is an investment service or activity;</li> <li>(b) a qualifying credit institution that has Part 4A permission to carry on the regulated activity of accepting deposits;</li> <li>(c) a person who – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) is of sufficient good repute;</li> <li>(ii) has a sufficient level of trading ability, competence and experience;</li> <li>(iii) where applicable has adequate organisational arrangements; and</li> <li>(iv) has sufficient resources for the role it is to perform, taking account of the [<i>UK RIE</i>'s] arrangements under paragraph 4(2)(d).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.7.2	UK	[deleted]
2.7.2A	UK	[deleted]
2.7.3	G	<p>In assessing whether access to a <i>UK recognised body's facilities</i> is subject to criteria designed to protect the orderly functioning of the market, or of those <i>facilities</i>, and the interests of investors, the <i>FCA</i> may have regard to whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the <i>UK recognised body</i> limits access as a <i>member to persons</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) over whom it can with reasonable certainty enforce its rules contractually;</li> <li>(b) who have sufficient technical competence to use its <i>facilities</i>;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- (c) whom it is appropriate to admit to membership having regard to the size and sophistication of users of its *facilities* and the nature of the business effected by means of, or cleared through, its *facilities*; and
- (d) (if appropriate) who have adequate financial resources in relation to their exposure to the *UK recognised body* or its central counterparty; and

(2) [deleted]

(3) [deleted]

(4) where access is granted to *members* outside the *United Kingdom*, there are adequate safeguards against *financial crime* (see also ■ REC 2.10).

2.7.3A G ■ REC 2.7.3 G does not apply to a *UK RIE's* arrangements to grant access to *investment firms* or *credit institutions*.

2.7.4 G [deleted]



**2.7A Position management and position reporting in relation to commodity derivatives**

2.7A.1 **UK**

**Paragraph 7BA – Position management**

- (1) A [UK RIE] operating a trading venue which trades commodity derivatives must apply position management controls on that venue, which must at least enable the [UK RIE] to -
  - (a) monitor the open interest positions of persons;
  - (b) access information, including all relevant documentation, from persons about-
    - (i) the size and purpose of a position or exposure entered into;
    - (ii) any beneficial or underlying owners;
    - (iii) any concert arrangements; and
    - (iv) any related assets or liabilities in the underlying market;
  - (c) require a person to terminate or reduce a position on a temporary or permanent basis as the specific case may require and to unilaterally take appropriate action to ensure the termination or reduction if the person does not comply; and
  - (d) where appropriate, require a person to provide liquidity back into the market at an agreed price and volume on a temporary basis with the express intent of mitigating the effects of a large or dominant position.
- (2) The position management controls must take account of the nature and composition of market participants and of the use they make of the contracts submitted to trading and must-
  - (a) be transparent;
  - (b) be non-discriminatory; and
  - (c) specify how they apply to persons.
- (3) A [UK RIE] must inform the FCA of the details of the position management controls in relation to each trading venue it operates.

**Paragraph 7BB – Position reporting**

- (1) This paragraph applies to a [UK RIE] operating a trading venue which trades commodity derivatives, emission allowances, or emission allowance derivatives.
- (2) The [UK RIE] must -

- (a) where it meets the minimum threshold, as specified in article 83 (position reporting) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/565 of 25 April 2016 supplementing Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards organisational requirements and operating conditions for investment firms and defined terms for the purposes of that Directive, make public a weekly report with the aggregate positions held by the different categories of persons for the different commodity derivatives, emission allowances, or emission allowance derivatives traded on the trading venue specifying -
    - (i) the number of long and short positions by such categories;
    - (ii) changes of those positions since the previous report;
    - (iii) the percentage of the total open interest represented by each category; and
    - (iv) the number of persons holding a position in each category; and
  - (b) provide the FCA with a complete breakdown of the positions held by all persons, including the members and participants and their clients, on the trading venue on a daily basis, or more frequently if that is required by the FCA.
- (3) For the weekly report mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(a) the [UK RIE] must -
- (a) categorise persons in accordance with the classifications required under sub-paragraph (4); and
  - (b) differentiate between positions identified as -
    - (i) positions which in an objectively measurable way reduce risks directly relating to commercial activities; or
    - (ii) other positions.
- (4) The [UK RIE] must classify persons holding positions in commodity derivatives, emission allowances, or emission allowance derivatives according to the nature of their main business, taking account of any applicable authorisation or registration, as -
- (a) an investment firm or qualifying credit institution;
  - (b) an investment fund, either as an undertaking for collective investment in transferrable securities within the meaning of section 236A of the Act, an AIF or an AIFM within the meaning of regulations 3 and 4 respectively of the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/1773);
  - (c) another financial institution, including an insurance undertaking within the meaning of section 417 of the Act, a reinsurance undertaking within the meaning of section 417 of the Act, and an occupational pension scheme within the meaning of section 1(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 1993;
  - (d) a commercial undertaking; or

- (e) in the case of emission allowances, or emission allowance derivatives, an operator with compliance obligations under Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community.
- [Note: 1993 c.48. Section 1 was amended by section 239 of the Pension Schemes Act 2004 (c. 35) and S.I. 2007/3014.]
- (5) The [UK RIE] must communicate the weekly report mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(a) to the FCA.

### 2.7A.2

- G** The *recognition requirements* in respect of position management and position reporting set out in ■ REC 2.7A.1UK apply to a UK RIE operating a trading venue. An investment firm operating a trading venue which trades:
- (1) *commodity derivatives* must apply position management controls on that venue in accordance with ■ MAR 10.3.
  - (2) *commodity derivatives* or *emission allowances* must provide position reports in accordance with ■ MAR 10.4.

## 2.8 Settlement and clearing facilitation services

### 2.8.1 UK Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 4(2)(d)

[Note: This sub-paragraph is relevant to *regulated markets* only. See REC 2.16A regarding *MTFs* or *OTFs*.]

Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph [4(1)], the [UK RIE] must ensure that -

satisfactory arrangements which comply with paragraph 7D are made for securing the timely discharge (whether by performance, compromise or otherwise) of the rights and liabilities of the parties to transactions effected on the [UK RIE] (being rights and liabilities in relation to those transactions);

[Note: article 29 of *MiFIR* and *MiFID RTS 26* contain requirements for the clearing of *derivative* transactions for operators of *regulated markets*]

### 2.8.1A UK Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 7D

- (1) The rules of the [UK RIE] must permit a user or member of a *regulated market* operated by it to use whatever settlement facility he chooses for a transaction.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) only applies where -
  - (a) such links and arrangements exist between the chosen settlement facility and any other settlement facility as are necessary to ensure the efficient and economic settlement of the transaction; and
  - (b) the [UK RIE] is satisfied that the smooth and orderly functioning of the financial markets will be maintained.

### 2.8.2 UK [deleted]

### 2.8.3 G In determining whether there are satisfactory arrangements for securing the timely discharge of the rights and liabilities of the parties to transactions effected on its *regulated markets*, the *FCA* may have regard to:

- (1A) (in relation to transactions in *derivatives*) the *UK recognised body's* ability to demonstrate that such transactions are cleared by a *CCP* in accordance with article 29(1) of *MiFIR*;

- (1B) (in relation to transactions in *derivatives* which are to be cleared pursuant to article 29(1) of *MiFIR* or under article 4 of *EMIR*) the *UK recognised body's* ability to demonstrate that its *regulated markets* ensure such transactions are submitted and accepted for clearing as quickly as technologically practicable using automated systems in accordance with article 29(2) of *MiFIR* and *MiFID RTS 26*; and
- (1C) (in relation to other types of transactions effected on the *UK recognised body's regulated markets*) the following factors:
  - (a) the rules and practices relating to clearing and settlement including its arrangements with another person for the provision of clearing and settlement services, and where relevant the degree of oversight or supervision already exercised by central banks or other supervisory authorities with respect to such other provider of clearing and settlement services;
  - (b) arrangements for matching trades and ensuring that the parties are in agreement about trade details;
  - (c) where relevant, arrangements in making deliveries and payments, in all relevant jurisdictions;
  - (d) procedures to detect and deal with the failure of a *member* to settle in accordance with its rules;
  - (e) arrangements for taking action to settle a trade if a *member* does not settle in accordance with its rules;
  - (f) arrangements for monitoring its *members'* settlement performance; and
  - (g) (where appropriate) *default rules* and default procedures.
- (1) [deleted]
- (2) [deleted]
- (3) [deleted]
- (4) [deleted]
- (5) [deleted]
- (6) [deleted]
- (7) [deleted]

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**G** A *UK recognised body* will not be regarded as failing to comply with the *recognition requirement* merely because it is unable to arrange for a specific transaction to be settled.

## 2.9 Transaction recording

2.9.1 **UK** Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 4(2)(e)

Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph [4(1)], the [UK RIE] must ensure that-

satisfactory arrangements are made for recording transactions effected on the [UK RIE], and transactions (whether or not effected on the [UK RIE ]) which are cleared or to be cleared by means of its facilities;

[Note: article 25 of MiFIR requires the operator of a trading venue to keep relevant data relating to all orders in financial instruments which are advertised through their systems at the disposal of the FCA]

2.9.2 **UK** [deleted]

2.9.3 **G** In determining whether a UK recognised body has satisfactory arrangements for recording the transactions effected on its facilities, or cleared or to be cleared by another person by means of, its facilities, the FCA may have regard to:

- (1) whether the UK recognised body has arrangements for creating, maintaining and safeguarding an audit trail of transactions for at least five years; and
- (2) the type of information recorded and the extent to which the record includes:
  - (a) for each transaction traded on or completed through its facilities which the UK recognised body is responsible for reporting in accordance with article 26 of MiFIR, the details set out in:
    - (i) article 26(3) of MiFIR;
    - (ii) MiFID RTS 22 on the reporting of transactions to competent authorities;
    - (iii) article 27(1) of MiFIR; and
    - (iv) MiFID RTS 23 on the data standards and formats for financial instrument reference data;
  - (b) for other transactions effected on the UK recognised body's facilities, details of:
    - (i) the name of the investment (and if relevant, the underlying asset) and the price, quantity and date of the transaction;
    - (ii) the identities and, where appropriate, the roles of the counterparties to the transaction;

- (iii) if the *UK recognised body's* rules make provision for transactions or *clearing facilitation services* to be effected, in more than one type of *facility*, or under more than one part of its rules, the type of *facility* in which, or the part of its rules under which, the transaction or *clearing facilitation service* was effected; and
- (iv) the date and manner of settlement of the transaction.

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## 2.10 Financial crime and market abuse

- 2.10.1 **UK** Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 4(2)(f)
- Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph [4(1)], the [UK RIE] must ensure that-
- appropriate measures (including the monitoring of transactions effected on the [UK RIE]) are adopted to reduce the extent to which the [UK RIE's] facilities can be used for a purpose connected with market abuse or financial crime, and to facilitate their detection and monitor their incidence;
- 2.10.2 **UK** [deleted]
- 2.10.3 **G** In determining whether a *UK recognised body's* measures are appropriate to reduce the extent to which its *facilities* can be used for a purpose connected with *market abuse* or *financial crime*, to facilitate their detection and to monitor their incidence, the *FCA* may have regard to:
- (1) whether the rules of the *UK recognised body* enable it to disclose any information to the *FCA*, or other appropriate bodies involved in the detection, prevention or pursuit of *market abuse* or *financial crime* in the *United Kingdom* or overseas; and
  - (2) whether the arrangements, resources, systems, and procedures of the *UK recognised body* enable it to:
    - (a) monitor the use made of its *facilities* so as to obtain information regarding possible patterns of normal, abnormal or improper use of those *facilities*;
    - (b) detect possible instances of *market abuse* and *financial crime*, for example, by detecting suspicious patterns in the use of its *facilities*;
    - (c) communicate information about *market abuse* and *financial crime* promptly and accurately to appropriate organisations; and
    - (d) cooperate with all relevant bodies in the prevention, investigation and pursuit of *market abuse* and *financial crime*.
- 2.10.4 **G** The law on *market abuse* and *financial crime*, including Part VI of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 and the *Money Laundering Regulations*, applies to *UK recognised bodies*. This *recognition requirement* (and this *guidance*) does not restrict, diminish or alter the obligations contained in that legislation.



2.11 Custody

2.11.1 **UK** Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 4(2)(g)

Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph [4(1)], the [UK RIE] must ensure that-

where the [UK RIE's] facilities include making provision for the safeguarding and administration of assets belonging to users of those facilities, satisfactory arrangements are made for that purpose.

2.11.2 **UK** [deleted]

2.11.3 **G** In determining whether a *UK recognised body* has made satisfactory arrangements for the safeguarding and administration of assets belonging to the users of its *facilities*, the *FCA* may have regard to:

- (1) the level of protection which the arrangements provide against the risk of theft or other types or causes of loss;
- (2) whether the arrangements ensure that assets are only used or transferred in accordance with the instructions of the owner of those assets or in accordance with the terms of the agreement by which the *UK recognised body* undertook to safeguard and administer those assets;
- (3) whether the arrangements ensure that the assets are not transferred to the *UK recognised body* or to any other *person* to settle the debts of the owner (or other *person* with the appropriate rights over the assets) except in accordance with valid instructions from a *person* entitled to give those instructions, or in accordance with the terms of the agreement by which the *UK recognised body* undertook to safeguard and administer those assets;
- (4) whether the arrangements include satisfactory procedures to ensure that any rights arising in relation to the assets held as a result of any actions by the *issuers* of those assets (or other relevant persons) are held, transferred or acted upon in a timely and accurate manner in accordance with the instructions of the owner of those assets or in accordance with the terms of the agreement by which the *UK recognised body* undertook to safeguard and administer those assets;
- (5) whether there are adequate arrangements to ensure the proper segregation of assets belonging to the *UK recognised body* (or to *undertakings* in the same *group*) from those belonging to the users of its *facilities* for the safeguarding and administration of assets;

- (6) whether the arrangements include satisfactory procedures for the selection, oversight and review of *custodians* or *sub-custodians* used to hold the assets;
- (7) whether the agreements by which the *UK recognised body* undertakes to safeguard and administer assets belonging to users of its *facilities* include appropriate information regarding the terms and conditions of that service and the obligations of the *UK recognised body* to the user of the service and of the user of the service to the *UK recognised body*;
- (8) whether the records kept of those assets and the operation of the safeguarding services provide sufficient accurate and timely information:
  - (a) to identify the legal and beneficial owners of the assets and of any *persons* who have charges over, or other interests, in the assets;
  - (b) to record separately any additions, reductions and transfers in each account of assets held for safeguarding or administration; and
  - (c) to identify separately the assets owned by (or, where appropriate, on behalf of) different *persons*, including, where appropriate, the assets owned by *members* of the *UK recognised body* and their clients;
- (9) the frequency of reconciliation of the assets held by (or on behalf of) the *UK recognised body* with the accounts held with the *UK recognised body* by the users of its safeguarding and administration services and the extent of the arrangements for resolving a shortfall identified in any reconciliation; and
- (10) the frequency with which statements of their holdings are provided to the users of the safeguarding and administration services, to the owners of the assets held and other appropriate *persons* in accordance with the terms of the agreement by which the *UK recognised body* undertook to safeguard and administer those assets.

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Where a *UK recognised body* arranges for other *persons* to provide services for the safeguarding and administration services of assets belonging to users of its *facilities*, it will also need to satisfy the *recognition requirement* in Regulation 6 of the *Recognition Requirements Regulations* (see ■ REC 2.2).



## 2.12 Availability of relevant information and admission of financial instruments to trading

2.12.1 UK Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 4(2)(c)

Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph [4(1)], the [UK RIE] must ensure that -

- (c) appropriate arrangements are made for relevant information to be made available (whether by the [UK RIE] or, where appropriate, by issuers of the [specified investments]) to persons engaged in dealing in [specified investments] on the [UK RIE];

2.12.2 UK Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 4(3)

In sub-paragraph [4(2)(c)],  
 "relevant information" means information which is relevant in determining the current value of the [specified investments].

2.12.2A UK Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 7A

- (1) The [UK RIE] must make clear and transparent rules concerning the admission of *financial instruments* to trading on any trading venue operated by it.  
 [Note: MiFID RTS 17 specifies further conditions for *financial instruments* to be admitted to trading on *regulated markets*]
- (2) [Note: the MiFI Regulations amending the Recognition Requirements Regulations]
- (3) [deleted]
- (4) [deleted]
- (5) [deleted]
- (6) [deleted]
- (7) [deleted]
- (8) [deleted]
- (9) [deleted]
- ...
- (11) [deleted]

2.12.2AA UK

Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 9ZB

[**Note:** This paragraph is relevant to *regulated markets* only. See ■ REC 2.16A regarding *MTFs* or *OTFs*.]

- (1) The rules of the [UK RIE] must ensure that all -
- (a) [financial instruments] admitted to trading on a [regulated market] operated by it are capable of being traded in a fair, orderly and efficient manner;
  - (b) [transferable securities] admitted to trading on a [regulated market] operated by it are freely negotiable; and
  - (c) contracts for derivatives admitted to trading on a [regulated market] operated by it are designed so as to allow for their orderly pricing as well as for the existence of effective settlement conditions.

[**Note:** *MiFID RTS 17* specifies further conditions for *financial instruments* to be admitted to trading on *regulated markets*]

- (2) The rules of the [UK RIE] must provide that where the [UK RIE], without obtaining the consent of the issuer, admits to trading on a regulated market operated by it a transferable security which has been admitted to trading on another regulated market, the [UK RIE] -
- (a) must inform the issuer of that security as soon as is reasonably practicable; and
  - (b) may not require the issuer of that security to demonstrate compliance with the disclosure obligations.
- (3) The [UK RIE] must maintain effective arrangements to verify that issuers of transferable securities admitted to trading on a regulated market operated by it comply with the disclosure obligations.
- (4) The [UK RIE] must maintain arrangements to assist members of or participants in a regulated market operated by it to obtain access to information made public under the disclosure obligations.
- (5) The [UK RIE] must maintain arrangements to regularly review regularly whether financial instruments admitted to trading on a regulated market operated by it comply with the admission requirements for those instruments.

[**Note:** see *MiFID RTS 17*]

- (6) In this paragraph -
- “the disclosure obligations” are the initial ongoing and ad hoc disclosure requirements contained in-
- (a) Articles 17, 18 and 19 of the market abuse regulation;
  - (b) those provisions of Part 6 of the Act and Part 6 rules (within the meaning of section 73A of the Act) which were relied on by the United Kingdom before IP completion day to implement—
    - (i) Articles 3, 5, 7, 8, 14 and 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 on the prospectuses to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading;
    - (ii) Articles 4 to 6, 14 and 16 to 19 of Directive 2004/109/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2004 re

lating to the harmonisation of transparency requirements in relation to information about issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market; as they have effect on IP completion day in the case of Part 6 rules;

(c)

(d) any subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978) made under any of the provisions mentioned in paragraphs (a), (b)(i) and (b)(ii) on or after IP completion day.

- 2.12.2B UK [Note: article 1 of *MiFID RTS 17*]
  
- 2.12.2C EU [deleted]
  
- 2.12.2D UK [Note: article 2 of *MiFID RTS 17*]
  
- 2.12.2E UK [Note: article 3 of *MiFID RTS 17*]
  
- 2.12.2E EU [deleted]
  
- 2.12.3 D [deleted]
  
- 2.12.4 G [deleted]
  
- 2.12.5 G [deleted]
  
- 2.12.6 G [deleted]
  
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2.12.13 **G** [deleted]

2.12.14 **G** [deleted]



## 2.13 Promotion and maintenance of standards

- 2.13.1 **UK** Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 6
- (1) The [UK RIE] must be able and willing to promote and maintain high standards of integrity and fair dealing in the carrying on of *regulated activities* by persons in the course of using the *facilities* provided by the [UK RIE].
- (2) The [UK RIE] must be able and willing to cooperate by the sharing of information or otherwise, with the [FCA].with any other authority, body or person having responsibility in the *United Kingdom* for the supervision or regulation of any *regulated activity* or other financial service, or with an *overseas regulator* within the meaning of section 195 of the Act.
- 2.13.2 **UK** [deleted]
- 2.13.3 **G** In determining whether a *UK recognised body* is able and willing to promote and maintain high standards of integrity and fair dealing in the carrying on of *regulated activities*, the *FCA* may have regard to the extent to which the *UK recognised body* seeks to promote and encourage, through its rules, practices and procedures, conduct in *regulated activities* which is consistent with the *Market Abuse Regulation* and with any codes of conduct, rules or principles relating to behaviour in *regulated activities* which users of the *UK financial system* would normally expect to apply to the *regulated activity* and the conduct in question.
- 2.13.4 **G** In assessing the ability of a *UK recognised body* to cooperate with the *FCA* and other appropriate bodies, the *FCA* may have regard to the extent to which the constitution and rules of the *UK recognised body* and its agreements with its *members* enable it to obtain information from *members* and to disclose otherwise confidential information to the *FCA* and other appropriate bodies.
- 2.13.5 **G** In assessing the willingness of a *UK recognised body* to cooperate with the *FCA* and other appropriate bodies, the *FCA* may have regard to:
- (1) the extent to which the *UK recognised body* is willing to provide information about it and its activities to assist the *FCA* in the exercise of its functions;
  - (2) the extent to which the *UK recognised body* is open with the *FCA* or other appropriate bodies in regulatory matters;

- (3) how diligently the *UK recognised body* investigates or pursues enquiries from the *FCA* or other appropriate bodies; and
- (4) whether the *UK recognised body* participates in appropriate international fora.

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For the purpose of this section, 'information' includes information held about large positions held by *members* of a *UK recognised body*.



**2.14 Rules and consultation**

**2.14.1 UK Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, paragraph 7**

(1) The [UK RIE] must ensure that appropriate procedures are adopted for it to make rules, for keeping its rules under review and for amending them.

(2) The procedures must include procedures for consulting users of the [UK RIE's ] facilities in appropriate cases.

(3) The [UK RIE ] must consult users of its facilities on any arrangements it proposes to make for dealing with penalty income in accordance with paragraph 8(3) ... (or on any changes it proposes to make to those arrangements).

**2.14.2 UK [deleted]**

**2.14.3 G In determining whether a UK recognised body has appropriate procedures for it to make rules, for keeping its rules under review and for amending them, the FCA may have regard to:**

- (1) the arrangements made for taking decisions about making and amending rules in the UK recognised body, including the level at which the decisions are taken and any provision for the delegation of decisions by the governing body;
- (2) the arrangements made for determining whether or not it is appropriate to consult members or other users of the UK recognised body's facilities;
- (3) the procedures for consulting members and other users of its facilities in appropriate cases; and
- (4) the arrangements for notifying members (and other appropriate persons) of rule changes.

**2.14.4 G (1) In determining whether a UK recognised body's procedures include procedures for consulting users of its facilities in appropriate cases, the FCA may have regard to whether those procedures include provision for consulting users of those facilities before changes are made to any rules relating to its regulatory functions.**

**(2) In the FCA's view, a UK recognised body's procedures may not need to contain provision for consulting users of its facilities before making**

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minor changes to any rules of an administrative or commercial character.

- (1) In determining whether a *UK recognised body's* procedures for consulting *members* and other users of its *facilities* are appropriate, the *FCA* may have regard to the range of persons to be consulted by the *UK recognised body* under those procedures.
- (2) In the *FCA's* view, consultation with a smaller range of persons may be appropriate where limited, technical changes to a *UK recognised body's* rules are proposed.
- (3) In the *FCA's* view, a *UK recognised body's* procedures may include provision to restrict consultation where it is essential to make a change to the rules without delay in order to ensure continued compliance with the *recognition requirements* or other obligations under the *Act*.

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In determining whether a *UK recognised body's* procedures for consulting *members* and other users of its *facilities* are appropriate, the *FCA* may have regard to the extent to which the procedures include:

- (1) informal discussions at an early stage with users of its *facilities* or appropriate representative bodies;
- (2) publication to users of its *facilities* of a formal consultation paper which includes clearly expressed reasons for the proposed changes and an appropriately detailed assessment of the likely costs and benefits;
- (3) adequate time for users of its *facilities* to respond to the consultation paper and for the *UK recognised body* to take their responses properly into account;
- (4) adequate arrangements for making responses to consultation available for inspection by users of its *facilities*, unless the respondent requests otherwise;
- (5) adequate arrangements for ensuring that the *UK recognised body* has proper regard to the representations received; and
- (6) publication, no later than the publication of the amended rules, of a reasoned account of the *UK recognised body's* decision to amend its rules.

**2.15 Discipline**

**2.15.1 UK Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 8**

(1)	The [UK RIE] must have -
(a)	effective arrangements (which include the monitoring of transactions effected on the [UK RIE]) for monitoring and enforcing compliance with its rules, including rules in relation to the provision of clearing services in respect of transactions other than transactions effected on the [UK RIE]);
(b)	effective arrangements for monitoring and enforcing compliance with the arrangements made by it as mentioned in paragraph 4(2)(d); and
(c)	effective arrangements for monitoring transactions effected on the [UK RIE] in order to identify disorderly trading conditions.
(2)	Arrangements made pursuant to sub-paragraph (1) must include procedures for -
(a)	investigating complaints made to the [UK RIE] about the conduct of persons in the course of using the [UK RIE's] facilities; and
(b)	the fair, independent and impartial resolution of appeals against decisions of the [UK RIE].
(3)	Where arrangements made pursuant to sub-paragraph (1) include provision for requiring the payment of financial penalties, they must include arrangements for ensuring that any amount so paid is applied only in one or more of the following ways -
(a)	towards meeting expenses incurred by the [UK RIE] in the course of the investigation of the breach in respect of which the penalty is paid, or in the course of any appeal against the decision of the [UK RIE] in relation to that breach;
(b)	for the benefit of users of the [UK RIE's] facilities;
(c)	for charitable purposes.

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**2.15.3 G** In determining whether a *UK recognised body* has effective arrangements for monitoring and enforcing compliance with its rules (including its settlement arrangements), the *FCA* may have regard to:

- (1) the *UK recognised body's* ability to:

- (a) monitor and oversee the use of its *facilities*;
  - (b) assess its *members'* compliance with its rules (and settlement arrangements, where appropriate);
  - (c) assess the significance of any non-compliance;
  - (d) take appropriate disciplinary action against *members* in breach of its rules (and settlement arrangements, where appropriate);
  - (e) suspend a *member's* access to its *facilities*;
  - (f) refer *members'* or others' conduct to other appropriate authorities for possible action or further investigation;
  - (g) retain authority over a *member* for at least one year after he has ceased to be a *member*;
  - (h) where appropriate, enforce its rules (and settlement arrangements, where appropriate) against users (other than *members*) of its *facilities*; and
  - (i) take action against suppliers of services to *members* (for example, warehouses) whose performance or conduct may be critical to ensuring compliance with its rules (and settlement arrangements, where appropriate);
- (2) the position, management and resources of the departments responsible for monitoring and overseeing the use of the *UK recognised body's facilities* and for enforcing compliance with its rules (and settlement arrangements, where appropriate); and
- (3) the arrangements made for the determination of disciplinary matters including the arrangements for disciplinary hearings and the arrangements made for appeals from the *UK recognised body's* decisions in those matters.

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In assessing whether the procedures made by a *UK recognised body* to investigate complaints about the users of its *facilities* are satisfactory, the *FCA* may have regard to:

- (1) whether these procedures include arrangements which enable the *UK recognised body* to:
  - (a) acknowledge complaints promptly;
  - (b) consider and investigate these complaints objectively, promptly and thoroughly;
  - (c) provide a timely reply to the complainant; and
  - (d) keep adequate records of complaints and investigations;
- (2) the arrangements made to enable a *person* who is the subject of a complaint to respond in an appropriate manner to that complaint; and
- (3) the documentation of these procedures and the arrangements made to ensure that the existence of these procedures is brought to the attention of *persons* who might wish to make a complaint.

2.15.5 **G** In assessing whether the arrangements include procedures for the fair, independent and impartial resolution of appeals against decisions of a *UK recognised body*, the *FCA* may have regard to at least the following factors:

- (1) the appeal procedures of the *UK recognised body*, including the composition and roles of any appeal committees or tribunals, and their relationship to the *governing body*;
- (2) the arrangements made to ensure prompt hearings of appeals from decisions made by the *UK recognised body*;
- (3) the format, organisation and rules of procedure of those hearings;
- (4) the arrangements made to select the *persons* to preside over those hearings and to serve as *members* of any appeal tribunal;
- (5) the provision for determining whether or not such hearings should be in public;
- (6) the provision made to enable an appellant to be aware of the procedure at any appeal hearing and to have the opportunity to prepare and present his case at that hearing;
- (7) the provision made for an appeal tribunal to give an explanation of its decision;
- (8) the provision for publicity for any appeals or for determining whether or not publicity should be given to the outcome of any appeal.

2.15.6 **G** In assessing whether a *UK recognised body's* arrangements include appropriate provision for ensuring the application of any financial penalties in ways described in the *recognition requirement*, the *FCA* may have regard to:

- (1) the *UK recognised body's* policy regarding the application of financial penalties;
- (2) the arrangements made for applying that policy in individual cases;

but the *FCA* does not consider that it is necessary for *UK recognised bodies* to follow any specific policy in order to meet this *recognition requirement*.

## 2.16 Complaints

### 2.16.1 UK Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 9

(1)	The [UK RIE] must have effective arrangements for the investigation and resolution of complaints arising in connection with the performance of, or failure to perform, any of its <i>regulatory functions</i> .
(2)	But sub-paragraph (1) does not extend to -
(a)	complaints about the content of rules made by the [UK RIE], or
(b)	complaints about a decision against which the complainant has the right to appeal under procedures of the kind mentioned in paragraph 8(2)(b).
(3)	The arrangements must include arrangements for a complaint to be fairly and impartially investigated by a <i>person</i> independent of the [UK RIE], and for him to report on the result of his investigation to the [UK RIE] and to the complainant.
(4)	The arrangements must confer on the <i>person</i> mentioned in sub-paragraph (3) the power to recommend, if he thinks appropriate, that the [UK RIE] -
(a)	makes a compensatory payment to the complainant,
(b)	remedies the matter complained of,
	or takes both of those steps.
(5)	Sub-paragraph (3) is not to be taken as preventing the [UK RIE] from making arrangements for the initial investigation of a complaint to be conducted by the [UK RIE].

### 2.16.2 UK [deleted]

2.16.3 G In determining whether a *UK recognised body* has effective arrangements for the investigation and resolution of complaints arising in connection with the performance of, or failure to perform, any of its *regulatory functions*, the *FCA* may have regard to the extent to which the *UK recognised body's* resources and procedures enable it to:

- (1) acknowledge complaints promptly;
- (2) make an objective, prompt and thorough initial investigation of complaints;
- (3) provide a timely reply to the complainant after that initial investigation;

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- (4) inform the complainant of his right to apply to the *UK recognised body's complaints investigator*; and
- (5) keep adequate records of complaints and investigations.
- In determining whether a *UK recognised body's* arrangements for the investigation of complaints include appropriate arrangements for the complaint to be fairly and impartially investigated by an independent *person* (a "*complaints investigator*"), the *FCA* may have regard to:
- (1) the arrangements made for appointing (and removing) a *complaints investigator*, including the terms and conditions of such an appointment and the provision for remuneration of a *complaints investigator*;
  - (2) the *complaints investigator's* access to, and relationship with, the *UK recognised body's governing body* and *key individuals*;
  - (3) the arrangements made for giving complainants access to the *complaints investigator*;
  - (4) the facilities made available to the *complaints investigator* to enable him to pursue his investigation and prepare his report and recommendations, including access to the *UK recognised body's* records, *key individuals* and other staff (including, where appropriate suppliers, contractors or other *persons* to whom any functions have been outsourced and their staff); and
  - (5) the arrangements made for the *UK recognised body* to consider the *complaints investigator's* report and recommendations.

## 2.16A Operation of a multilateral trading facility (MTF) or an organised trading facility (OTF)

### 2.16A.1 UK Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 9A-9H

- (1) [A *UK RIE*] operating a multilateral trading facility or an organised trading facility must also operate a regulated market.
- (2) An exchange operating a multilateral trading facility or an organised trading facility must comply with those requirements of-
  - (a) any provisions of the law of the United Kingdom relied on by the United Kingdom before IP completion day to implement Chapter 1 of Title II of the markets in financial instruments directive—
    - (i) as they have effect on 1 December 2021, in the case of rules made by the FCA under the Act; and
    - (ii) as amended from time to time, in all other cases;
  - (b) any EU regulation originally made under Chapter 1 of the markets in financial instruments directive which is retained direct EU legislation, or any subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978) made under those provisions on or after IP completion day;
 

which are applicable to a market operator operating such a facility.
- (3) The requirements of this paragraph do not apply for the purposes of section 292(3)(a) of the Act (requirements for overseas investment exchanges and overseas clearing houses).
- (4) A [*UK RIE*] operating a multilateral trading facility or organised trading facility must provide the FCA with a detailed description of -
  - (a) the functioning of the multilateral trading facility or organised trading facility;
  - (b) any links to another trading venue owned by the same [*UK RIE*] or to a systematic internaliser owned by the same exchange; and
  - (c) a list of the facility's members, participants and users.

**[Note: MiFID ITS 19 prescribes the content and format of the description of the functioning of a MTF or OTF to be provided to the FCA]**
- (5) Any multilateral trading facility or an organised trading facility operated by the [*UK RIE*] must have at least three materially active members or users who each have the opportunity to interact with all the others in respect of price formation.

**Paragraph 9B – Specific requirements for multilateral trading facilities: execution of orders**



- (1) A [UK RIE] must have non-discretionary rules for the execution of orders on a multilateral trading facility operated by it.
- (2) A [UK RIE] must not on a multilateral trading facility operated by it -
  - (a) execute any client orders against its proprietary capital; or
  - (b) engage in matched principal trading.

**Paragraph 9C – Specific requirements for multilateral trading facilities: access to a facility**

The rules of the [UK RIE] about access to, or membership of, a multilateral trading facility regulated market operated by it must permit the [UK RIE] to give access to or admit to membership to (as the case may be) only -

- (a) an investment firm which has permission under Part 4A of the Act to carry on a regulated activity which is an investment service or activity;
- (b) a qualifying credit institution that has Part 4A permission to carry on the regulated activity of accepting deposits.
- (c) a person who –
  - (i) is of sufficient good repute;
  - (ii) has a sufficient level of trading ability, and competence and experience;
  - (iii) where applicable, has adequate organisational arrangements; and
  - (iv) has sufficient resources for the role it is to perform, taking account of the financial arrangements the [UK RIE] has established in order to guarantee the adequate settlement transactions.

**Paragraph 9D – Specific requirements for multilateral trading facilities: disclosure**

- (1) The rules of the [UK RIE] must provide that where it, without obtaining the consent of the issuer, admits to trading on a multilateral trading facility operated by it a transferable security which has been admitted to trading on a regulated market, the [UK RIE] may not require the issuer of that security to demonstrate compliance with the disclosure obligations.
- (2) The [UK RIE] must maintain arrangements to provide sufficient publicly available information (or satisfy itself that sufficient information is publicly available) to enable users of a multilateral trading facility operated by it to form investment judgements, taking into account both the nature of the users and the types of instruments traded.
- (3) In this paragraph, “the disclosure obligations” has the same meaning as in paragraph 9ZB.

**Paragraph 9E – SME growth markets**

- (1) A [UK RIE] operating an SME growth market (an “exchange-operated SME growth market”) must comply with rules made by the FCA for the purposes of this paragraph as they have effect on IP completion day.  
 [Note: REC 2.16A.1D]
- (2) An exchange-operated SME growth market must not admit to trading a financial instrument which is already admitted to trading on another SME growth market unless the issuer of the instrument has been informed of the proposed admission to trading and has not objected.

- (3) Where an exchange-operated SME growth market exchange admits a financial instrument to trading in the circumstances of paragraph (2), that exchange-operated SME growth market may not require the issuer of the financial instrument to demonstrate compliance with -
  - (a) any obligation relating to corporate governance, or
  - (b) the disclosure obligations.
- (4) In this paragraph, “the disclosure obligations” has the same meaning as in paragraph 9ZB.

**Paragraph 9F – Specific requirements for organised trading facilities: execution of orders**

- (1) [A *UK RIE*] operating an organised trading facility must -
  - (a) execute orders on that facility on a discretionary basis in accordance with sub-paragraph (4);
  - (b) not execute any client orders on that facility against its proprietary capital or the proprietary capital of any entity that is part of the same group or legal person as the [*UK RIE*] unless in accordance with sub-paragraph (2);
  - (c) not operate a systematic internaliser within the same legal entity;
  - (d) ensure that the organised trading facility does not connect with a systematic internaliser in a way which enables orders in an organised trading facility and orders or quotes in a systematic internaliser to interact; and
  - (e) ensure that the organised trading facility does not connect with another organised trading facility in a way which enables orders in different organised trading facilities to interact.
- (2) A [*UK RIE*] may only engage in -
  - (a) matched principal trading on an organised trading facility operated by it in respect of-
    - (i) bonds,
    - (ii) structured finance products,
    - (iii) emission allowances,
    - (iv) derivatives which have not been declared subject to the clearing obligation in accordance with Article 5 of the EMIR regulation,
 where the client has consented to that; or
  - (b) dealing on own account on an organised trading facility operated by it, otherwise than in accordance with sub-paragraph (a), in respect of sovereign debt instruments for which there is not a liquid market.
- (3) If the [*UK RIE*] engages in matched principal trading in accordance with sub-paragraph (2)(a) it must establish arrangements to ensure compliance with the definition of matched principal trading.
- (4) The discretion which the [*UK RIE*] must exercise in executing a client order may only be the discretion mentioned in sub-paragraph (5) or in sub-paragraph (6) or both.
- (5) The first discretion is whether to place or retract an order on the organised trading facility.
- (6) The second discretion is whether to match a specific client order with other orders available on the organised trading facility at a given time, provided the exercise of such discretion is in compliance

with specific instructions received from the client and in accordance with the [UK RIE's] obligations under—

- (a) section 11.2A of the Conduct of Business sourcebook;
  - (b) Articles 64 to 66 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/565 of 25 April 2016 supplementing Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards organisational requirements and operating conditions for investment firms and defined terms for the purposes of that Directive;
  - (c) [deleted]
  - (d) [deleted]
- (7) Where the organised trading facility crosses client orders the [UK RIE] may decide if, when and how much of two or more orders it wants to match within the system.
- (8) Subject to the requirements of this paragraph, with regard to a system that arranges transactions in non-equities, the [UK RIE] may facilitate negotiation between clients so as to bring together two or more comparable potentially trading interests in a transaction.
- (9) The [UK RIE] must comply with rules made by the FCA as they have effect on 1 December 2021 as to how Articles 24, 25, 27 and 28 of the markets in financial instruments directive apply to its operation of an organised trading facility.
- (10) Nothing in this paragraph prevents a [UK RIE] from engaging an investment firm to carry out market making on an independent basis on an organised trading facility operated by the [UK RIE] provided the investment firm does not have close links with the [UK RIE].
- (11) In this paragraph -
- “close links” has the meaning given in Article 2(1)(21) of the markets in financial instruments regulation;
  - “investment firm” has the meaning given in Article 2(1A) of the markets in financial instruments regulation;
  - “non-equities” means bonds, structured finance products, emissions allowances and derivatives traded on a trading venue to which Article 8(1) of the markets in financial instrument regulation applies.

**Paragraph 9G – Specific requirements for organised trading facilities: disclosure**

- (1) The rules of the [UK RIE] must provide that where it, without obtaining the consent of the issuer, admits to trading on an organised trading facility operated by it a transferable security which has been admitted to trading on a regulated market, the [UK RIE] may not require the issuer of that security to demonstrate compliance with the disclosure obligations.
- (2) The [UK RIE] must maintain arrangements to provide sufficient publicly available information (or satisfy itself that sufficient information is publicly available) to enable users of the organised trading facility operated by it to form investment judgements, taking into account both the nature of the users and the types of instruments traded.
- (3) In this paragraph, “the disclosure obligations” has the same meaning as in paragraph 9ZB.

**Paragraph 9H – Specific requirements for organised trading facilities: FCA request for information**

- (1) A [UK RIE] must, when requested to do so, provide the FCA with a detailed explanation in respect of an organised trading facility operated by it, or such a facility it proposes to operate, of -
  - (a) why the organised trading facility does not correspond to and cannot operate as a multilateral trading facility, a regulated market or a systematic internaliser;
  - (b) how discretion will be exercised in executing client orders, and in particular when an order to the organised trading facility may be retracted and when and how two or more client orders will be matched within the facility; and
  - (c) its use of matched principal trading.
- (2) Any information required under sub-paragraph (1) must be provided to the FCA in the manner which it considers appropriate.

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In determining whether there are satisfactory arrangements for securing the timely discharge of the rights and liabilities of the parties to transactions effected on its *multilateral trading facility*, the FCA may have regard to:

- (1) (in relation to transactions in derivatives which are to be cleared pursuant to article 4 of *EMIR* or otherwise agreed by the relevant transacting parties to be cleared) the *UK recognised body's* ability to demonstrate that its *multilateral trading facility* ensures such transactions are submitted and accepted for clearing as quickly as technologically practicable in accordance with article 29(2) of *MiFIR* and *MiFID RTS 26*; and
- (2) (in relation to other types of transactions effected on the *UK recognised body's multilateral trading facility*) the following factors:
  - the rules and practices relating to clearing and settlement including its arrangements with another person for the provision of clearing and settlement services, and where relevant the degree of oversight or supervision already exercised by central banks or other supervisory authorities with respect to such other provider of clearing and settlement services;
  - arrangements for matching trades and ensuring that the parties are in agreement about trade details;
  - where relevant, arrangements in making deliveries and payments, in all relevant jurisdictions;
  - procedures to detect and deal with the failure of a *member* to settle in accordance with its rules;
  - arrangements for taking action to settle a trade if a *member* does not settle in accordance with its rules;

arrangements for monitoring its *members'* settlement performance; and  
where relevant, *default rules* and default procedures.

- 2.16A.1B** **R** For the purposes of compliance with paragraph 9F(9) of the Schedule to the *Recognition Requirements Regulations*, **MAR 5A.3.9R** applies to a *UK RIE* as though it was a *firm*.
- 2.16A.1C** **R** In paragraphs 9H(1) and (2) of the Schedule to the *Recognition Requirements Regulations* where the *UK RIE* must provide information in respect of an *organised trading facility* operated by it, such information must be provided to the *FCA* in writing and delivered by any one of the methods set out in **REC 3.2.3R**.
- 2.16A.1D** **R** For the purposes of complying with the requirement set out in paragraph 9E of the Schedule to the *Recognition Requirement Regulations* (*SME Growth Markets*), the *rules* set out by the *FCA* in **MAR 5.10** (*Operation of an SME growth market*) apply to a *UK RIE* operating a *multilateral trading facility* as an *SME growth market*, as though it was an *investment firm*.  
[Note: article 33 of *MiFID*]
- 2.16A.2** **G** In determining whether a *UK RIE* operating a *multilateral trading facility* (including an *SME growth market*) or *organised trading facility*) complies with this chapter, the *FCA* will have regard to the compliance of the *UK RIE* with equivalent recognition requirements. A *UK RIE* operating such facilities should also have regard to the *guidance* set out in **MAR 5** (*Multilateral trading facilities (MTFs)*) and **MAR 5A** (*Organised trading facilities (OTFs)*).

**2.16B Operation of a data reporting service**

**Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Paragraph 9I**

2.16B.1 **UK**

A [UK RIE] providing data reporting services must comply with—

- (a) The Data Reporting Services Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/699)
- (b) the requirements of [ ];
- (c) [deleted]Chapter 6 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/565 of 25 April 2016 supplementing Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards organisational requirements and operating conditions for investment firms and defined terms for the purposes of that Directive;
- (d) [deleted]Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/571 of 2 June 2016 supplementing Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards on the authorisation, organisational requirements and the publication of transactions for data reporting services providers;
- (e) [deleted]Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1110 of 22 June 2017 laying down implementing technical standards with regard to the standard forms, templates and procedures for the authorisation of data reporting service providers and related notifications pursuant to Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments.

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A UK RIE offering, or applying to offer, the operation of a *data reporting service* should have regard to the *guidance* relating to such service in ■ MAR 9 (Data reporting services).



## 2.17 Recognition requirements relating to the default rules of UK RIEs

**2.17.1** G The text of part of regulation 3 (Interpretation) of and Parts II and IV of the Schedule to the *Recognition Requirements Regulations* is set out below.

**2.17.1A** UK Regulation 3 (Interpretation) of the Recognition Requirements Regulations:

..."default fund" means the sum of the default fund contributions by the members or designated non-members of a [*recognised investment exchange*] to that exchange or by one [*recognised investment exchange*] to another or by the members of a [*recognised clearing house*] to that clearing house or by one [*recognised clearing house*] to another to the extent those contributions have not been returned or otherwise applied;

"default fund contribution" has the same meaning as in section 188(3A) of the Companies Act [1989];"...

**2.17.2** UK **Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations, Part II**

### Paragraph 10 (Default rules in respect of market contracts)

(1) The [*UK RIE*] must have *default rules* which, in the event of a member of the [*UK RIE*] being or appearing to be unable to meet his obligations in respect of one or more *market contracts*, enable action to be taken in respect of unsettled *market contracts* to which he is party.

(2) The [*default rules*] may authorise the taking of the same or similar action in relation to a member who appears to be likely to become unable to meet his obligations in respect of one or more *market contracts*.

(3) The [*default rules*] must enable action to be taken in respect of all unsettled *market contracts*, other than those entered into for the purposes of or in connection with the provision of clearing services for the [*UK RIE*].

(4) Sub-paragraph (5) applies where the exchange has arrangements for transacting business with, or in relation to common members of, a [*recognised clearing house*] or another [*recognised investment exchange*].

(5) A [*UK RIE*] must have [*default rules*] which in the event of the clearing house or the investment exchange being or appearing to be unable to meet its obligations in respect of one or more [*market contracts*], enable action to be taken in respect of unsettled [*market contracts*] to which that person is a party.

### Paragraph 11 (Content of rules)

- (1) This paragraph applies as regards contracts falling within section 155(2)(a) of the Companies Act [1989].
- (2) The [default rules] must provide -
  - (a) for all rights and liabilities between those party as principal to unsettled *market contracts* to which the defaulter is party as principal to be discharged and for there to be paid by one party to the other such sum of money (if any) as may be determined in accordance with the [default rules];
  - (b) for the sums so payable in respect of different contracts between the same parties to be aggregated or set off so as to produce a net sum; and
  - (c) for the certification by or on behalf of the [UK RIE] of the net sum payable or, as the case may be, of the fact that no sum is payable.
- (3) The reference in sub-paragraph (2) to rights and liabilities between those party as principal to unsettled *market contracts* does not include rights and liabilities -
  - (a) in respect of margin; or
  - (b) arising out of a failure to perform a *market contract*.
- (4) The [default rules] may make the same or similar provision, in relation to [designated non-members] designated in accordance with the procedures mentioned in sub-paragraph (5), as in relation to members of the [UK RIE].
- (5) If such provision is made as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), the [UK RIE] must have adequate procedures -
  - (a) for designating the *persons*, or descriptions of person, in respect of whom action may be taken;
  - (b) for keeping under review the question which *persons* or descriptions of person should be or remain so designated; and
  - (c) for withdrawing such designation.
- (6) The procedures must be designed to secure that -
  - (a) a *person* is not, or does not remain, designated if failure by him to meet his obligations in respect of one or more *market contracts* would be unlikely adversely to affect the operation of the market; and
  - (b) a description of persons is not, or does not remain, designated if failure by a *person* of that description to meet his obligations in respect of one or more *market contracts* would be unlikely adversely to affect the operation of the market.
- (7) The [UK RIE] must have adequate arrangements -
  - (a) for bringing a designation or withdrawal of designation to the attention of the *person* or description of persons concerned; and
  - (b) where a description of *persons* is designated, or the designation of a description of persons is withdrawn, for ascertaining which *persons* fall within that description.

Paragraph 12 (Content of rules)

- (1) This paragraph applies as regards contracts falling within section 155(2)(b) or (c) of the Companies Act [1989].
- (2) The [default rules] must provide -



	(a)	for all rights and liabilities of the defaulter under or in respect of unsettled <i>market contracts</i> to be discharged and for there to be paid by or to the defaulter such sum of money (if any) as may be determined in accordance with the [ <i>default rules</i> ];
	(b)	for the sums so payable by or to the defaulter in respect of different contracts entered into by the defaulter in one capacity for the purposes of section 187 of the Companies Act [1989] to be aggregated or set off so as to produce a net sum;
	(bb)	if relevant, for that sum to be aggregated with, or set off against, any sum owed by or to the investment exchange by or to AP under an indemnity given or reimbursement or similar obligation in respect of a margin set off agreement in which the defaulter chose to participate so as to produce a net sum;
	(c)	for the net sum referred to in [(2)](b) or, if relevant, the net sum referred to in [(2)](bb) -
	(i)	if payable by the defaulter to the exchange, to be set off against -
		(aa) any property provided by or on behalf of the defaulter as cover for margin (or the proceeds of realisation of such property);
		(bb) to the extent (if any) that any sum remains after set off under (aa), any default fund contribution provided by the defaulter remaining after any application of such contribution;
	(ii)	to the extent (if any) that any sum remains after set off under (i), to be paid from such other funds, including the default fund, or resources as the exchange may apply under its <i>default rules</i> ;
	(iii)	if payable by the exchange to the defaulter, to be aggregated with -
		(aa) any property provided by or on behalf of the defaulter as cover for margin (or the proceeds of realisation of such property);
		(bb) any default fund contribution provided by the defaulter remaining after any application of such contribution; and
	(d)	for the certification by or on behalf of the [UK RIE] of the sum finally payable or, as the case may be, of the fact that no sum is payable.
(2A)		In sub-paragraph (2), "margin set off agreement" means an agreement between the exchange and AP permitting any eligible position to which the Participant Member is party with the exchange and any eligible position to which the Participant Member is party with AP to be taken into account in calculating a net sum owed by or to the Participant Member to either the exchange or AP and/or margin to be provided to, either or both, the exchange and AP.
(2B)		In sub-paragraph (2) - "AP" means a [ <i>recognised clearing house</i> ] or another [ <i>recognised investment exchange</i> ] of whom a Participant Member is a member; "eligible position" means any position which may be included in the set off calculation; "Participant Member" means a person who

	<p>(a) is a member of the exchange;</p> <p>(b) is a member or participant of AP; and</p> <p>(c) chooses to participate, in accordance with the rules of the exchange, in such agreement.</p>
(2C)	The property, contribution, funds or resources referred to in (2)(c), against which the net sum is to be set off (or with which it is to be aggregated) are subject to any unsatisfied claims arising out of the default of a defaulter before the default in relation to which the calculation is being made.
(3)	<p>The reference in sub-paragraph (2) to the rights and liabilities of a defaulter under or in respect of an unsettled <i>market contract</i> includes (without prejudice to the generality of that provision) rights and liabilities arising in consequence of action taken under provisions of the [<i>default rules</i>] authorising -</p> <p>(a) the effecting by the [<i>UK RIE</i>] of corresponding contracts in relation to unsettled <i>market contracts</i> to which the defaulter is party;</p> <p>(b) the transfer of the defaulter's position under an unsettled <i>market contract</i> to another member of the [<i>UK RIE</i>];</p> <p>(c) the exercise by the <i>UK RIE</i> of any <i>option</i> granted by an unsettled <i>market contract</i>.</p>
(4)	A "corresponding contract" means a contract on the same terms (except as to price or premium) as the <i>market contract</i> but under which the <i>person</i> who is the buyer under the <i>market contract</i> agrees to sell and the <i>person</i> who is the seller under the <i>market contract</i> agrees to buy.
(5)	Sub-paragraph (4) applies with any necessary modifications in relation to a <i>market contract</i> which is not an agreement to sell.
(6)	The reference in sub-paragraph (2) to the rights and liabilities of a defaulter under or in respect of an unsettled <i>market contract</i> does not include, where he acts as agent, rights or liabilities of his arising out of the relationship of principal and agent.
<b>Paragraph 12A (Content of rules)</b>	
The rules of the [ <i>UK RIE</i> ] must provide that, in the event of a default, any default fund contribution provided by the defaulter shall only be used in accordance with paragraph 12(2)(c)(i) or (ii).	
<b>Paragraph 13 (Notification to other parties affected)</b>	
The [ <i>UK RIE</i> ] must have adequate arrangements for ensuring that -	
	<p>(a) in the case of unsettled <i>market contracts</i> with a defaulter acting as principal, parties to the contract are notified as soon as reasonably practicable of the default and of any decision taken under the [<i>default rules</i>] in relation to contracts to which they are a party; and</p> <p>(b) in the case of unsettled <i>market contracts</i> with a defaulter acting as agent, parties to the contract and the defaulter's principals are notified as soon as reasonably practicable of the default and of the identity of the other parties to the contract.</p>
<b>Paragraph 14 (Cooperation with other authorities)</b>	
The [ <i>UK RIE</i> ] must be able and willing to cooperate, by the sharing of information and otherwise, with the Secretary of State, any <i>relevant office-holder</i> and any other authority or body having responsibility for any matter arising out of, or connected with, the default of a <i>member</i> of the [ <i>UK</i>	

*RIE] or any [designated non-member] or the default of a [recognised clearing house] or another [recognised investment exchange].*

2.17.3 **UK** [deleted]

2.17.4 **G** [deleted]

2.17.5 **G** [deleted]

2.17.6 **G** The Companies Act 1989 contains provisions which protect action taken by a *UK recognised body* under its *default rules* from the normal operation of insolvency law which might otherwise leave this action open to challenge by a *relevant office-holder*.



## Chapter 2A

# Recognised Auction Platforms



## 2A.1 Introduction

- 2A.1.1** **G** This chapter applies to a *RAP* or to a *UK RIE* applying to become a *RAP*. Regulation 2 of the *RAP regulations* provides that an entity must have *UK RIE* status before it can apply for *RAP* status.
- 2A.1.2** **G** The *RAP recognition requirements* must be satisfied by a *RAP* applicant for recognition to be granted. These requirements apply both on initial recognition and throughout the period that *RAP* status is held. Therefore, the term *RAP* in the *guidance* should be understood to also refer to an applicant where appropriate and where not otherwise stated.
- 2A.1.3** **G** The *RAP regulations* apply modified provisions of the *Act* to a *RAP*. For example, a *RAP* is an *exempt person* in respect of its business as an *auction platform* due to the application of section 285 of the *Act* as modified by the *RAP regulations*. Similarly, section 293 of the *Act* is applied and modified by the *RAP regulations* to provide for *notification rules* and notification requirements in relation to *RAPs*.

## 2A.2 Method of satisfying the RAP recognition requirements

### 2A.2.1 UK Recognised Auction Platforms Regulations, regulation 13

(1) In considering whether [a RAP] or applicant satisfies the [RAP recognition requirements], the [FCA] may:

(a) treat compliance by the [RAP] or applicant with the [recognition requirements] applying to it as a [UK RIE] as conclusive evidence that the [RAP] or applicant satisfies any equivalent [RAP recognition requirements] applying to it under these [RAP regulations], taking into account any arrangements that would be necessary to meet the [RAP recognition requirements], and

(b) take into account all relevant circumstances including the constitution of the *person* concerned.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), [a RAP] or applicant may satisfy [RAP recognition requirements] by making arrangements for functions to be performed on its behalf by any other *person*.

(3) Where [a RAP] or applicant makes arrangements of the kind mentioned in paragraph (2), the arrangements do not affect the responsibility imposed by these [RAP regulations] on the [RAP] or applicant to satisfy the [RAP recognition requirements], but it is in addition [a RAP recognition requirement] applying to the [RAP] or applicant that the *person* who performs (or is to perform) the functions is a fit and proper *person* who is able and willing to perform them.

### 2A.2.2 UK The FCA will request information from a RAP or RAP applicant in order to determine whether it meets the RAP recognition requirements.



**2A.3**      **Guidance on RAP recognition requirements**

**2A.3.1**      **G**      In assessing compliance with the *RAP recognition requirements*, the *FCA* will have regard to relevant guidance in ■ **REC 2** on the equivalent requirements set out in the *Recognition Requirement Regulations*. The *FCA* may also take into account compliance by the *RAP* or *RAP* applicant with the *recognition requirements* (see ■ **REC 2A.2.1UK**). The *FCA* will not make a separate assessment of compliance with the *recognition requirements* during the course of examining an application to become a *RAP* or as part of its ongoing supervision of a *RAP*, unless there is a specific reason to do so.

**2A.3.2**      **G**      The *guidance* in relation to the *recognition requirements* in the sections of ■ **REC 2** listed in Column A of the table below applies to a *RAP* in relation to the equivalent *RAP recognition requirements* listed in Column C and (if shown) with the modifications in Column B.

Table: Guidance on RAP recognition requirements

Column A	Column B	Column C
REC 2 guidance which applies to a <i>RAP</i>	Modification to REC 2 guidance for a <i>RAP</i>	Relevant <i>RAP recognition requirement</i>
REC 2.2.2G to REC 2.2.7G (Relevant circumstances and Outsourcing)		Reg 13
REC 2.3.3G to REC 2.3.9G (Financial resources)		Reg 14
REC 2.4.3G to REC 2.4.6G (Suitability)	In addition to the matters set out in REC 2.4.3G to REC 2.4.6G, the <i>FCA</i> will have regard to whether a <i>key individual</i> has been allocated responsibility for overseeing the <i>auction platform</i> of the <i>UK recognised body</i> .	Reg 15
REC 2.5.3G to REC 2.5.20G (Systems and controls and conflicts) and REC 2.5A (Guidance on Public Interest Disclosure Act: Whistleblowing)		Reg 16 and 17(2)(f)
REC 2.6.26G to REC 2.6.34G (Safeguards for investors)		Reg 17



Column A REC 2 guidance which applies to a RAP	Column B Modification to REC 2 guidance for a RAP	Column C Relevant RAP recognition requirement
REC 2.7.3G to REC 2.7.4G (Access to facilities)	The FCA shall have regard to whether a RAP provides access to bid at auctions only to those persons eligible to apply for admission to bid under regulation 16 of the UK auctioning regulations.	Reg 17(2)(a) and 20
REC 2.8.3G to REC 2.8.4G (Settlement and clearing services)		Reg 17(2)(d) and 21
REC 2.9.3G to REC 2.9.4G (Transaction recording)		Reg 17(2)(e)
REC 2.10.3G to REC 2.10.4G (Financial crime and market abuse)		Reg 17(2)(g)
REC 2.11.3G to REC 2.11.4G (Custody)	REC 2.11.4G is replaced with the following for a RAP:  Where a RAP arranges for other persons to provide services for the safeguarding and administration services of assets belonging to users of its facilities, it will also need to satisfy the RAP recognition requirement in regulation 17(2)(h) of the RAP regulations (see REC 2A.2.1UK).	Reg 17(2)(h)
REC 2.12.1G to REC 2.12.2G (Availability of relevant information)	REC 2.12.1G to REC 2.12.2G are replaced with the following for a RAP:  In determining whether appropriate arrangements have been made to make relevant information available to persons engaged in dealing in emissions auction products the FCA may have regard to:  (1) the extent to which auction bidders are able to obtain information in a timely fashion about the terms of those emissions auction products and the terms on which they will be	Reg 17(2)(c)

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Column A REC 2 guidance which applies to a RAP	Column B Modification to REC 2 guidance for a RAP	Column C Relevant RAP recognition requirement
	<p>auctioned, either through accepted channels for dissemination of information or through other regularly and widely accessible communication media;</p> <p>(2) what restrictions, if any, there are on the dissemination of <i>relevant information</i> to auction bidders; and</p> <p>(3) whether <i>relevant information</i> is, or can be, kept to restricted groups of persons in such a way as to facilitate or encourage <i>market abuse</i>.</p> <p><b>REC 2.12.2G</b></p> <p>A RAP does not need to maintain its own arrangements for providing information on the terms of <i>emissions auction products</i> to auction bidders where it has made adequate arrangements for other persons to do so on its behalf or there are other effective and reliable arrangements for this purpose.</p>	
<p>REC 2.13.3G to REC 2.13.6G (Promotion and maintenance of standards)</p>		<p>Reg 18</p>
<p>REC 2.14.3G to REC 2.14.6G (Rules and consultation)</p>		<p>Reg 19</p>
<p>REC 2.15.3G to REC 2.15.6G (Discipline)</p>		<p>Reg 22</p>
<p>REC 2.16.3G to REC 2.16.4G (Complaints)</p>		<p>Reg 23</p>

**2A.4 Power and procedure for RAP penalties and censures**

- 2A.4.1** **G** Under regulation 5A (Power to impose civil penalties) of the *RAP Regulations*, where the *FCA* considers that a *RAP* has contravened any requirement in regulations 17, 18(8), 19(1) or (2), or 37 of the *UK auctioning regulations*, the *FCA* has the power to impose a civil penalty on that *RAP*.
- 2A.4.2** **G** Where the *FCA* is entitled to impose a penalty on a *RAP*, it may instead publish a statement censuring it.
- 2A.4.3** **G** The provisions of the *UK auctioning regulations* referred to in ■ REC 2A.4.1G are applicable to a *RAP* and require it to, in summary:
- (1) only grant admission to bid to applicants that comply with the conditions set out in regulation 17 of the *UK auctioning regulations*, including the prerequisite that the applicants are eligible to bid in accordance with regulation 16 of the *UK auctioning regulations*;
  - (2) require an applicant for admission to bid to ensure that its clients, and the clients of its clients, are able to comply with information requirements, interviews, investigations and verifications carried out or required by the *RAP*;
  - (3) refuse to grant admission to bid, or revoke or suspend that admission, to any person:
    - (a) that is not, or is no longer, eligible to bid (under regulation 16 of the *UK auctioning regulations*); does not meet, or no longer meets, the requirements of regulations 16, 17 and 18 of the *UK auctioning regulations*; or is wilfully or repeatedly in breach of the *UK auctioning regulations*, the terms and conditions of its admission to bid or other related instructions or agreements; or
    - (b) where the *RAP* suspects the person is involved with money laundering, terrorist financing, criminal activity or market abuse, provided that such refusal, revocation or suspension is unlikely to frustrate efforts by the law enforcement authorities to pursue or apprehend the perpetrators of those activities; and
  - (4) monitor the relationship with bidders admitted to bid in its auctions.
- 2A.4.4** **G** The power in regulation 5A of the *RAP Regulations* to impose a civil penalty or publish a statement adds to the *FCA*'s other supervisory powers in relation to *RAPs* (see ■ REC 4) and its power to impose penalties on a *RAP* under the

*Money Laundering Regulations*. The *FCA* will use this power under the *RAP Regulations* where it is appropriate to do so and with regard to the relevant factors listed in ■ DEPP 6.2.1G. In deciding between a civil penalty or a public statement, the *FCA* will also have regard to the relevant factors listed in ■ DEPP 6.4.

- 2A.4.5**     **G**     The *FCA* will notify the subject of the investigation that it has appointed officers to carry out an investigation under either or both the *RAP Regulations* or the *Money Laundering Regulations* and the reasons for the appointment, unless notification is likely to prejudice the investigation or otherwise result in it being frustrated. The *FCA* expects to carry out a scoping visit early on in the enforcement process in most cases.
- 2A.4.6**     **G**     Where the *FCA* uses the power to impose a penalty, it will be for an amount that is effective, proportionate and dissuasive and with regard to relevant factors listed in ■ DEPP 6.5 to ■ DEPP 6.5D in determining the appropriate level of financial penalty.
- 2A.4.7**     **G**     The *FCA* will also have regard to whether the person followed any of the *FCA's* guidance and will not take action under regulation 5A of the *RAP Regulations* where there are reasonable grounds for it to be satisfied that the person took all reasonable steps and exercised all due diligence to ensure that the requirement was complied with.
- 2A.4.8**     **G**     When the *FCA* proposes or decides to take action against a *RAP* in exercise of its power in regulation 5A of the *RAP Regulations*, it must give the *RAP* a *warning notice* or a *decision notice* respectively. Those notices must state the amount of the penalty or set out the terms of the statement, as applicable. On receiving a *warning notice*, the *RAP* has a right to make representations on the *FCA's* proposed decision.
- 2A.4.9**     **G**     Where the *FCA* is proposing or deciding to publish a statement censuring a *RAP* or impose a penalty on the *RAP* under regulation 5A of the *RAP Regulations*, the *FCA's* decision maker will be the *RDC*. This is to ensure that the *FCA's* power to censure or impose a penalty on a *RAP* has the same layer of separation in the decision-making process, and is exercised consistently with, similar penalty and censure powers of the *FCA* under other legislation. The *RDC* will make its decisions following the procedure set out in ■ DEPP 3.2 or, where appropriate, ■ DEPP 3.3. A *RAP* that receives a decision notice under regulation 5A of the *RAP Regulations* may refer the matter to the *Tribunal*.
- 2A.4.10**    **G**     Sections 393 and 394 of the *Act* apply to notices referred to in this section. See ■ DEPP 2.4 (Third party rights and access to *FCA* material).
- 2A.4.11**    **G**     As with cases under the *Act*, the *FCA* may settle or mediate appropriate cases to assist it to exercise its functions in the most efficient and economic way. The settlement discount scheme set out in ■ DEPP 6.7 applies to penalties imposed under the *RAP Regulations*.
- 2A.4.12**    **G**     The *FCA* will apply the approach to publicity that it has outlined in ■ EG 6.

## Chapter 3

# Notification rules for UK recognised bodies

## 3.1 Application and purpose

### Application

- 3.1.1** **R** (1) The *notification rules* in this chapter, which are made under section 293 of the *Act* (Notification requirements), apply to all *UK recognised bodies*.
- (2) The *rules* relating to the form and method of notification in **REC 3.2** also apply to *overseas recognised bodies*.
- 3.1.2** **G** The *notification rules* for *overseas recognised bodies* are set out in **REC 6**. The *guidance* set out at **REC 3.3** in relation to the waiving and modification of *notification rules* also applies to the *notification rules* in this chapter and to the *notification rules* in **REC 6**.
- 3.1.3** **G** The *notification rules* in this chapter are in addition to the requirements on *UK RIEs* to give notice or information to the *FCA* and if applicable, the Bank of England under sub-sections 293(5) and (6) of the *Act*.
- 3.1.3A** **G** The *notification rules* in this chapter which apply to a *RAP* are without prejudice to *notification rules* which apply to a *UK RIE* which operates the *RAP*. However, a *UK RIE* which operates a *RAP* may make a single notification where a notification is required both in its capacity as a *UK RIE* and a *RAP*.

### Purpose

- 3.1.4** **G** The *notification rules* in this chapter are made by the *FCA* in order to ensure that it is provided with notice of events and information which it reasonably requires for the exercise of its functions under the *Act*.



## 3.2 Form and method of notification

### Form of notification

**3.2.1** **R** Where a *recognised body* is required to give any notice or information under any *notification rule*, it may do so (unless that *rule* expressly provides otherwise) orally or in writing, whichever is the more appropriate in the circumstances, but, where it gives notice or information orally, it must confirm that notice or information in writing promptly.

### Method of notification

**3.2.2** **R** Unless otherwise stated in the *notification rule*, a written notification required from a *recognised body* under any *notification rule* must be:

- (1) given to, or addressed for the attention of, the *recognised body's* usual supervisory contact at the *FCA*;
- (2) delivered to the *FCA* by one of the methods in **REC 3.2.3 R**.

**3.2.3** **R** **Methods of notification**

Method of delivery	
(1)	Post to the address in <b>REC 3.2.4 R</b>
(2)	Leaving the notification at the address in <b>REC 3.2.4 R</b> and obtaining a time-stamped receipt
(3)	Electronic mail to an address for the <i>recognised body's</i> usual supervisory contact at the <i>FCA</i> and obtaining an electronic confirmation of receipt
(4)	Hand delivery to the <i>recognised body's</i> usual supervisory contact at the <i>FCA</i>
(5)	Fax to a fax number for the <i>recognised body's</i> usual supervisory contact at the <i>FCA</i> , provided that the <i>FCA</i> receives a copy of the notification by one of methods (1) - (4) in this table within five <i>business days</i> after the date of the faxed notification

**3.2.4** **R** The address for a written notification to the *FCA* is:  
 The Financial Conduct Authority  
 12 Endeavour Square  
 London, E20 1JN

**Timely notification**

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If a *notification rule* requires notification within a specified period:

- (1) the *recognised body* must give the notification so as to be received by the *FCA* no later than the end of that period; and
- (2) if the end of that period falls on a *day* which is not a *business day*, the notification must be given so as to be received by the *FCA* no later than the first *business day* after the end of that period.

**Service of Notice Regulations**

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The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Service of Notices) Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1420) do not apply to notifications required under the *notification rules* in this chapter and in **REC 6** because of the specific *rules* in this section.





## 3.3 Waivers

### Statutory power

- 3.3.1 **G** Under section 294 of the *Act* (Modification or waiver of rules), the *FCA* may, on the application or with the consent of a *recognised body* (including an *ROIE*), direct that any *notification rule* is not to apply to the body or is to apply with such modifications as may be specified in the *waiver*.
- 3.3.2 **G** A *waiver* given under section 294 of the *Act* may be made subject to conditions.
- 3.3.3 **G** Under section 294(4) of the *Act*, before the *FCA* may give a *waiver of notification rules*, it must be satisfied that:
  - (1) compliance by the *recognised body* with those *notification rules*, or with those *rules* as unmodified, would be unduly burdensome or would not achieve the purpose for which those *rules* were made; and
  - (2) the *waiver* would not result in undue risk to *persons* whose interests those *rules* are designed to protect.

### Applications

- 3.3.4 **G** Where a *recognised body* wishes to make an application to the *FCA* for a *waiver of a notification rule*, it should in the first instance inform its usual supervisory contact at the *FCA*.
- 3.3.5 **G** There is no application form, but applicants should make their application formally and in writing and in accordance with any direction the *FCA* may make under section 294(2) of the *Act*. Each application should set out at least:
  - (1) full particulars of the *waiver* which is requested;
  - (2) the reason why the *recognised body* believes that the criteria set out in section 294(4) (and described in ■ REC 3.3.3 G) would be met, if this *waiver* were granted; and
  - (3) where the *recognised body* believes that these criteria would be met if the *FCA* gave a *waiver* under section 294 subject to any condition, particulars of the kind of condition contemplated.

3.3.6 **G** The *FCA* may request further information from the applicant, before deciding whether to give a *waiver* under section 294 of the *Act*.

**Waivers**

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3.3.7 **G** Any *waiver* given by the *FCA* under section 294 of the *Act* will be made in writing, stating:

- (1) the name of the *recognised body* in respect of which the *waiver* is made;
- (2) the *notification rules* which are to be waived or modified in respect of that body;
- (3) where relevant, the manner in which any *rule* is to be modified;
- (4) any condition or time limit to which the *waiver* is subject; and
- (5) the date from which the *waiver* is to take effect.

3.3.8 **G** Where the *FCA* considers that it will not give the *waiver* which has been applied for, the *FCA* will give reasons to the applicant for its decision. The *FCA* will endeavour, where practicable, to inform an applicant in advance where it seems that an application is likely to fail unless it is amended or expanded, so that the applicant will have the opportunity to make any necessary amendments or additions before the application is considered.

3.3.9 **G** Where the *FCA* wishes to give a *waiver* under section 294 of the *Act* with the consent of a *recognised body* (rather than on the application of a *recognised body*), the *FCA* will correspond or discuss this with that body in order to agree an appropriate *waiver*.

**Reviews of waivers**

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3.3.10 **G** The *FCA* will periodically review any *waiver* it has given. The *FCA* has the right to revoke a *waiver* under section 294(6) of the *Act*. This right is likely to be exercised in the event of a material change in the circumstances of the *recognised body* or in any fact on the basis of which the *waiver* was given.



### 3.4 Members of the management body and internal organisation

#### Purpose

- 3.4.1** G The purpose of ■ REC 3.4 is to enable the *FCA* to monitor the changes a *UK recognised body* makes in the arrangements for carrying out its *relevant functions*.
- 3.4.2** R [deleted]
- 3.4.2A** R Where, in relation to a *UK RIE* a proposal has been made to appoint or elect a *person* as a *member of the management body*, that *UK RIE* must at least 30 days before the date of the appointment or election give notice of that event, and give the information specified for the purposes of this rule in ■ REC 3.4.4A R to the *FCA*.

[Note: article 45(8) of *MiFID*]
- 3.4.2B** R Where, in relation to a *UK RIE* a *person* has resigned as, or has ceased to be, a *member of the management body*, that *UK RIE* must immediately give notice of that event, and give the information specified for the purposes of this rule in ■ REC 3.4.4A R to the *FCA*.

[Note: article 45(8) of *MiFID*]
- 3.4.3** G

  - (1) *Members of the management body* include the *persons* who, under the operational or managerial arrangements of the *UK recognised body*, are appointed to manage the departments responsible for carrying out its *relevant functions*, whether or not they are members of its *governing body*. A *person* appointed to carry out specific tasks, such as to conduct a particular investigation into a specific set of facts, would not usually be a *member of the management body*.
  - (2) A *member of the management body* need not be an *employee* of a *UK recognised body*. For example, an *employee* of an *undertaking* in the same *group* or a self-employed contractor of a *UK recognised body* might be a *member of the management body*, depending on the role he or she plays in that body.
  - (3) A department of a *UK recognised body* should be regarded as responsible for carrying out a *relevant function* if it is responsible for any activity or activities which form a significant part of a *relevant*

*function* or which make a significant contribution to the performance of a *relevant function*.

- (4) The *FCA* does not need to be notified where minor changes are made to the responsibilities of a *member of the management body*, but where a major change in responsibilities is made which amounts to a new appointment, the *FCA* should be notified under ■ REC 3.4.2A R.

3.4.4 R [deleted]

3.4.4A R The following information is specified for the purposes of ■ REC 3.4.2A R:

- (1) that *person's* name;
- (2) their date of birth;
- (3) where applicable, a description of the responsibilities which they will have in the post to which they are to be appointed or elected, including for a *UK RIE* which operates a *RAP* where the person has responsibilities both in the *UK RIE* and *RAP*, a description of the responsibilities he or she has they have in respect of each body;
- (4) where applicable, a description of the responsibilities in the post from which they resigned or otherwise ceased to act, including for a *UK RIE* which operates a *RAP* where the person had responsibilities both in the *UK RIE* and the *RAP*, a description of the responsibilities they had in respect of each body; and
- (5) the information necessary for the *FCA* to assess whether the *UK RIE* complies with ■ REC 2.4.1UK, ■ REC 2.4A.1UK and ■ REC 2.4A.2UK in relation to the *member of the management body's* appointment, election, resignation or otherwise ceasing to act.

[Note: article 45(8) of *MIFID*]

**Standing committees**

3.4.5 R Where the *governing body* of a *UK recognised body* delegates any of its functions (which relate to that *UK recognised body's* *relevant functions*) to a standing committee, or appoints a standing committee to manage or oversee the carrying out of any of that *UK recognised body's* *relevant functions*, that *UK recognised body* must immediately notify the *FCA* of that event and give the *FCA* the following information:

- (1) the names of the members of that standing committee; and
- (2) the terms of reference of that standing committee (including a description of any powers delegated to that committee and any conditions or limitations placed on the exercise of those powers).

3.4.6 R Where:

- (1) there is any change in the composition or the terms of reference of any standing committee referred to in ■ REC 3.4.5 R; or

- (2) any such committee is dissolved;

the *UK recognised body* must immediately notify the *FCA* of that event and give particulars of any change referred to in (1) to the *FCA*.

## 3.4.7

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- (1) Standing committees include permanent committees with executive, supervisory, policy-making or rule-making responsibilities. Committees appointed for particular tasks or committees established for purely consultative or advisory purposes would not usually be considered to be standing committees.
- (2) Committees which include *persons* who are not members of the *governing body* can be standing committees.

### 3.5 Disciplinary action and events relating to members of the management body

#### Disciplinary action

- 3.5.1 **R** Where any *member of the management body of a UK recognised body*:
- (1) is the subject of any disciplinary action because of concerns about his or her alleged misconduct; or
  - (2) resigns as a result of an investigation into his or her alleged misconduct; or
  - (3) is dismissed for misconduct;

that body must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event, and give the information specified for the purposes of this *rule* in **■ REC 3.5.2 R**.

- 3.5.2 **R** The following information is specified for the purposes of **■ REC 3.5.1 R**:
- (1) the name of the *member of the management body* and his or her responsibilities within the *UK recognised body*;
  - (2) details of the acts or alleged acts of misconduct by that *member of the management body*; and
  - (3) details of any disciplinary action which has been or is proposed to be taken by that body in relation to that *member of the management body*.

#### Other events

- 3.5.3 **R** Where a *UK recognised body* becomes aware that any of the following events has occurred in relation to a *member of the management body*, it must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event:
- (1) a petition for bankruptcy is presented (or similar or analogous proceedings under the law of a jurisdiction outside the *United Kingdom* are commenced) against that *member of the management body*; or
  - (2) a bankruptcy order (or a similar or analogous order under the law of a jurisdiction outside the *United Kingdom*) is made against him or her; or

- (3) he or she enters into a voluntary arrangement (or a similar or analogous arrangement under the law of a jurisdiction outside the *United Kingdom*) with his or her creditors.

## 3.6 Constitution and governance

- 3.6.1** **R** Where a *UK recognised body* is to circulate any notice or other *document* proposing any amendment to its memorandum or articles of association (or other similar agreement or *document* relating to its constitution) to:
- (1) its shareholders (or any group or class of them); or
  - (2) its *members* (or any group or class of them); or
  - (3) any other group or class of *persons* which has the power to make that amendment or whose consent or approval is required before it may be made;
- that *UK recognised body* must give notice of that proposed amendment, and give the information specified for the purposes of this *rule* in **REC 3.6.2 R** to the *FCA*, at the same time as that notice or *document* is circulated.
- 3.6.2** **R** The following information is specified for the purposes of **REC 3.6.1 R**:
- (1) the proposed amendments referred to in **REC 3.6.1 R**;
  - (2) the reasons for the proposal; and
  - (3) a description of the group or class of *persons* to whom the proposal is to be circulated.
- 3.6.3** **G** A *UK recognised body* which is incorporated as a *company* in the *United Kingdom* will, in many circumstances, be able to comply with **REC 3.6.1 R** by providing a copy of the notice of special resolution issued to its shareholders.
- 3.6.4** **R** Where a *UK recognised body* makes an amendment to its memorandum or articles of association (or other similar agreement or *document* relating to its constitution), that *UK recognised body* must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event, and give written particulars of that amendment and of the date on which it is to become or became effective.
- 3.6.5** **G** A *UK recognised body* which is incorporated as a *company* in the *United Kingdom* will, in many circumstances, be able to comply with **REC 3.6.4 R** by providing a copy of the special resolution effecting the amendment.



### 3.6.6

**R** Where any change is made to an agreement which relates to the constitution or governance of a *UK recognised body*:

- (1) between that *UK recognised body* and another *person*; or
- (2) between the owners of that *UK recognised body*; or
- (3) between the owners of that *UK recognised body* and another *person*;  
or
- (4) between other *persons*;

that *UK recognised body* must give the *FCA* notice of that event as soon as it is aware of it, and give written particulars of that change and of the date on which it is to become or became effective.

### 3.6.7

**G** The purpose of **REC 3.6.6 R** is to ensure that the *FCA* is informed of changes to agreements which specify the arrangements by which a *UK recognised body* will be governed or by which important decisions will be taken within that body. It is not intended to cover any agreement by which someone is appointed to be a *key individual* or which covers the terms and conditions of service in such an appointment.

## 3.7 Auditors

**3.7.1** **R** Where the auditors of a *UK recognised body* cease to act as such, that *UK recognised body* must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event, and the following information:

- (1) whether the appointment of those auditors expired or was terminated;
- (2) the date on which they ceased to act; and
- (3) if it terminated, or decided not to renew, their appointment, its reasons for taking that action or decision.

**3.7.2** **R** Where a *UK recognised body* appoints new auditors, that body must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event, and the following information:

- (1) the name and business address of those new auditors; and
- (2) the date of their appointment as auditors.

## 3.8 Financial and other information

- 3.8.1** **R** A UK recognised body must give the FCA:
- (1) a copy of its *annual report and accounts*; and
  - (2) a copy of the consolidated *annual report and accounts*:
    - (a) of any *group* in which the UK recognised body is a *subsidiary undertaking*; or
    - (b) (if the UK recognised body is not a *subsidiary undertaking* in any *group*) of any *group* of which the UK recognised body is a *parent undertaking*;
- no later than the time specified for the purpose of this *rule* in ■ REC 3.8.2 R.
- 3.8.2** **R** The time specified for the purpose of ■ REC 3.8.1 R is the latest of:
- (1) four months after the end of the financial year to which the *document* which is to be given to the FCA relates; or
  - (2) the time when the *documents* described in ■ REC 3.8.1 R (1) or ■ REC 3.8.1 R (2)(b) are sent to the *members* or shareholders of the UK recognised body; or
  - (3) the time when the *document* described in ■ REC 3.8.1 R (2)(a) are sent to the shareholders in a *parent undertaking* of the *group* to which that *document* relates.
- 3.8.3** **R** Where an audit committee of a UK recognised body has prepared a report in relation to any period or any matter relating to any *relevant function* of that UK recognised body, the UK recognised body must immediately give the FCA a copy of that report.
- 3.8.4** **R** A UK recognised body must give the FCA a copy of:
- (1) its quarterly *management accounts*; or
  - (2) its monthly *management accounts*;
- within one month of the end of the period to which they relate.

**3.8.5** **G** A UK recognised body is not required to provide quarterly and monthly *management accounts* in respect of the same period, but *management accounts* (whether quarterly or monthly) should be submitted for all periods. A UK recognised body may choose whichever method is the more suitable for it, but where it intends to change from providing monthly to quarterly *management accounts* (or from quarterly to monthly *management accounts*), it should inform the FCA of that fact.

**3.8.6** **R** A UK recognised body must give the FCA:

- (1) a statement of its anticipated income, expenditure and cashflow for each financial year; and
- (2) an estimated balance sheet showing its position as it is anticipated at the end of each financial year;

before the beginning of that financial year.

**3.8.7** **R** Where the *accounting reference date* of a UK recognised body is changed, that body must immediately give notice of that event to the FCA and inform it of the new *accounting reference date*.



### 3.9 Fees and incentive schemes

- 3.9.1** **G** The purpose of **REC 3.9.2 R** is to enable the *FCA* to obtain information on changes to standard tariffs for matters such as membership and trading and of any scheme introduced by the *UK recognised body* for rebating or waiving fees or charges. A *UK recognised body* is not required to inform the *FCA* of fees or charges for which the *UK recognised body* does not charge according to a standard tariff.
- 3.9.2** **R** A *UK recognised body* must give the *FCA* a summary of:
- (1) any proposal to change the fees or charges levied on its *members* (or any group or class of them), at the same time as the proposal is communicated to those *members*; and
  - (2) any such change, no later than the date when it is published or notified to those *members*.
- 3.9.3** **R** If the proposed change is to introduce, amend or renew a scheme for rebating or waiving fees or charges, the summary referred to in **REC 3.9.2R(1)** must be given in the form specified in **REC 3 Annex 1R**.

## 3.10 Complaints

### 3.10.1

**R**

Where a *UK recognised body's complaints investigator* has investigated a complaint arising in connection with the performance of, or failure to perform, any of its *regulatory functions*, and that *complaints investigator* has made a recommendation in respect of that complaint that the *UK recognised body* should:

- (1) make a compensatory payment to any *person*; or
- (2) remedy the matter which was the subject of that complaint;

the *UK recognised body* must immediately notify the *FCA* of that event, and give the *FCA* a copy of the *complaints investigator's* report and particulars of his recommendations as soon as that report or those recommendations are available to it.

## 3.11 Insolvency events

### 3.11.1

**R**

On:

- (1) the presentation of a petition for the winding up of a *UK recognised body* (or the commencement of any similar or analogous proceedings under the law of a jurisdiction outside the *United Kingdom*); or
- (2) the appointment of a receiver, administrator, liquidator, trustee or sequestrator of assets of that body (or of any similar or analogous appointment under the laws of a jurisdiction outside the *United Kingdom*); or
- (3) the making of a voluntary arrangement by that body with its creditors (or of any similar or analogous arrangement under the law of a jurisdiction outside the *United Kingdom*);

that body must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event.

## 3.12 Legal proceedings

- 3.12.1** **R** If any civil or criminal legal proceedings are instituted against a *UK recognised body*, it must, unless **REC 3.12.2 R** applies, immediately give notice of that event and give the following information to the *FCA*:
- (1) in the case of civil proceedings, the name of the claimant, particulars of the claim, the amount of damages and any other remedy sought by the claimant, and particulars of any allegation that any act or omission of that body was in bad faith; and
  - (2) in the case of criminal proceedings, particulars of the offence with which that body is charged.
- 3.12.2** **R** A *UK recognised body* is not required to give notice of civil legal proceedings or information about them to the *FCA* under **REC 3.12.1 R**, where:
- (1) the amount of damages claimed would not significantly affect that *UK recognised body's* financial resources, if the claim were successful;
  - (2) the claim would not have a significant adverse effect on the reputation and standing of that body, if that claim were successful; and
  - (3) the claim does not relate to that body's *regulatory functions*.





### 3.13 Delegation of relevant functions

#### Application

- 3.13.1-2 **R** This section applies to a *UK RIE* where it is outsourcing its operational functions other than in relation to systems allowing or enabling *algorithmic trading*.
- 3.13.1-1 **G** The notification requirements in *MiFID RTS 7*, specifying organisational requirements of *regulated markets* allowing *algorithmic trading* through their systems, apply to a *UK RIE* where those operational functions are to be outsourced.
- 3.13.1 **G**

  - (1) The purpose of **REC 3.13** is to enable the *FCA* to monitor any significant instances where *UK recognised bodies* outsource their functions to other *persons* (as permitted under Regulation 6 of the *Recognition Requirements Regulations* or, in relation to a *RAP*, under regulation 13 of the *RAP regulations*. See **REC 2.2** and **REC 2A.2**).
  - (2) The *FCA* does not need to be notified of every instance of outsourcing by a *UK recognised body*, but only where an activity or activities which form a significant part of a *relevant function* or which make a significant contribution to the performance of a *relevant function* are outsourced.
- 3.13.2 **R** Where a *UK recognised body* makes an offer or agrees to delegate any of its *relevant functions* to another *person*, it must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event, and:

  - (1) inform the *FCA* of the reasons for that delegation or proposed delegation;
  - (2) inform the *FCA* of the reasons why it is satisfied that it will continue to meet the *recognition requirements* or (for a *RAP*) *RAP recognition requirements* following that delegation;
  - (3) where it makes such an offer by issuing a written invitation to tender to another body or *person*, give the *FCA* a copy of that invitation to tender; and
  - (4) where it makes such an agreement, give the *FCA* a copy of that agreement.

3.13.3

**R**

A *UK recognised body* must immediately give the *FCA* notice, where it makes an offer or agrees to undertake any *relevant function* of another *UK recognised body*.



### 3.14 Products, services and normal hours of operation

#### Purpose

**3.14.1** **G** The purpose of **REC 3.14** is to ensure that the *FCA* is informed of planned changes to the services a *UK recognised body* intends to provide and of the normal hours of operation of those services. Unplanned suspensions of those services, unplanned changes in hours of operation and events causing a *UK recognised body* to be unable to provide those services should be notified to the *FCA* under the rules in **REC 3.15**.

#### Products and services

**3.14.2** **R** Where a *UK RIE* proposes to *admit to trading* (or to cease to *admit to trading*) by means of its *facilities*:

- (1) a *specified investment* (other than a *security* or an *option* in relation to a *security*); or
- (2) a type of *security* or a type of *option* in relation to a *security*;

it must give the *FCA* notice of that event, and the information specified for the purposes of this rule in **REC 3.14.6 R** to the *FCA*, at the same time as that proposal is first formally communicated to its *members* or shareholders (or any group or class of them).

**3.14.2A** **R** When a *UK RIE* removes a *financial instrument* from trading on a *trading venue*, it must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event and relevant information including particulars of that *financial instrument*, any derivative that is also removed from trading that relates or is referenced to that *financial instrument*, and the reasons for the action taken.

[**Note**: articles 32(2) and 52(2), paragraph 1 of *MiFID*. **REC 2.6.6UK(4)** requires that the *FCA* be notified when a trading suspension for a *financial instrument* is lifted or a *financial instrument* is re-admitted to trading. *MiFID ITS 2* specifies a format for communication by the operator to the *FCA*.]

**3.14.3** **R** Where a *UK recognised body* proposes to provide (or to cease to provide) *clearing facilitation services* in respect of:

- (1) a *specified investment* (other than a *security* or an *option* in relation to a *security*); or
- (2) a type of *security* or a type of *option* in relation to a *security*;

it must give the *FCA* notice of that event and the information specified for the purposes of this *rule* in ■ REC 3.14.6 R, at the same time as that proposal is first formally communicated to its *members* or shareholders (or any group or class of them).

3.14.4 **R** [deleted]

3.14.5 **G** *Securities* falling within the same article in Part III of the *Regulated Activities Order* which may be given the same generic description (for example, *shares* admitted to the *UK official list*) will normally be regarded as being of the same type. *Options* in relation to the same type of *security* will normally be regarded as being *options* of the same type.

3.14.6 **R** The following information is specified for the purposes of ■ REC 3.14.2 R and ■ REC 3.14.3 R:

- (1) a description of the *specified investment* to which the proposal relates;
- (2) where that *specified investment* is a *derivative*, the proposed terms of that *derivative*; and
- (3) in the case of a *UK RIE* which is admitting that *specified investment* to trading, the name of any *RCH* which will provide clearing services in respect of that *specified investment* under an agreement with that *UK RIE*.

3.14.7 **R** Where:

- (1) a *UK RIE* proposes to amend the standard terms of any *derivative admitted to trading* by means of its *facilities*; or
- (2) a *UK RIE* proposes to amend the standard terms relating to any *derivative* in respect of which it provides *clearing facilitation services*;

it must give the *FCA* notice of that event, and written particulars of those proposed amendments, at the same time as that proposal is first formally communicated to its *members* or shareholders (or any group or class of them).

3.14.8 **R** Where a *UK recognised body* proposes to make (or to cease to make) arrangements for the safeguarding and administration of assets belonging to any other *person* (other than an *undertaking* in the same *group*), that *recognised body* must give the *FCA* notice of that event, and the information specified for the purposes of this *rule* in ■ REC 3.14.9 R, at the same time as that proposal is first formally communicated to its *members* or shareholders (or any group or class of them).

3.14.9 **R** The following information is specified for the purposes of ■ REC 3.14.8 R:

- (1) a description of the assets (or types of assets) to which the proposal relates; and

(2) the date or dates on which arrangements referred to in ■ REC 3.14.8 R will be made (or cease to be made).

**3.14.10** **G** The *FCA* does not need to be notified of proposals to offer (or to withdraw offers of) safeguarding and administration services for individual assets of the same type. *Specified investments* (other than *securities*) falling within the same article in Part III of the *Regulated Activities Order* will normally be regarded as being of the same type. *Securities* falling within the same article in Part III of the *Regulated Activities Order* which may be given the same generic description (for example, *shares* admitted to the *UK official list*) will also normally be regarded as being of the same type.

**Hours of operation**  
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**3.14.11** **R** Where a *UK recognised body* proposes to change its normal hours of operation or (for *RAPs*) the timing, frequency or duration of its bidding windows, it must give the *FCA* notice of that proposal, and particulars of, and the reasons for, the actions proposed, at the same time as the proposal is first formally communicated to its *members* or shareholders, or any group or class of them.

**3.14A Operation of a trading venue**

**Purpose**

**3.14A.1** **G** The purpose of **■ REC 3.14A** is to ensure that the *FCA* is informed of planned changes to a *UK RIE's* markets and their regulatory status as either a *regulated market*, *MTF* or *OTF*.

**Operation of a regulated market**

**3.14A.2** **R** Where a *UK RIE* proposes to operate a new *regulated market* or close an existing *regulated market* it must give the *FCA* notice of that event and the information specified for the purposes of this rule in **■ REC 3.14A.3 R**, at the same time as that proposal is first formally communicated to its members or shareholders (or any group or class of them).

**3.14A.3** **R** The following information is specified for the purposes of **■ REC 3.14A.2 R**:

- (1) where the *UK RIE* proposes to operate a new *regulated market*:
  - (a) a description of the *regulated market*; and
  - (b) a description of the *specified investments* which will be admitted to trading on that *regulated market*.
- (2) where the *UK RIE* proposes to close a *regulated market*, the name of that *regulated market*.

**Operation of an MTF or OTF**

**3.14A.4** **R** Where a *UK RIE* proposes to operate a new *MTF* or *OTF* or close an existing *MTF* or *OTF* it must give the *FCA* notice of that event and the information specified for the purposes of this rule in **■ REC 3.14A.5 R**, at the same time as that proposal is first formally communicated to its *members* or shareholders (or any group or class of them).

**3.14A.5** **R** The following information is specified for the purposes of **REC 3.14A.4 R**:

- (1) [**Note:** **REC 2.16A.1(2)** requires the *FCA* to be provided with a detailed description of the operation of an *MTF* or *OTF*. The description must be provided in the form set out in *MiFID ITS 19*.]
- (2) Where the *UK RIE* proposes to close a *MTF* or *OTF*, the name of that *MTF* or *OTF*.

**Operation of a recognised auction platform**

**3.14A.6** **G** If a *UK RIE* proposes to operate a *RAP*, it will need to make a separate application to be recognised as a *RAP* (see **REC 5** (Applications))

**3.14A.6A** **G** In accordance with regulation 23(3) of the *UK auctioning regulations*, a *RAP* must submit a detailed exit strategy to the *FCA* within three *months* from the date of its appointment.

**3.14A.6B** **G** For the form and method of notifications **REC 3.2.2R** applies.

**Pre- and post- trade transparency requirements for equity and non-equity instruments: form of waiver and deferral**

**3.14A.7A** **D** A *UK RIE* operating a *trading venue* that proposes to take advantage of a waiver in accordance with articles 4 or 9 of *MiFIR* (in relation to pre-trade transparency for equity or non-equity instruments) must make an application for it to the *FCA* using the form in **MAR 5 Annex 1D**.

[**Note:** articles 4 and 9 of *MiFIR*, and *MiFID RTS 1* and *MiFID RTS 2*]

**3.14A.7B** **G** [deleted]

**3.14A.7C** **D** A *UK RIE* operating a *trading venue* that proposes to take advantage of a deferral in accordance with articles 7 or 11 of *MiFIR* in relation to post-trade transparency for equity or non-equity instruments must apply for it in writing to the *FCA*.

[**Note:** articles 7 and 11 of *MiFIR*, and *MiFID RTS 1* and *MiFID RTS 2*]

**3.14A.7D** **G** A *UK RIE* should have regard to the urgency and significance of a matter and, if appropriate, should also notify its usual supervisory contact at the *FCA* by telephone or by other prompt means of communication, before submitting written notification. Oral notifications should be given directly to its usual supervisory contact at the *FCA*. An oral notification left with another person or left on a voicemail or other automatic messaging service is unlikely to have been given appropriately.

**3.15 Suspension of services and inability to operate facilities**

**Purpose**

3.15.1

**G**

- (1) The purpose of ■ REC 3.15.2 R to ■ REC 3.15.5 G is to enable the *FCA* to obtain information where a *UK recognised body* decides to suspend the provision of its services in relation to particular *investments* or (for a *RAP*) decides to cancel an auction. Planned changes to the provision of services should be notified to the *FCA* under ■ REC 3.14.
- (2) ■ REC 3.15.6 R to ■ REC 3.15.7 R provide for notification to the *FCA* where a *UK recognised body* is unable to operate or provide its *facilities* for reasons outside its control or where it decides to extend its hours of operation in an emergency.
- (3) ■ REC 3.15.8R provides for notification to the *FCA* where a *RAP* has to cancel an auction in specified circumstances.

[Note: ■ REC 2.5.1(8) also requires a *UK RIE* to report its parameters for halting trading to the *FCA*]

**Suspension of services**

3.15.2

**R**

Where, for any reason, an *RIE* halts trading in a *financial instrument* on a *trading venue* which is material in terms of liquidity in that *financial instrument*, it must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event, particulars of that *financial instrument*, and the reasons for the action taken.

[Note: article 48(5) of *MiFID* and *MiFID RTS 12*]

3.15.2A

**R**

When a *UK RIE* suspends trading on a *trading venue* in any *financial instrument*, it must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event and relevant information including particulars of that *financial instrument* and the reasons for the action taken.

[Note: articles 32(2) and 52(2), paragraph 1 of *MiFID*. ■ REC 2.6.6UK(4) requires that the *FCA* be notified when a trading suspension for a *financial instrument* is lifted or a *financial instrument* is re-admitted to trading. *MiFID ITS 2* specifies a format for communication by the operator to the *FCA*.]

3.15.3

**R**

Where a *UK recognised body* suspends providing *clearing facilitation services* generally in respect of any *derivative* (other than an *option* in relation to a *security*), type of *security* or type of *option* in relation to a *security*, it must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event, particulars of that *derivative*, type of *security* or type of *option* in relation to a *security*, as the case may be, and the reasons for the action taken.



**3.15.4** **R** Where a *UK recognised body* suspends any arrangements it makes for the safeguarding and administration of any type of asset belonging to any other person (other than an *undertaking* in the same *group*), that *UK recognised body* must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event, particulars of that type of asset and the reasons for the action taken.

**3.15.5** **G** *Specified investments* (other than *securities* or *options* in relation to *securities*) falling within the same article in Part III of the *Regulated Activities Order* will normally be regarded as being assets of the same type. *Securities* falling within the same article in Part III of the *Regulated Activities Order* which may be given the same generic description (for example, *shares* admitted to the *UK official list*) will normally be regarded as being of the same type. *Options* in relation to the same type of *security* will normally be regarded as being *options* of the same type.

**Inability to operate facilities**

**3.15.6** **R** Where, because of the occurrence of any event or circumstances, a *UK recognised body* is unable to operate any of its *facilities* within its normal hours of operation, it must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that inability and inform the *FCA*:

- (1) which *facility* it is unable to operate;
- (2) what event or circumstance has caused it to become unable to operate that *facility* within those hours; and
- (3) what action, if any, it is taking or proposes to take to enable it to recommence operating that *facility*.

**Extension of hours of operation**

**3.15.7** **R** Where, because of the occurrence of any event or circumstances, a *UK recognised body* extends its hours of operation, it must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event, and inform the *FCA*:

- (1) what event or circumstance has caused it to do so;
- (2) the new hours of operation; and
- (3) the date on which it expects to revert to its normal hours of operation.

**Recognised auction platforms - cancellation of auctions**

**3.15.8** **R** Where a *RAP* has to cancel an auction in the circumstances set out in regulation 11 of the *UK auctioning regulations*, it must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that cancellation.

**3.15.9** **G** [deleted]

## 3.16 Information technology systems

**3.16.1** **G** The purpose of **■** REC 3.16 is to ensure that the *FCA* receives a copy of the *UK recognised body's* plans and arrangements for ensuring business continuity if there are major problems with its computer systems. The *FCA* does not need to be notified of minor revisions to, or updating of, the *documents* containing a *UK recognised body's* business continuity plan (for example, changes to contact names or telephone numbers).

[**Note:** *MiFID RTS 7* requires that the operator of a *trading venue* assess whether the capacity of its trading systems remains adequate when the number of messages has exceeded the historical peak. After each assessment, the operator of the *trading venue* must inform its *competent authority* about any measures planned to expand capacity or add new capabilities, and the timeframe for such measures. *MiFID RTS 7* also requires the operator to report to its *competent authority* any severe trading interruption not due to market volatility and any other material connectivity disruptions.]

**3.16.2** **R** Where a *UK recognised body* changes any of its plans for action in the event of a failure of any of its information technology systems resulting in disruption to the operation of its *facilities*, it must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event, and a copy of the new plan.

**3.16.3** **R** Where any reserve information technology system of a *UK recognised body* fails in such a way that, if the main information technology system of that body were also to fail, it would be unable to operate any of its *facilities* during its normal hours of operation, that body must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event, and inform the *FCA*:

- (1) what action that *UK recognised body* is taking to restore the operation of the reserve information technology system; and
- (2) when it is expected that the operation of that system will be restored.



### 3.17 Inability to discharge regulatory functions

3.17.1

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Where, because of the occurrence of any event or circumstances, a *UK recognised body* is unable to discharge any *regulatory function*, it must immediately give the *FCA* notice of its inability to discharge that function, and inform the *FCA*:

- (1) what event or circumstance has caused it to become unable to do so;
- (2) which of its *regulatory functions* it is unable to discharge; and
- (3) what action, if any, it is taking or proposes to take to deal with the situation and, in particular, to enable it to recommence discharging that *regulatory function*.

## 3.18 Membership

### 3.18.1

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- (1) The purpose of ■ REC 3.18 is to enable the FCA to monitor changes in the types of *member* admitted by *UK recognised bodies* and to ensure that the FCA has notice of foreign jurisdictions in which the *members* of *UK recognised bodies* are based. *UK recognised bodies* may admit *persons* who are not *authorised persons* or *persons* who are not located in the *United Kingdom*, provided that the *recognition requirements* or (for *RAPs*) *RAP recognition requirements* continue to be met.
- (2) ■ REC 3.18.2 R focuses on the admission of *persons* who are not *authorised persons* (whether or not they are located in the *United Kingdom*) and on whether the specific *recognition requirement* or (for a *RAP*) *RAP recognition requirement* relating to access to *facilities* can still be met. ■ REC 3.18.3 R focuses on the admission of *members* from outside the *UK* and whether all relevant *recognition requirements* or (for a *RAP*) *RAP recognition requirements* can be met. In the case of investment firms and *credit institutions*, only *UK* entities will be eligible to bid on a *RAP*.
- (3) The information required under ■ REC 3.18 is relevant to the FCA's supervision of the *UK recognised body's* obligations in relation to the enforceability of compliance with the *UK recognised body's* rules. It is also relevant to the FCA's broader responsibilities concerning integrity of the *UK financial system* and, in particular, its functions in relation to *market abuse* and *financial crime*. It may also be necessary in the case of *members* based outside the *United Kingdom* to examine the implications for the enforceability of *default rules* or collateral and the settlement of transactions, and thus the ability of the *UK RIE* to continue to meet the *recognition requirements*. It follows that the admission of a *member* from outside the *United Kingdom* who is not an *authorised person* could require notification under both ■ REC 3.18.2 R and ■ REC 3.18.3 R, although a single report from the *UK recognised body* covering both notifications would be acceptable to the FCA.

[Note: Paragraph 3A of the Schedule to the Recognition Requirements Regulations (■ REC 2.5.1UK) requires a *UK RIE* to inform the FCA about the content of a written agreement entered into with a member investment firm pursuing a *market making strategy* on a *trading venue* operated by the *UK RIE*]

### 3.18.2

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Where a *UK recognised body* admits a *member* who is not an *authorised person* of a type of which, immediately before that time, that *UK recognised*

*body* had not admitted to membership, it must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event, and:

- (1) a description of the type of *person* whom it is admitting to membership; and
- (2) (in relation to a *UK RIE* ) particulars of its reasons for considering that, in admitting that type of *person* to membership, it is able to continue to satisfy the *recognition requirement* in paragraph 4(2)(a) of the Schedule to the *Recognition Requirements Regulations* which applies to it.
- (3) (in relation to a *RAP*) particulars of its reasons for considering that, in admitting that type of *person* to *membership*, it is able to continue to satisfy the *RAP recognition requirement* in regulation 20 of the *RAP regulations* (Access to auctions) which applies to it.

3.18.3

**R**

Where a *UK recognised body* admits for the first time a *member* whose head or registered office is in a jurisdiction from which that *UK recognised body* has not previously admitted *members*, it must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event, and:

- (1) the name of that jurisdiction;
- (2) the name of any regulatory authority in that jurisdiction which regulates that *member* in respect of activities relating to *specified investments* or (for a *RAP*) relating to *emissions auction products*; and
- (3) particulars of its reasons for considering that, in admitting a *member* from that jurisdiction to membership, it is able to continue to satisfy the *recognition requirements* or (for a *RAP*) the *RAP recognition requirements* which apply to it.

3.18.4

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A type of *member* means the description of any group of *members* to whom the same generic description could be applied. For example, the description of any group of *members* separately identified or defined in the rules might constitute a type of *member* for the purposes of this section.

## 3.19 Investigations

**3.19.1** **R** Where a *UK recognised body* becomes aware that a *person* has been appointed by any *regulatory body* (other than the *FCA* or a *UK recognised body*) to investigate:

- (1) any business transacted by means of its *facilities* or
- (2) any aspect of the *clearing facilitation services* which it provides;

it must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event.

**3.19.2** **G** A *UK recognised body* need not give the *FCA* notice of:

- (1) routine inspections or visits undertaken in the course of regular monitoring, complaints handling or as part of a series of 'theme visits'; or
- (2) routine requests for information; or
- (3) investigations into the conduct of *members* of the *UK recognised body* or of other users of its *facilities* where the use of its *facilities* is a small or incidental part of the subject matter of the investigation.



### 3.20 Disciplinary action relating to members

**3.20.1** **R** Where a *UK recognised body* has taken any disciplinary action against any *member* or any *employee* of a *member*, in respect of a breach of a rule relating to the carrying on by the *UK recognised body* of any of its *regulatory functions*, that body must immediately notify the *FCA* of that event, and give:

- (1) the name of the *person* concerned;
- (2) details of the disciplinary action taken by the *UK recognised body*; and
- (3) the *UK recognised body's* reasons for taking that disciplinary action.

**3.20.2** **R** Where an appeal is lodged against any disciplinary action referred to in **REC 3.20.1 R**, the *UK recognised body* must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event, and:

- (1) the name of the appellant and the grounds on which the appeal is based, immediately; and
- (2) the outcome of the appeal, when known.

## 3.21 Criminal offences and civil prohibitions

- 3.21.1 **R** Where a *UK recognised body* has evidence tending to suggest that any *person* has:
- (1) been carrying on any *regulated activity* in the *United Kingdom* in contravention of the *general prohibition*; or
  - (2) been engaged in *market abuse*; or
  - (3) committed a criminal offence under the *Act* or subordinate legislation made under the *Act*; or
  - (4) committed a criminal offence under Part V of the Criminal Justice Act 1993 (Insider dealing); or
  - (5) committed a criminal offence under the *Money Laundering Regulations*;
- it must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event, and full details of that evidence in writing.
- [**Note:** article 31(2), first sentence (part) and article 54(2), first sentence (part) of *MiFID*. The rest of article 31(2), first sentence (in so far as it relates to *market operators* operating an *MTF* or *OTF*) and article 54(2), first sentence of *MiFID* is implemented by ■ REC 3.25.1 R]





### 3.22 Restriction of, or instruction to close out, open positions

- 3.22.1 **R** Where a *UK RIE* decides to:
- (1) restrict the open position on any of the contracts of a *member*; or
  - (2) issue instructions to a *member* to close out its positions on any contracts;

that *UK RIE* must immediately give the *FCA* notice of that event, and the *member's* name, the nature and size of any position to be restricted or closed out and the reasons for the *UK RIE's* decision.

- 3.22.2 **G** Where a *RAP* proposes to impose a maximum bid size or take other remedial measures to mitigate risks of *market abuse*, *financial crime* or anti-competitive behaviour, the *RAP* must give the *FCA* notice of that event and details of the remedial measures proposed, in accordance with regulation 40 of the *UK auctioning regulations*.

3.23 Default

3.23.1

**R**

Where a *UK RIE* decides to put a *member* into default, it must immediately give notice of that event, and give the following information to the *FCA*, at the same time as that decision is communicated to that *member* or to any other *member* (or group or class of them) of that body:

- (1) the name of the *member* and (where relevant) the class of membership;
- (2) the reasons for that decision; and
- (3) the names of any other exchange, *clearing house* or *auction platform* on which, to the best of that *UK RIE's* knowledge, that *member* clears business or transacts for, or in respect of, its *clients*.



### 3.24 Transfers of ownership

3.24.1

**R**

When a *UK RIE* becomes aware of a transfer of ownership of the *UK RIE* which gives rise to a change in the *persons* who are in a position to exercise significant influence over the management of the *UK RIE* or (in the case of a *UK RIE* that is also a *RAP*) over the management of the *RAP*, whether directly or indirectly, it must immediately notify the *FCA* of that event, and:

- (1) give the name of the *person(s)* concerned; and
- (2) give details of the transfer.

[Note: article 46(2)(b) of *MiFID*]

3.24.2

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The *FCA* may regard a person who falls within any of the cases in section 301(B)(2) of the *Act* as being in a position to exercise significant influence.

### 3.25 Significant breaches of rules and disorderly trading conditions

3.25.1 **R** A UK RIE and a RAP must immediately notify the FCA of:

- (1) significant breaches of its rules; or
- (2) disorderly trading conditions on any of its markets or auctions; or
- (2) conduct that may indicate behaviour prohibited under the *Market Abuse Regulation*; or
- (4) system disruptions in relation to a *financial instrument*.

[**Note:** article 31(2), first sentence (part) and article 54(2), first sentence (part) of *MiFID*. The rest of article 31(2), first sentence (in so far as it relates to market operators operating an *MTF* or *OTF*) and article 54(2), first sentence of *MiFID* is implemented by ■ REC 3.21.1 R (2)]



**3.26 Proposals to make regulatory provision**

**Statutory power**.....

**3.26.1** **G** Under section 300B(1) of the *Act* (Duty to notify proposal to make regulatory provision), a *UK RIE* that proposes to make any *regulatory provision* must give written notice of the proposal to the *FCA* without delay.

**3.26.2** **G** Under section 300B(2) of the *Act*, the *FCA* may, by rules under section 293 (Notification requirements):

- (1) specify descriptions of *regulatory provision* in relation to which, or circumstances in which, the duty in section 300B(1) does not apply, or
- (2) provide that the duty applies only to specified descriptions of *regulatory provision* or in specified circumstances.

**3.26.3** **G** Under section 300B(3) of the *Act*, the *FCA* may also by rules under section 293:

- (1) make provision as to the form and contents of the notice required, and
- (2) require the *UK recognised body* to provide such information relating to the proposal as may be specified in the rules or as the *FCA* may reasonably require.

**Disapplication of duty to notify proposal to make regulatory provision**.....

**3.26.4** **R** The duty in section 300B(1) of the *Act* does not apply to any of the following:

- (1) any *regulatory provision* which is required under any enactment or rule of law in the *United Kingdom*; or
- (2) (a) the specification of the standard terms of any *derivative* which a *UK RIE* proposes to *admission to trading*, or the amendment of the standard terms of any *derivative* already *admitted to trading*; or
- (b) the specification or any amendment of standard terms relating to the provision of *clearing facilitation services* for any *derivative*; or

- (c) the specification or any amendment of operating procedures which are reasonably consequential on any *regulatory provision* falling within (a) or (b); or
- (3) any *regulatory provision* which is expressed to have effect for no longer than three months which is made by a *UK recognised body* in response to an emergency event (including, without limitation, a war, terrorist attack or labour strike); or
- (4) any *regulatory provision* which does not impose a requirement (including any obligation or burden) on *persons* affected (directly or indirectly) by it; or
- (5) any other *regulatory provision* which has not been excluded under (1), (2), (3) or (4) other than any such provision which (taken together with any other *regulatory provision* not otherwise the subject of a notice under section 300B(1) of the Act):
  - (a) materially increases disclosure, reporting or corporate governance requirements imposed on any *person* (whether directly or indirectly); or
  - (b) imposes a material limitation affecting any *person* (whether directly or indirectly including, without limitation, through an amendment to fees or charges) on the type or nature of *financial instruments* which may be *listed* or the subject of *admission to trading* on the *facilities* operated by the *UK RIE* proposing to make the *regulatory provision*; or
  - (c) materially limits access to, or use by, any *person* (whether directly or indirectly including, without limitation, through an amendment to fees or charges) of the *facilities* operated by the *UK recognised body* proposing to make the *regulatory provision*; or
  - (d) materially limits or restricts the ability of any *person* to supply services (including, without limitation, trading, clearing, settlement or information services) to *persons* who are users of the *facilities* operated by the *UK RIE* proposing to make the *regulatory provision* (whether directly or indirectly, including by the imposition of an obligation or burden on the supplier or on a user of the *UK RIE*); or
  - (e) materially adds to the circumstances in which any *person* (whether directly or indirectly) may be liable to penalties or other sanctions or have liability in damages.

**Notice to the FCA**

3.26.5

**R**

A notice under section 300B(1) of the Act of a proposal to make a *regulatory provision* must be in writing and state expressly that it is a notice for the purpose of that section. To be effective, a notice must:

- (1) contain full particulars of the proposal to make a *regulatory provision* which is the subject of that notice; and
- (2) either be accompanied by sufficient supporting information to enable the *FCA* to assess the purpose and effect of the proposed *regulatory provision* or refer to such information in circumstances where such information has already been provided to the *FCA*.

- 3.26.6** **G** In determining whether a *UK RIE* has provided sufficient supporting information, the *FCA* may have regard to the extent to which the information includes:
- (1) clearly expressed reasons for the proposed *regulatory provision*; and
  - (2) an appropriately detailed assessment of the likely costs and benefits of the proposed *regulatory provision*.
- 3.26.7** **R** A *UK RIE* must provide such additional information in connection with a notice under section 300B(1) of the *Act* as the *FCA* may reasonably require.
- 3.26.8** **G** Where a *UK RIE* wishes to give notice to the *FCA* for the purposes of section 300B(1) of the *Act*, it should in the first instance inform its usual supervisory contact at the *FCA*.
- 3.26.9** **G** The *FCA* expects that an advanced draft of any consultation document a *UK RIE* intends to publish in connection with a proposed *regulatory provision* could provide some or all of the information described in **■ REC 3.26.5 R**.

## 3.27 RAP auction clearing price and adjustment of the auction calendar

### 3.27.1

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- (1) In accordance with regulation 7(1)(a) of the *UK auctioning regulations*, the auction clearing price is the price of the bid at which the sum of the volumes bid matches or exceeds the volume of allowances auctioned.
- (2) A *RAP* must decide on the methodology to determine the auction clearing price and the secondary market price in circumstances where the auction clearing price (determined in accordance with (1)) would be significantly below the price on the secondary market prevailing during and immediately before the bidding window, taking into account the short-term volatility of the price of allowances over a defined period preceding the auction. In determining that methodology, the *RAP* must treat the price of the bid which matches or exceeds the secondary market price as the auction clearing price (regulations 7(1)(b), 7(2) and 7(4) of the *UK auctioning regulations*).
- (3) In accordance with regulation 7(4) of the *UK auctioning regulations*, a *RAP* is required to notify the *FCA* the methodology in (2) before an auction is started.
- (4) In accordance with regulation 7(6) of the *UK auctioning regulations*, a *RAP* is required to notify the *FCA* without delay if, in between two bidding windows, it modifies the methodology in (2).
- (5) The notifications referred to in ■ REC 3.27.1G(3) and (4) should be undertaken in accordance with ■ REC 3.2.2R.

### 3.27.2

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**Form for notifying incentive scheme proposals (REC 3.9.3R(1))**

**Annex 1 – Incentive Schemes (REC 3.9.3R)**

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# Chapter 4

## Supervision

## 4.1 Application and purpose

### Application

- 4.1.1 **G** ■ REC 4.2 to ■ REC 4.2E, ■ REC 4.3, ■ REC 4.5 and ■ REC 4.6A apply to *UK recognised bodies*. ■ REC 4.2F to ■ REC 4.2G ■ REC 4.4 and ■ REC 4.6 to ■ REC 4.8 apply to all *recognised bodies*. ■ REC 4.8 applies to applicants for recognition as a *recognised body*.

### Purpose

- 4.1.2 **G** This chapter sets out the *FCA's* approach to the supervision of *recognised bodies* and contains *guidance* on:
- (1) the arrangements for investigating complaints about *recognised bodies* made under section 299 of the *Act* (Complaints about recognised bodies) (■ REC 4.4);
  - (2) the *FCA's* approach to the exercise of its powers under:
    - (a) (for *RIEs*) section 296 of the *Act* (Appropriate regulator's power to give directions) or (for *RAPs*) regulation 3 of the *RAP regulations* to give directions to *recognised bodies* (■ REC 4.6);
    - (b) (for *RIEs*) section 297 of the *Act* (Revoking recognition) or (for *RAPs*) regulation 4 of the *RAP regulations* to revoke *recognition orders* (■ REC 4.7);
 and the procedure to be followed in those cases and where the *FCA* decides to refuse an application for recognition as a *recognised body* (■ REC 4.8); and
  - (3) the *FCA's* approach to, and procedures for, the exercise of its powers under sections 166 and 167 of the *Companies Act 1989* to give directions to *UK RIEs* in relation to action under their *default rules* (■ REC 4.5).
- 4.1.3 **G** The *FCA's* general approach to supervision is intended to ensure that:
- (1) the *FCA* has sufficient assurance that *recognised bodies* continue at all times to satisfy the *recognised body requirements*; and
  - (2) the *FCA's* supervisory resources are allocated, and supervisory effort is applied, in ways which reflect the actual risks to the *regulatory objectives*.

- 4.1.4 **G** In applying these principles of risk based supervision to the supervision of *recognised bodies*, the FCA has had particular regard to the special position of *recognised bodies* under the Act as well as to its general duties set out in section 2 of the Act (The FCA's general duties).
- 4.1.5 **G** More information on the supervision of *UK recognised bodies* is given in ■ REC 4.2 and ■ REC 4.3. More information on the supervision of *overseas recognised bodies* is given in ■ REC 6.

## 4.2 The supervisory relationship with UK recognised bodies

- 4.2.1** **G** The *FCA* expects to have an open, cooperative and constructive relationship with *UK recognised bodies* to enable it to have a broad picture of the *UK recognised body's* activities and its ability to meet the *recognised body requirements*. This broad picture is intended to complement the information which the *FCA* will obtain under section 293 of the *Act* (Notification requirements) or under *notification rules* made under that section (see ■ REC 3). The *FCA* will usually arrange meetings between the Infrastructure and Trading Firms Department and *members of the management body* of the *UK recognised body* for this purpose. The frequency and nature of these meetings may vary in accordance with the risk profile of the *UK recognised body*.
- 4.2.2** **G** *UK recognised bodies* are likely to develop and adapt their businesses in response to customer demand and new market opportunities. Where such developments involve changes to the way the *UK recognised body* operates, they are likely to involve changes to the way it satisfies the *recognised body requirements*.
- 4.2.3** **G** The *FCA* expects a *UK recognised body* to take its own steps to assure itself that it will continue to satisfy the *recognised body requirements* when considering any changes to its business or operations.
- 4.2.4** **G** However, the *FCA* also expects that *UK recognised bodies* will keep it informed of all significant developments and of progress with their plans and operational initiatives, and will provide it with appropriate assurance that the *recognised body requirements* will continue to be satisfied.



## 4.2A Publication of information by UK RIEs and RAPs

- 4.2A.1** **G** Under subsections 292A(1) and (2) of the *Act*, a *UK RIE* must as soon as practicable after a *recognition order* is made in respect of it publish such particulars of the ownership of the *UK RIE*, including the identity and scale of interests of the *persons* who are in a position to exercise significant influence over the management of the *UK RIE* or (where the *UK RIE* is also a *RAP*) the *RAP*, whether directly or indirectly, as the *FCA* may reasonably require.
- 4.2A.2** **G** Under subsections 292A(3) and (4) of the *Act*, a *UK RIE* must as soon as practicable after becoming aware of a transfer of ownership of the *UK RIE* which gives rise to a change of *persons* who are in a position to exercise significant influence over the management of the *UK RIE* or (where the *UK RIE* is also a *RAP*) the *RAP*, whether directly or indirectly, publish such particulars of any such transfer as the *FCA* may reasonably require.
- 4.2A.3** **G** Under subsection 292A(5) of the *Act*, a *UK RIE* must publish such particulars of any decision it makes to suspend or remove a *financial instrument* from trading on a *regulated market* operated by it, or lift a suspension or readmit the instrument, as the *FCA* may reasonably require.

## 4.2C Control over a UK RIE

- 4.2C.1** **G** Section 301A(1) of chapter 1A of Part XVIII of the *Act* places an obligation on a *person* who decides to acquire or increase control (see sections 301D and 301E of the *Act*) over a *UK RIE* to notify the *FCA*, before making the acquisition. Furthermore, those *persons* are required to obtain the *FCA*'s approval before acquiring control or increasing the level of control held.
- 4.2C.2** **G** The *FCA* will approve an acquisition or an increase in control if it is satisfied that the acquisition by the *person* seeking approval does not pose a threat to the sound and prudent management of any financial market operated by the *UK RIE* (see section 301F(4) of the *Act*). The reference to any financial market is to be read as including a reference to any *auction platform* as a result of the *RAP regulations*.
- 4.2C.3** **G** If a proposed acquirer has complied with the obligation to notify, the procedure the *FCA* will follow if it approves or does not approve of that *person* acquiring or increasing control is set out in sections 301F and 301G of the *Act*.
- 4.2C.4** **G** [deleted]
- 4.2C.5** **G** [deleted]
- 4.2C.6** **G** The *FCA*'s internal arrangements provide for any decisions to refuse to approve an acquisition or object to an existing control to be taken at an appropriately senior level.
- 4.2C.7** **G** If the *FCA* refuses to approve an acquisition or objects to an existing control, the *person* concerned may refer the matter to the *Tribunal* (see ■ EG 2.39).
- 4.2C.8** **G** The powers the *FCA* can exercise in the event that a *person* acquires or continues to exercise control notwithstanding the *FCA*'s refusal to approve the acquisition of control or the *FCA*'s objection to the exercise of control are set out in sections 301J and 301K of the *Act*.
- 4.2C.9** **G** The offences for which a *person* who fails to comply with the obligations set out in Chapter 1A of Part XVIII of the *Act* is liable are set out in section 301L of the *Act*.



## 4.2D Suspension and removal of financial instruments from trading by the FCA

- 4.2D.1** **G** (1) Under section 313A of the *Act*, the *FCA* may for the purpose of protecting:
- (a) the interests of investors; or
  - (b) the orderly functioning of the financial markets;
- require a *UK RIE* to suspend or remove a *financial instrument* from trading.
- (2) If the *FCA* exercises this power, the *UK RIE* concerned may refer the matter to the *Tribunal*.
- 4.2D.2** **G** The procedure the *FCA* will follow if it exercises its power to require a *UK RIE* to suspend or remove a *financial instrument* from trading is set out in sections 313B to 313BE of the *Act*. The *FCA*'s internal arrangements provide for decisions to exercise this power to be taken at an appropriately senior level. If the *FCA* exercises this power, the *UK RIE* concerned and the issuer (if any) of the relevant *financial instrument* may refer the matter to the *Tribunal*(see ■ EG 2.39).
- 4.2D.3** **G** [deleted]
- 4.2D.4** **G** [deleted]
- 4.2D.5** **G** [deleted]
- 4.2D.6** **G** [deleted]
- 4.2D.7** **G** Under sections 313CA(2) and (3) of the *Act*, if the *FCA* imposes a requirement to suspend or remove a *financial instrument* from trading, the *FCA* must require any trading venue or *systematic internaliser*, falling under its jurisdiction as defined in section 313D of the *Act*, which trades the same instrument to suspend or remove the instrument if the suspension or removal was due to suspected market abuse; a take-over bid; or the non-disclosure of *inside information* about the *issuer* or the instrument, unless such a step would cause significant damage to the interests of investors or

the orderly functioning of the financial markets. The same applies in relation to a derivative which relates to or is referenced to the *financial instrument*.

**4.2D.8** **G** Under sections 313CB (2) and (3) of the *Act*, if the *FCA* receives notice that a *person* operating a trading venue has suspended or removed a *financial instrument* from trading on the trading venue because the instrument no longer complies with the venue's rules, the *FCA* must require any other trading venue or *systematic internaliser*, falling under its jurisdiction as defined in section 313D of the *Act*, which trades the same instrument to suspend or remove the instrument if the suspension or removal was due to suspected market abuse; a take-over bid; or the non-disclosure of *inside information* about the *issuer* or the instrument, unless such a step would cause significant damage to the interests of investors or the orderly functioning of the financial markets. The same applies in relation to a derivative which relates to or is referenced to the *financial instrument*.

**4.2D.9** **G** The *FCA* receives notice for the purposes of **■ REC 4.2D.8G** when it is informed of the suspension or removal decision by the *RIE*, *investment firm* with a *Part 4A permission* enabling it to carry on *MiFID business*, or *CRD credit institution* that operates the trading venue.

**4.2D.10** **G** [deleted]

**4.2D.11** **G** [deleted]



**4.2E Information: compliance of UK recognised bodies with specified requirements**

4.2E.1

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Under section 293A of the *Act*, the *FCA* may require a *UK recognised body* to give such information as it reasonably requires in order to satisfy itself that the *UK recognised body* is complying with any qualifying provision that is specified, or of a description specified, for the purposes of section 293A of the *Act* by the Treasury.

## 4.2F Information gathering power on FCA's own initiative

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- (1) While the *FCA* will seek to obtain information from an *RIE* in the context of an open, cooperative and constructive relationship with the *RIE*, where it appears to the *FCA* that obtaining information in that context will not achieve the necessary results, the *FCA* or (as the case may be) its officers may, under section 165(7) of the *Act*, by notice in writing, require any of the following persons to provide or produce specified information or information of a specified description, at a specified place and before the end of a reasonable period, in such form and with such verifications or authentications as it may reasonably require:
- (a) the *RIE*; or
  - (b) a person who is connected with the *RIE*.
- (2) Under section 165(11) of the *Act*, a person is connected with a *recognised body* if he is or has at any relevant time been:
- (a) a member of the *RIE*'s group; or
  - (b) a controller of the *RIE*; or
  - (c) any other member of a partnership of which the *RIE* is a member; or
  - (d) a person mentioned in Part I of Schedule 15 of the *Act* (reading references in that Part to the 'authorised person' as references to the *RIE*).



## 4.2G Reports by skilled persons

### 4.2G.1

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- (1) Where the *FCA* exercises its power conferred by section 166(1) of the *Act* (Reports by skilled persons), ■ SUP 5.5.1 R, ■ SUP 5.5.5 R and ■ SUP 5.5.9 R (to the extent they relate to the *FCA*'s powers under section 166 of the *Act*) apply to a *RIE* in the same way as they apply to a *firm*.
- (2) The guidance in ■ SUP 5 which relates to the *FCA*'s power in section 166 of the *Act* also applies to a *RIE* in the same way as it applies to a *firm*.

## 4.3 Risk assessments for UK recognised bodies

- 4.3.1** **G** Information is needed to support the *FCA's* risk based approach to the supervision of all regulated entities. Risk based supervision is intended to ensure that the allocation of supervisory resources and the supervisory process are compatible with the *regulatory objectives* and the *FCA's* general duties under the *Act*. The central element of the process of risk based supervision is a systematic assessment by the *FCA* (a risk assessment) of the main supervisory risks and concerns for each regulated entity.
- 4.3.2** **G** For each *UK recognised body*, the *FCA* will conduct a periodic risk assessment. This assessment will take into account relevant considerations including the special position of *recognised bodies* under the *Act*, the nature of the *UK recognised body's members*, the position of other users of its *facilities* and the business environment more generally.
- 4.3.3** **G** The risk assessment will guide the *FCA's* supervisory focus. It is important, therefore, that there is good dialogue between the *FCA* and the *recognised body*. The *FCA* expects to review its risk assessment with the staff of the *UK recognised body* to ensure factual accuracy and a shared understanding of the key issues, and may discuss the results of the risk assessment with *members of the management body* of the *UK recognised body*. If appropriate, the *FCA* may send a detailed letter to the body's *chief executive*, chairman or both with proposals for further action or work to address particular concerns or issues and seek their comments on the risk assessment.

## 4.4 Complaints

### Recognised body's arrangements

- 4.4.1 **G** *Recognised bodies* may receive complaints from time to time from their *members* and other people, both about the conduct of *members* and about the *recognised body* itself. A *UK recognised body* will need to have satisfactory arrangements to investigate these complaints in order to satisfy the relevant *recognition requirements* (see ■ REC 2.15 and ■ REC 2.16) or *RAP recognition requirements* (see ■ REC 2A.3.2G).

### The FCA's arrangements

- 4.4.2 **G** The *Act* does not provide a mechanism for appeals to the *FCA* from decisions by *recognised bodies* in relation to complaints. However, the *FCA* is required by section 299 of the *Act* (Complaints about recognised bodies) to have arrangements to investigate complaints (called *relevant complaints* in the *Act*) which it considers relevant to the question of whether a *recognised body* should remain recognised as such. This section describes aspects of the *FCA's* arrangements for investigating *relevant complaints*.
- 4.4.3 **G** Where the *FCA* receives a complaint about a *recognised body*, it will, in the first instance, seek to establish whether the complainant has approached the *recognised body*. Where this is not the case, the *FCA* will ask the complainant to complain to the *recognised body*. Where the complainant is dissatisfied with the handling of the complaint, but has not exhausted the *recognised body's* own internal complaints procedures (in the case of a complaint against a *UK recognised body*, including by applying to that body's *complaints investigator*), the *FCA* will encourage the complainant to do so.
- 4.4.4 **G** The *FCA* will not usually consider a complaint which has not, in the first instance, been made to the *recognised body* concerned, unless there is good reason for believing that it is a *relevant complaint* which merits early consideration by the *FCA*.
- 4.4.5 **G** When it is considering a *relevant complaint*, the *FCA* will make its own enquiries as appropriate with the *recognised body*, the complainant and other *persons*. It will usually ask the *recognised body* and the complainant to comment upon any preliminary or draft conclusions of its review and to confirm any matters of fact at that stage.
- 4.4.6 **G** The *FCA* will communicate the outcome of its review of a *relevant complaint* to the complainant and the *recognised body*, but will normally only discuss

any action which it considers the *recognised body* should take with the *recognised body* itself.



## 4.5 FCA supervision of action by UK RIEs under their default rules

**4.5.1** **G** *UK RIEs* which, under their *rules*, have *market contracts* are required to have *default rules* enabling them (among other things) to take action in relation to a *member* who appears to be unable to meet his obligations in respect of one or more unsettled *market contracts*. The detailed *recognition requirements* relating to the *default rules* are set out in ■ REC 2.17.

**4.5.2** **G** The *default rules* are designed to ensure that rights and liabilities between the defaulter and any counterparty to an unsettled *market contract* are discharged, and for there to be paid between the defaulter and each counterparty one net sum. The Companies Act 1989 contains provisions which protect action taken under *default rules* from the normal operation of insolvency law which might otherwise leave this action open to challenge by a *relevant office-holder*.

**4.5.3** **G** The Companies Act 1989 also gives the *FCA* powers to supervise the taking of action under *default rules*. Under section 166 of the Companies Act 1989 (Powers of the appropriate regulator to give directions) (see ■ REC 4.5.4 G), the *FCA* may direct a *UK RIE* to take, or not to take, action under its *default rules*. Before exercising these powers the *FCA* must consult the *UK RIE*. The *FCA* may also exercise these powers if a *relevant office-holder* applies to it under section 167 of the Companies Act 1989 (Application to determine whether default proceedings to be taken) (see ■ REC 4.5.9 G).

### **4.5.4** **G** The Companies Act 1989: section 166

The *FCA* may issue a "positive" direction (to take action) under section 166(2)(a) of the Companies Act 1989:

**Where in any case a [UK RIE] has not taken action under its default rules- if it appears to [the FCA] that it could take action, [the FCA may direct it to do so,**

but under section 166(3)(a) of the Companies Act 1989:

**Before giving such a direction the [FCA] shall consult the [UK RIE] in question; and [the FCA] shall not give a direction unless [the FCA] is satisfied, in the light of that consultation that failure to take action would involve undue risk to investors or other participants in the market, or that the direction is necessary having regard to the public interest in the financial stability of the United Kingdom, or that the direction is necessary to facilitate a proposed or possible use of a power under Part 1 of the Banking Act 2009 or in connection with a particular exercise of a power under that Part.**

The *FCA* may issue a "negative" direction (not to take action) under section 166(2)(b) of the Companies Act 1989:

**Where in any case a [UK RIE] has not taken action under its default rules - if it appears to the [FCA] that it is proposing to take or may take action, [the FCA] may direct it not to do so.**

but under section 166(3)(b) of the Companies Act 1989:

**Before giving such a direction the [FCA] shall consult the [UK RIE] in question; and the [FCA] shall not give a direction unless [the FCA] is satisfied, in the light of that consultation that the taking of action would be premature or otherwise undesirable in the interests of investors or other participants in the market, or that the direction is necessary having regard to the public interest in the financial stability of the United Kingdom, or that the direction is necessary to facilitate a proposed or possible use of a power under Part 1 of the Banking Act 2009 or in connection with a particular exercise of a power under that Part.**

- 4.5.5** G Other than in exceptional circumstances, the *FCA* will consult with the Bank of England before exercising these powers.
- 4.5.6** G Under section 166(6) of the Companies Act 1989, a negative direction cannot be given if, in relation to the defaulter, either:
- (1) a bankruptcy order or an award of sequestration of the defaulter's estate has been made, or an interim receiver or interim trustee has been appointed; or
  - (2) a winding-up order has been made, a resolution for voluntary winding-up has been passed or an administrator, administrative receiver or provisional liquidator has been appointed;
- and any previous negative direction will cease to have effect on the making or passing of any such order, award or appointment.
- 4.5.7** G Under section 166(5) of the Companies Act 1989, a negative direction may be expressed to have effect until a further direction is given, which may either be a positive direction or a revocation of the earlier negative direction.
- 4.5.8** G Under section 166(7) of the Companies Act 1989, where a *UK RIE* has taken action either of its own accord or in response to a direction, the *FCA* may direct it to do or not to do specific things subject to these being within the powers of the *UK RIE* under its *default rules*. However,
- (1) where the *UK RIE* is acting in accordance with a direction given by the *FCA* to take action under section 166(2)(a) of the *Act* on the basis that failure to take action would involve undue risk to investors or other participants in the market, the *FCA* will not direct it to do or not to do specific things which the *UK RIE* has power to do under its *default rules*, unless the *FCA* is satisfied that this will not impede or frustrate the proper and efficient conduct of the default proceedings; and
  - (2) where the *UK RIE* has taken action under its *default rules* without being directed to do so, the *FCA* will not direct it to do or not to do

specific things which the *UK RIE* has power to do under its *default rules*, unless the *FCA* is satisfied that:

- (a) the direction will not impede or frustrate the proper and efficient conduct of the default proceedings; or
- (b) the direction is necessary:
  - (i) having regard to the public interest in the stability of the *UK financial system*;
  - (ii) to facilitate a proposed or possible use of a power under Part 1 of the Banking Act 2009 (special resolution regime); or
  - (iii) in connection with a particular exercise of a power under Part 1 of the Banking Act 2009.

**Section 167 of the Companies Act 1989**

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Where, in relation to a *member* (or *designated non-member*) of a *UK RIE* :

- (1) a bankruptcy order; or
- (2) an award of sequestration of his estate; or
- (3) an order appointing an interim receiver of his property; or
- (4) an administration or winding-up order; or
- (5) a resolution for a voluntary winding-up; or
- (6) an order appointing a provisional liquidator;

has been made or passed and the *UK RIE* has not taken action under its *default rules* as a result of this event or of the matters giving rise to it, a *relevant office-holder* appointed in connection with the order, award or resolution may make an application to the *FCA* under section 167 of the Companies Act 1989 (Application to determine whether default proceedings to be taken).

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The effect of an application under section 167 of the Companies Act 1989 is to require the *UK recognised body* concerned to take action under its *default rules* or to require the *FCA* to take action under section 166 of the Companies Act 1989 (see *REC 4.5.4G*).

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The procedure is that the *FCA* must notify the *UK recognised body* of the application and, unless within three *business days* after receipt of that notice, the *UK recognised body*:

- (1) takes action under its *default rules*; or
- (2) notifies the *FCA* that it proposes to take action forthwith; or
- (3) is directed to take action by the *FCA* under section 166(2)(a) of the Companies Act 1989;

the provisions of sections 158 to 165 of the Companies Act 1989 do not apply in relation to *market contracts* to which the *member* or *designated non-*

*member* is a party or to anything done by the *UK recognised body* for the purpose of, or in connection with, the settlement of any *market contracts*.

## 4.6 The section 296 power to give directions

- 4.6.1** **G** Under section 296 of the *Act* (FCA's power to give directions) and (for *RAPs*) under regulation 3 of the *RAP regulations*, the *FCA* has the power to give directions to a *recognised body* to take specified steps in order to secure its compliance with the *recognised body requirements*. In the case of a *UK RIE* (including one which operates a *RAP*) those steps may include granting the *FCA* access to the *UK RIE's* premises for the purposes of inspecting those premises or any documents on the premises and the suspension of the carrying on of any *regulated activity* by the *UK RIE* for the period specified in the direction.
- 4.6.2** **G** [deleted]
- 4.6.3** **G** The *FCA* is likely to exercise its power under section 296 of the *Act* or regulation 3 of the *RAP regulations* if it considers that:
- (1) there has been, or was likely to be, a failure to satisfy one or more of the *recognised body requirements* which has serious consequences;
  - (2) compliance with the direction would ensure that one or more of the *recognised body requirements* is satisfied; and
  - (3) the *recognised body* is capable of complying with the direction.
- 4.6.4** **G** Under section 298(7) of the *Act* (Directions and revocation: procedure), the *FCA* need not follow the consultation procedure set out in the rest of section 298 (see ■ REC 4.8) or may cut short that procedure, if it considers it reasonably necessary to do so. For *RAPs*, the *FCA* need not follow the procedure set out in regulation 5 of the *RAP regulations* or may cut short the procedure, if it considers it essential to do so.

## 4.6A The section 192C power to direct qualifying parent undertakings

### 4.6A.1

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- (1) Under section 192C of the *Act* (Power to direct qualifying parent undertaking), the *FCA* has the power to give a direction to the qualifying parent undertaking of a *UK RIE* if the general condition is satisfied.
- (2) For the purposes of section 192C of the *Act*, a parent undertaking of a *UK RIE* is a 'qualifying parent undertaking' if:
  - (a) the parent undertaking is a body corporate which is incorporated in the United Kingdom, or has a place of business in the United Kingdom;
  - (b) the parent undertaking is not itself an *authorised person*, a *RIE* or a *RCH*; and
  - (c) the parent undertaking is a financial institution of a kind prescribed by the Treasury by order.
- (3) For the purposes of section 192C of the *Act*, the general condition is that the *FCA* considers that it is desirable to give the direction in order to advance one or more of its operational objectives.
- (4) In exercising or deciding whether to exercise its power under section 192(c) of the *Act*, the *FCA* will have regard to any statement of policy published under this section and for the time being in force.

**[Note:1.** Treasury has issued a draft order for consultation prescribing the types of financial institutions which are qualifying parent undertakings. See the *draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Prescribed Financial Institutions) Order 201\**, as published in the *Treasury consultation paper titled 'A new approach to financial regulation: draft secondary legislation'*: [http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/condoc\\_fin\\_regulation\\_draft\\_secondary\\_leg.pdf](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/condoc_fin_regulation_draft_secondary_leg.pdf) .

2. The *FCA* has issued a statement of policy with respect to the giving of directions under section 192C. <http://www.fca.org.uk/news/firms/fca-statement-of-policy-on-the-use-of-the-power-to-direct-qualifying-parent-undertakings> ]

## 4.7 The section 297 power to revoke recognition

- 4.7.1** **G** Under section 297 of the *Act* (Revoking recognition) and (for *RAPs*) under regulation 4 of the *RAP regulations*, the *FCA* has the power to revoke a *recognition order* relating to a *recognised body*.
- 4.7.2** **G** The *FCA* will revoke a *recognition order* if:
- (1) [deleted]
  - (2) the *recognised body* has asked the *FCA* to revoke the order.
- 4.7.2A** **G** Where the *FCA* makes a revocation order under section 297 of the *Act* in relation to a *UK RIE* which is also a *RAP*, the *FCA* will also revoke the *recognition order* relating to its status as a *RAP*.
- 4.7.3** **G** The *FCA* will usually consider revoking a *recognition order* if:
- (1) the *recognised body* is failing or has failed to satisfy one or more of the *recognised body requirements* and that failure has or will have serious consequences; or
  - (2) it would not be possible for the *recognised body* to comply with a direction under section 296 of the *Act* (*FCA's* power to give directions) or (for *RAPs*) regulation 3 of the *RAP regulations*; or
  - (3) for some other reason, it would not be appropriate for the *FCA* to give a direction under section 296 or (for *RAPs*) regulation 3 of the *RAP regulations*; or
  - (4) in the case of a *UK RIE*, it has not carried on the business of an investment exchange during the 12 *months* beginning with the day on which the *recognition order* took effect in relation to it, or it has not carried on the business of an investment exchange at any time during the period of six *months* ending with the day the *recognition order* is revoked.
  - (5) in the case of a *RAP* in relation to its *RAP recognition order*, it has not carried on the business of an *auction platform* during the 12 *months* beginning with the day on which the *RAP recognition order* took effect in relation to it, or it has not carried on the business of an *auction platform* at any time during the period of six *months* ending with the day the *RAP recognition order* is revoked.

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The *FCA* would be likely to consider the conditions in ■ REC 4.7.3 G (2) or ■ REC 4.7.3 G (3) to be triggered in the following circumstances:

- (1) the *recognised body* appears not to have the resources or management to be able to organise its affairs so as to satisfy one or more of the *recognised body requirements*; or
- (2) the *recognised body* does not appear to be willing to satisfy one or more of the *recognised body requirements*; or
- (3) the *recognised body* is failing or has failed to comply with a direction made under section 296 of the *Act* or (for *RAPs*) regulation 3 of the *RAP regulations*; or
- (4) the *recognised body* has ceased to carry out *regulated activities* in the *United Kingdom*, or has so changed the nature of its business that it no longer satisfies one or more of the *recognised body requirements* in respect of the *regulated activities* for which *recognised body* status is relevant.

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In addition to the relevant factors set out in ■ REC 4.7.4 G, the *FCA* will usually consider that it would not be able to secure an *ROIE's* compliance with the *recognition requirements* or other obligations in or under the *Act* by means of a direction under section 296 of the *Act*, if it appears to the *FCA* that the *ROIE* is prevented by any change in the legal framework or supervisory arrangements to which it is subject in its *home territory* from complying with the *recognition requirements* or other obligations in or under the *Act*.



## 4.8 The section 298 procedure

- 4.8.1** **G** A decision to:
- (1) revoke a *recognition order* under section 297 of the *Act* (Revoking recognition) or (for *RAPs*) regulation 4 of the *RAP regulations*; or
  - (2) make a direction under section 296 (*FCA's* powers to give directions) or (for *RAPs*) regulation 3 of the *RAP regulations*; or
  - (3) refuse to make a *recognition order* under section 290 (Recognition orders) or 290A (Refusal of recognition on ground of excessive regulatory provision) or (for *RAPs*) regulation 2 of the *RAP regulations*;
- is a serious one and section 298 of the *Act* (Directions and revocation: procedure) sets out procedures (see **REC 4.8.9 G**) which the *FCA* will follow unless:
- in the case of a revocation of a *recognition order*, the *recognised body* concerned has given its consent (see section 297(1) or regulation 4(1) of the *RAP regulations*) or:
- (a) in the case where the *FCA* proposes to make a direction under section 296, it considers it is reasonably necessary not to follow, or to cut short, the procedure (see **REC 4.8.7G**); or
  - (b) (for *RAPs*) in a case where the *FCA* proposes to make a direction under regulation 3 of the *RAP regulations*, it considers it is essential not to follow, or to cut, short, the procedure.
- 4.8.2** **G** The *FCA's* internal arrangements provide for any of these decisions to be taken at an appropriately senior level.
- 4.8.3** **G** In considering whether it would be appropriate to exercise the powers under section 296 or section 297 of the *Act* or (for *RAPs*) regulation 3 or 4 of the *RAP regulations*, the *FCA* will have regard to all relevant information and factors including:
- (1) its *guidance to recognised bodies*;
  - (2) the results of its routine supervision of the body concerned;
  - (3) the extent to which the failure or likely failure to satisfy one or more of the *recognised body requirements* may affect the *statutory objectives*.

**4.8.4** **G** In considering whether or not to make a *recognition order*, the *FCA* will have regard to all relevant information and factors, including its *guidance* to *recognised bodies* and applicants and the information provided by applicants. Details of the application processes and other *guidance* for applicants are set out in ■ REC 5 and (for overseas applications) ■ REC 6.

**4.8.5** **G** The procedures laid down in section 298 of the *Act* and (for *RAPs*) regulation 5 of the *RAP regulations* are summarised, with the *FCA's* *guidance* about the actions it proposes to take in following these procedures, in the tables at ■ REC 4.8.9 G and ■ REC 4.8.10G.

**4.8.6** **G** Before exercising its powers under section 296 or section 297 of the *Act* or (for *RAPs*) regulation 3 or 4 of the *RAP regulations*, the *FCA* will usually discuss its intention, and the basis for this, with the *members of the management body* or other appropriate representatives of the *recognised body*. It will usually discuss its intention not to make a *recognition order* with appropriate representatives of the applicant.

**4.8.7** **G** [deleted]

**4.8.8** **G** [deleted]

**4.8.9** **G** **Key steps in the section 298 procedure**

	The <i>FCA</i> will:	<i>Guidance</i>
(1)	give written notice to the <i>RIE</i> (or applicant);	The notice will state why the <i>FCA</i> intends to take the action it proposes to take, and include an invitation to make representations, and the period within which representations should be made (unless subsequently extended by the <i>FCA</i> ).
(2)	receive representations from the <i>RIE</i> or applicant concerned;	The <i>FCA</i> will not usually consider oral representations without first receiving written representations from the <i>RIE</i> (or applicant). It will normally only hear oral representations from the <i>RIE</i> on request.
(3)	write promptly to <i>RIE</i> (or applicant) who requests the opportunity to make oral representations if it decides not to hear that <i>person's</i> representations;	The <i>FCA</i> will indicate why it will not hear oral representations and the <i>FCA</i> will allow the <i>RIE</i> (or applicant) further time to respond.
(4)	have regard to representations made;	

	The FCA will:	Guidance
(5)	(when it has reached its decision) notify the <i>RIE</i> (or applicant) concerned in writing.	

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For *RAPs*, key steps in the regulation 5 procedure

	The FCA will:	Guidance
(1)	give written notice to the <i>RAP</i> (or applicant);	The notice will state why the <i>FCA</i> intends to take the action it proposes to take, and include an invitation to make representations, and the date by which representations should be made.
(2)	take such steps as it considers reasonably practicable to bring the notice to the attention of the <i>members</i> of the <i>RAP</i> or of the applicant, as the case may be;	The <i>FCA</i> will also notify <i>persons</i> individually (as far as it considers it reasonably practicable to do so) if it considers that the action it proposes to take would affect them adversely in a way which would be different from its effect on other <i>persons</i> of the same class.
(3)	publish the notice so as to bring it to the attention of other <i>persons</i> likely to be affected;	
(4)	receive representations from the <i>RAP</i> or applicant concerned, any <i>member</i> of the <i>RAP</i> or applicant, and any other <i>person</i> who is likely to be affected by the action the <i>FCA</i> proposes to take;	The <i>FCA</i> will not usually consider oral representations without first receiving written representations from the <i>person</i> concerned. It will normally only hear oral representations from the <i>RAP</i> (or applicant) itself or of a <i>person</i> whom it has notified individually, on request.
(5)	write promptly to any <i>person</i> who requests the opportunity to make oral representations if it decides not to hear that <i>person's</i> representations;	The <i>FCA</i> will indicate why it will not hear oral representations and the <i>FCA</i> will allow the <i>person</i> concerned further time to respond.
(6)	have regard to representations made;	
(7)	(when it has reached its decision) notify the <i>RAP</i> (or applicant) concerned in writing;	
(8)	(if it has decided to give a direction, or revoke or refuse to make a recognition order) take such steps as it considers reasonably practicable to bring its decision to the attention of <i>members</i> of the <i>RAP</i> or applicant and to other <i>persons</i> likely to be affected.	The <i>FCA</i> will usually give notice of its decision to the same <i>persons</i> and in the same manner as it gave notice of its intention to act.

## 4.9 Disciplinary measures

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- (1) Under sections 312E and 312F of the *Act*, if the *FCA* considers that a *recognised body* has contravened a requirement imposed by the *FCA* under any provision of the *Act* that relates to a *RIE*, or under any provision of the *Act* whose contravention constitutes an offence the *FCA* has power to prosecute, or by a qualifying provision specified by the Treasury, it may:
  - (a) publish a statement to that effect; or
  - (b) impose on the body a financial penalty of such amount as it considers appropriate.
- (2) The procedures and policies which the *FCA* will follow if it proposes to publish a statement under section 312E or to impose a penalty under section 312F, and if it decides to publish such statement or impose such penalty, are set out in *DEPP*.
- (3) In exercising or deciding whether to exercise its power to impose a penalty under section 312F of the *Act*, the *FCA* will also have regard to any statement of policy published under this section and in force at a time when the contravention in question occurred.

[**Note:**The *FCA* has issued a statement of policy for consultation with respect to the exercise of its powers under section 312F of the *Act*.]

### 4.9.2

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- (1) Under section 192K of the *Act*, if the *FCA* considers that a qualifying parent undertaking of a *UK RIE* has contravened a requirement of a direction given by the *FCA* under section 192C of the *Act*, or a provision of rules made by the *FCA* under section 192J of the *Act*, it may:
  - (a) impose a penalty of such amount as it considers appropriate on the qualifying parent undertaking of the *UK RIE*, or any person who was knowingly concerned in the contravention; or
  - (b) publish a statement censuring the person.
- (2) The procedures which the *FCA* will follow if it proposes to take action, and if it decides to take action against a *person*, under section 192K are set out in *DEPP*.
- (3) In exercising or deciding whether to exercise its power under section 192K of the *Act*, the *FCA* will also have regard to any statement of

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policy published under this section and in force at a time when the contravention in question occurred.

[**Note:** The FCA has issued a statement of policy for consultation with respect to the exercise of its powers under section 192K of the Act.]



## Chapter 5

# Applications for Recognition (UK recognised bodies)

## 5.1 Introduction and legal background

- 5.1.1** **G** A *body corporate* or an unincorporated association may apply to the *FCA* for recognition as a *UK recognised body* under sections 287 (Application by an investment exchange) or 288 (Application by a clearing house) of the *Act*.
- 5.1.1A** **G** A *UK RIE* may apply to the *FCA* for recognition as a *RAP* under regulation 2 of the *RAP regulations*.
- 5.1.2** **G** This chapter sets out *guidance* for *UK* applicants and for *UK* entities which are considering making an application. *Guidance* for applicants and prospective applicants for *ROIE* status is given in ■ **REC 6**.





## 5.2 Application process

**5.2.1** **G** An applicant for *recognised body* status needs to demonstrate to the *FCA* that it is able to meet the *recognised body requirements* before a *recognition order* can be made. Once it has been recognised, a *recognised body* has to comply with the *recognised body requirements* at all times. (*Guidance on the recognised body requirements applicable to UK recognised bodies (and applicants)* is given in ■ REC 2 and ■ REC 2A).

**5.2.1A** **G** In addition, under section 290A of the *Act* (Refusal of recognition on ground of excessive regulatory provision), the *FCA* must refuse to make a *recognition order* in relation to a body applying for recognition as a *UK RIE* if it appears to the *FCA* that an existing or proposed *regulatory provision* of the applicant in connection with the applicant's business as an investment exchange or the provision by the applicant of *clearing facilitation services* imposes, or will impose, an excessive requirement (as defined in section 300A of the *Act*) on *persons* directly or indirectly affected by it.

**5.2.2** **G**

- (1) There is no standard application form. A prospective applicant should contact the Markets Division at the *FCA* at an early stage for advice on the preparation, scheduling and practical aspects of its application.
- (2) It is very important, if an application is to be processed smoothly and in a reasonable time, that it is comprehensively prepared and based on a well-developed and clear proposal.

**5.2.3** **G** An application should:

- (1) be made in accordance with any directions the *FCA* may make under section 287 (Application by an investment exchange) of the *Act* or (for *RAPs*) regulation 2 of the *RAP regulations*;
- (2) in the case of an application under section 287 of the *Act*, be accompanied by the applicant's *regulatory provisions* and in the case of an application under section 287 of the *Act* information required pursuant to sub-sections 287(3)(c), (d) and (e) of the *Act* (see ■ REC 5.2.3A G) (the material specifically prescribed in section 287 or section 288);
- (3) be accompanied by the information, evidence and explanatory material (including supporting documentation) necessary to

- demonstrate to the *FCA* that the *recognised body requirements* will be met; and
- (4) be accompanied by the appropriate fee (see ■ REC 7).
- 5.2.3A **G** The information required pursuant to sub-sections 287(c), (d) and (e) of the *Act* is:
- (1) a programme of operations which includes the types of business the applicant proposes to undertake and the applicant's proposed organisational structure;
  - (2) particulars of the persons who effectively direct the business and operations of the exchange; and
  - (3) particulars of the ownership of the exchange, and in particular the identity and scale of interests of the persons who are in a position to exercise significant influence over the management of the exchange, whether directly or indirectly.
- 5.2.4 **G** Other information and documentation which should normally accompany an application is listed in more detail in ■ REC 5.2.14 G.
- 5.2.5 **G** A prospective applicant who is an *authorised person* may wish to consult the *FCA* about the extent to which information which it has already supplied in connection with its status as an *authorised person* can be used to support an application to become a *UK recognised body*.
- 5.2.5A **G** A *UK RIE* applying for recognition as a *RAP* may wish to consult the *FCA* about the extent to which information which it has already supplied in connection with its status as a *UK RIE* can be used to support an application to be recognised as a *RAP*.
- 5.2.6 **G** Under section 289 of the *Act* (Applications: supplementary) or (for a *RAP* applicant) regulation 2 of the *RAP regulations*, the *FCA* may require the applicant to provide additional information, and may require the applicant to verify any information in any manner. In view of their likely importance for any application, the *FCA* will normally wish to arrange for its own inspection of an applicant's information technology systems.
- 5.2.6A **G** In the case of an application to become a *UK RIE* or a *RAP* under subsection 290(1B) of the *Act* and (for a *RAP applicant*) regulation 2(8) of the *RAP regulations*, the application must be determined by the *FCA* before the end of the period of six *months* beginning with the date on which it receives the completed application.
- 5.2.7 **G** At any time after making a formal application, the applicant may make amendments to its rules, guidance or any other part of its application submitted to the *FCA*.

- 5.2.8** **G** (1) The *FCA* will keep the applicant informed of the progress of the application.
- (2) It may be necessary to ask the applicant to clarify or amplify some aspects of its proposals. The *FCA* may wish to discuss various aspects of the application and may invite the applicant to attend one or more meetings for that purpose. When requested to do so, the *FCA* will explain the nature of the information which it has asked an applicant to supply in connection with its application.
- 5.2.9** **G** (1) [deleted]
- (2) [deleted]
- 5.2.10** **G** [deleted]
- 5.2.11** **G** [deleted]
- 5.2.12** **G** Where the *FCA* considers that it is unlikely to make a *recognition order* it will discuss its concerns with the applicant as early as possible with a view to enabling the applicant to make changes to its rules or guidance, or other parts of the application (see ■ REC 5.2.7 G). If the *FCA* decides that it will not make a *recognition order*, it will follow the procedure set out in section 298 of the *Act* (Directions and revocation: procedure) or (in the case of a *RAP*) regulation 5 of the *RAP regulations* and described in more detail in ■ REC 4.8.
- 5.2.13** **G** [deleted]
- 5.2.14** **G** **Information and supporting documentation (see ■ REC 5.2.4 G).**
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| (1) | Details of the applicant's constitution, structure and ownership, including its memorandum and articles of association (or similar or analogous <i>documents</i> ) and any agreements between the applicant, its owners or other <i>persons</i> relating to its constitution or governance (if not contained in the information listed in REC 5.2.3A G). An applicant for <i>RAP</i> status must provide details of the relationship between the governance arrangements in place for the <i>UK RIE</i> and the <i>RAP</i> . |
| (2) | Details of all business to be conducted by the applicant, whether or not a <i>regulated activity</i> (if not contained in the information listed in REC 5.2.3A G).   |
| (3) | Details of the <i>facilities</i> which the applicant plans to operate, including details of the trading platform or (for a <i>RAP</i> ) <i>auction platform</i> , settlement arrangements, clearing facilitation services and <i>custody services</i> which it plans to supply. An applicant for <i>RAP</i> status must provide details on the relationship between the <i>auction platform</i> and any secondary market in <i>emissions auction products</i> which it operates or plans to operate.                         |
| (4) | Copies of the last three annual reports and accounts and, for the current financial year, quarterly <i>management accounts</i> .   |

(5)	Details of its business plan for the first three years of operation as a <i>UK recognised body</i> (if not contained in the information listed in REC 5.2.3A G).
(6)	A full organisation chart and a list of the posts to be held by <i>key individuals</i> (with details of the duties and responsibilities) and the names of the <i>persons</i> proposed for these appointments when these names are available (if not contained in the information listed in REC 5.2.3A G).
(7)	Details of its auditors, bankers, solicitors and any <i>persons</i> providing corporate finance advice or similar services (such as reporting accountants) to the applicant.
(8)	Details of any <i>relevant functions</i> to be outsourced or delegated, with copies of relevant agreements.
(9)	Details of information technology systems and of arrangements for their supply, management, maintenance and upgrading, and security.
(10)	Details of all plans to minimise disruption to operation of its <i>facilities</i> in the event of the failure of its information technology systems.
(11)	Details of internal systems for financial control, arrangements for risk management and insurance arrangements to cover operational and other risks.
(12)	Details of its arrangements for managing any counterparty risks.
(13)	Details of internal arrangements to safeguard confidential or privileged information and for handling conflicts of interest.
(14)	Details of arrangements for complying with the <i>notification rules</i> and other requirements to supply information to the FCA.
(15)	Details of the arrangements to be made for monitoring and enforcing compliance with its rules and with its clearing, settlement and default arrangements.
(16)	A summary of the legal due diligence carried out in relation to ascertaining the enforceability of its rules (including <i>default rules</i> ) and the results and conclusions reached.
(17)	Details of the procedures to be followed for declaring a <i>member</i> in default, and for taking action after that event to close out positions, protect the interests of other <i>members</i> and enforce its <i>default rules</i> .
(18)	Details of membership selection criteria, rules and procedures, including (for a <i>RAP</i> ) details of how the rules of the <i>UK RIE</i> will change in order to reflect <i>RAP</i> status.
(19)	Details of arrangements for recording transactions effected by, or cleared through, its <i>facilities</i> .
(20)	Details of arrangements for detecting <i>financial crime</i> and <i>market abuse</i> , including arrangements for complying with <i>money laundering law</i> .
(21)	Details of criteria, rules and arrangements for selecting <i>specified investments</i> to be admitted to trading on (or cleared by) an <i>RIE</i> and, where relevant, details of how information regarding <i>specified investments</i> will be disseminated to users of its <i>facilities</i> .
(22)	Details of arrangements for cooperating with the FCA and other appropriate authorities, including draft memoranda of understanding or letters.
(23)	Details of the procedures and arrangements for making and amending rules, including arrangements for consulting on rule changes.

(24) Details of disciplinary and appeal procedures, and of the arrangements for investigating complaints.



## Chapter 6

# Overseas Investment Exchanges

## 6.1 Introduction and legal background

### 6.1.1

**G** The Act prohibits any *person* from carrying on, or purporting to carry on, *regulated activities* in the *United Kingdom* unless that *person* is an *authorised person* or an *exempt person*. If an *overseas investment exchange* wishes to undertake *regulated activities* in the *United Kingdom*, it will need to:

- (1) obtain a *Part 4A permission* from the *FCA*; or
- (2) [deleted]
- (3) [deleted]
- (4) obtain *exempt person* status by being declared by the *FCA* to be an *ROIE*.

### 6.1.2

**G** Having the status of an *ROIE* facilitates the participation of *overseas investment exchanges* in *UK markets*. In comparison with *authorisation*, it reduces the involvement which *UK* authorities need to have in the day-to-day affairs of an *overseas recognised body* because they are able to rely substantially on the supervisory and regulatory arrangements in the country where the applicant's head office is situated.





## 6.2 Applications

- 6.2.1** G (1) *Overseas investment exchanges* which are considering whether to seek *authorisation* or recognition should first consider whether they will be carrying on *regulated activities* in the *United Kingdom*. *Overseas investment exchanges* which do not carry on *regulated activities* in the *United Kingdom* need take no action.
- (2) Prospective applicants should discuss *authorisation* and recognition with the *FCA* before deciding whether to seek *authorisation* or recognition.
- 6.2.2** G A prospective applicant may wish to contact the Infrastructure and Trading Firms Department at the *FCA* at an early stage for advice on the preparation, scheduling and practical aspects of an application to become an *overseas recognised body*.
- 6.2.3** G Applicants for *authorised person* status should refer to the *FCA* website "Authorisation": [www.fca.org.uk/firms/authorisation](http://www.fca.org.uk/firms/authorisation). Applications for recognition as an *overseas recognised body* should be addressed to:
- The Financial Conduct Authority (Infrastructure and Trading Firms Department)  
12 Endeavour Square  
London, E20 1JN
- 6.2.4** G There is no standard application form for application for recognition as an *ROIE*. An application should be made in accordance with any direction the *FCA* may make under section 287 (Application by an investment exchange) of the *Act* and should include:
- (1) the information, evidence and explanatory material necessary to demonstrate to the *FCA* that the *recognition requirements* (set out in REC 6.3) will be met;
  - (2) the application fee (see REC 7);
  - (3) the address of the applicant's head office in its *home territory*;
  - (4) the address of a place in the *United Kingdom* for the service on the applicant of notices or other *documents* required or authorised to be served on it under the *Act* (see section 292(1));

- (5) the applicant's *regulatory provisions*;
- (6) one copy of each of the following *documents*:
  - (a) its most recent *annual report and accounts*; and
  - (b) the applicant's memorandum and articles of association or any similar or analogous *documents*; and
- (7) information identifying the following (if not contained in the *documents* listed in (5) or (6) or the material referred to in (1)):
  - (a) any type of *regulated activity* which the applicant envisages carrying on in the *United Kingdom*;
  - (b) any type of *specified investment dealt in on*, or arranged to be cleared through the applicant;
  - (c) the date by which the applicant wishes the *recognition order* to take effect; and
  - (d) any body or authority which supervises the applicant under the law of the *home territory*, the status of the applicant under that law, and the enactment or regulation under which the supervision is conducted.

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The *FCA* may require further information from the applicant and may need to have discussions with the appropriate authorities in the applicant's *home territory*. To allow sufficient time for applications to be processed and for the necessary contacts to be made with the appropriate *home territory* authorities, applications should be made not later than six months before the applicant wishes the *recognition order* to take effect. No guarantee can be given that a decision will be reached within this time, although the *FCA* will endeavour to meet the applicant's reasonable timing requirements.

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All material should be supplied in English, or accompanied, if appropriate, by an accurate English translation. An English glossary of technical or statistical terms may be sufficient to accompany tables of statistical or financial information.



## 6.3 Recognition requirements

**6.3.1** G Before making a *recognition order*, the FCA will need to be satisfied that the *recognition requirements* in section 292(3) of the Act (Overseas investment exchanges) have been met. These requirements are the only *recognition requirements* applicable to *ROIEs*.

**6.3.2** UK Sections 292(3) and 292(4) state:

**Section 292(3)**  
**The requirements are that-**

- (a) investors are afforded protection equivalent to that which they would be afforded if the body concerned were required to comply with -**
  - (i) *recognition requirements*, other than any such requirements which are expressed in regulations under section 286 not to apply for the purposes of this paragraph; and
  - (ii) requirements contained in any directly applicable Community regulation made under the markets in financial instruments directive or markets in financial instruments regulation;
- (b) there are adequate procedures for dealing with a person who is unable, or likely to become unable, to meet his obligations in respect of one or more market contracts connected with the [ROIE]**
- (c) the applicant is able and willing to co-operate with the[FCA] by the sharing of information and in other ways; and**
- (d) adequate arrangements exist for co-operation between the[FCA] and those responsible for the supervision of the applicant in the country or territory in which the applicant's head office is situated.**

**Section 292(4)**  
**In considering whether it is satisfied as to the requirements mentioned in subsections (3)(a) and (b), the[FCA] is to have regard to-**

- (a) the relevant law and practice of the country or territory in which the applicant's head office is situated;**
- (b) the rules and practices of the applicant.**

**6.3.3** G The reference to *recognition requirements* in section 292(3)(a) of the Act is a reference to the requirements applicable to *UK RIEs* in the *Recognition Requirements Regulations*. These requirements are set out, together with *guidance*, in ■ REC 2.



## 6.5 FCA decision on recognition

6.5.1 **G** If the *FCA* considers that the requirements of the *Act* are satisfied, it may make a *recognition order*, which will state the date on which it takes effect.

6.5.2 **G** Where the *FCA* considers that it is unlikely to make a *recognition order*, it will discuss its concerns with the applicant with a view to enabling the applicant to make changes to its rules or guidance, or other parts of the application. If the *FCA* decides to refuse to make a *recognition order*, it will follow the procedure set out in section 298 of the *Act* (Directions and revocation: procedure) (which applies in consequence of section 290(5) of the *Act* (Recognition orders)) which is described in more detail in ■ REC 4.8.

6.5.3 **G** [deleted]



## 6.6 Supervision

### 6.6.1

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An *ROIE* is required to notify the *FCA* of certain events and give information to it on a regular basis and when certain specified events occur. Section 295 of the *Act* (Notification: overseas investment exchanges and overseas clearing houses) requires each *ROIE* to provide the *FCA* with a report (at least once a year) which contains:

- (1) a statement as to whether any events have occurred which are likely to affect the *FCA*'s assessment of whether it is satisfied that the *ROIE* continues to satisfy the *recognition requirements* set out in the section 292(3) of the *Act* (Overseas investment exchanges and overseas clearing houses) (see ■ REC 6.3);
- (2) the information specified in the *FCA*'s *notification rules* for *ROIEs* (see ■ REC 6.7).

### 6.6.2

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The following events are examples of events likely to affect an assessment of whether an *ROIE* is continuing to satisfy the *recognition requirements*

- (1) significant changes to any relevant law or regulation in its *home territory*, including laws or regulations:
  - (a) governing exchanges or, if relevant to an *ROIE*'s satisfaction of the *recognition requirements*, *clearing houses*;
  - (b) designed to prevent insider dealing, market manipulation or other forms of market abuse or misconduct;
  - (c) designed to protect the interests of *clients* of *members* of the *ROIE*, or of a class of bodies which includes the *ROIE*;
  - (d) which affect:
    - (i) the ability of the *ROIE* to seek information (whether compulsorily or voluntarily) from its *members*, including information relating to the price and volume of transactions, the identity of parties to transactions, and the movement of funds associated with transactions;
    - (ii) the ability of the *ROIE* to pass such information, on request, to *UK* authorities;
- (2) significant changes to its internal organisation or structure;
- (3) significant changes to the practices of the *ROIE* applying to any *regulated activities* carried on by it in the *United Kingdom*;
- (4) any other event or series of events in relation to the body which:

- (a) affects or may significantly affect cooperation between the *ROIE*, or its supervisor in its *home territory*, and the *FCA*; or
- (b) has or may have a substantial effect on the structure of the markets in which the body operates; or
- (c) brings about or may bring about a substantial change in the nature and composition of its membership in the *United Kingdom*; or
- (d) brings about or may bring about a substantial change in the *regulated activities* undertaken by it in the *United Kingdom*.

**6.6.3** G The period covered by a report submitted under section 295(1) of the *Act* starts on the day after the period covered by its last report or, if there is no such report, after the making of the *recognition order* recognising the *ROIE* as such, and ends on the date specified in the report or, if no date is specified, on the date of the report.

**6.6.4** G If an *ROIE* changes the period covered by its report, it should ensure that the first day of the period covered by a report is the day immediately following the last day of the period covered by the previous report.

**6.6.5** G The period covered by a report submitted under section 295(1) of the *Act* would most conveniently be one year.

**6.6.6** G Copies of the report should be sent to the *FCA* within two months after the end of the period to which it relates.



## 6.7 Notification rules for overseas recognised bodies

### Application

6.7.1 **R** The *notification rules* in this chapter, which are made under sections 293 (Notification requirements) and 295 of the *Act* (Notification: overseas investment exchanges and overseas clearing houses), apply to all *ROIEs*.

### Purpose

6.7.2 **G** The *notification rules* in this chapter are made by the *FCA* in order to ensure that it is provided with notice of events and information which it reasonably requires for the exercise of its functions under the *Act*.

### Reports under section 295

6.7.3 **R** Where an *ROIE* includes in its report made under section 295(1) of the *Act* (Notification: overseas investment exchanges and overseas clearing houses) a statement in compliance with section 295(2)(a) of the *Act* that an event has occurred in the period covered by that report which is likely to affect the *FCA's* assessment of whether it is satisfied as to the requirements set out in section 292(3) (Overseas investment exchanges and overseas clearing houses), it must include particulars of that event.

6.7.4 **R** An *ROIE* must include in its report submitted in compliance with section 295(1) of the *Act*:

- (1) particulars of any changes to:
  - (a) its memorandum and articles of association or any similar or analogous *documents*;
  - (b) its *regulatory provisions*;
  - (c) its chairman or president, or *chief executive* (or equivalent);
- (2) particulars of any disciplinary action (or any similar or analogous action) taken against it by any supervisory authority in its *home territory*, whether or not that action has been made public in that territory;
- (3) a copy of its *annual report and accounts*; and
- (4) a statement as to whether any events have occurred which are likely to have any material effect on competition;

where those events occurred, or the period covered by that *annual report and accounts* ended, in the period covered by that report.

**First report**

6.7.5

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An *ROIE* must include in the first report submitted under section 295(1) of the *Act* after the *recognition order* in relation to that *ROIE* is made:

- (1) particulars of any events of the kind described in section 295(2) of the *Act* which occurred;
- (2) particulars of any change specified in ■ REC 6.7.4 R (1) or disciplinary action specified in ■ REC 6.7.4 R (2) which occurred; and
- (3) any *annual report and accounts* which covered a period ending;

after the application for recognition was submitted to the *FCA* but which were not included in the application or in any supplementary information submitted to the *FCA* before the *recognition order* was made.

6.7.6

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*Guidance* on the period covered by an *ROIE's* report submitted in compliance with section 295(1) of the *Act* is given in ■ REC 6.6.3 G.

**Changes of address**

6.7.7

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Where an *ROIE* proposes to change:

- (1) its address in the *United Kingdom* for the service of notices or other *documents* required or authorised to be served on it under the *Act*; or
- (2) the address of its head office;

it must give notice to the *FCA* and inform it of the new address at least 14 days before the change is effected.

**Revocation or modification of home territory licence, permission or authorisation**

6.7.8

**R**

Where an *ROIE* has notice that any licence, permission or authorisation which it requires to conduct any *regulated activity* in its *home territory* has been or is about to be:

- (1) revoked; or
- (2) modified in any way which would materially restrict the *ROIE* in performing any *regulated activity* in its *home territory* or in the *United Kingdom*;

it must immediately notify the *FCA* of that fact and must give the *FCA* the information specified for the purposes of this *rule* in ■ REC 6.7.9 R, as soon as that information is known to it.



- 6.7.9** **R** The following information is specified for the purposes of **REC 6.7.8 R**:
- (1) particulars of the licence, permission or authorisation which has been or is to be revoked or modified, including particulars of the *ROIEs regulated activities* to which it relates;
  - (2) an explanation of how the revocation or modification restricts or will restrict the *ROIE* in carrying on any *regulated activity* in its *home territory* or in the *United Kingdom*;
  - (3) the date on which the revocation or modification took, or will take, effect and, if it is a temporary measure, any date on which, or any conditions that must be met before which, it will cease to have effect; and
  - (4) any reasons given for the revocation or modification.

**Language of notice**

- 6.7.10** **R** Any notice to be given or information to be supplied under these *notification rules* must be supplied in English, and any *document* to be provided must be accompanied, if not in English, by an accurate English translation.

- 6.7.11** **G** An English glossary of technical or statistical terms may be sufficient to accompany tables of statistical or financial information.

**Form and method of notification**

- 6.7.12** **R** The *rules* relating to the form and method of notification in **REC 3.2** also apply to *ROIEs*.

**Waivers**

- 6.7.13** **G** *ROIEs* may apply to the *FCA* for a *waiver* of any of the *notification rules*. The procedure is the same as that for applications from *UK recognised bodies*. *Guidance* on the procedure is given in **REC 3.3**.

## 6.8 Powers to supervise

### 6.8.1

**G** The *FCA* has similar powers to supervise *ROIEs* to those it has to supervise *UK RIEs*. It may (in addition to any other powers it might exercise):

- (1) give directions to an *ROIE* under section 296 of the *Act* (Authority's power to give directions) if it has failed, or is likely to fail, to satisfy the *recognition requirements* or if it has failed to comply with any other obligation imposed by or under the *Act*; or
- (2) revoke a *recognition order* under section 297 of the *Act* (Revoking recognition) if an *ROIE* is failing, or has failed, to comply with the *recognition requirements* or any other obligation in or under the *Act*; or
- (3) require an *ROIE* or a person connected with the *ROIE*, under section 165 of the *Act*, to provide or produce specified information or information of a specified description, at a specified place and before the end of a reasonable period, in such form and with such verifications or authentications as it may reasonably require; or
- (4) require any of the following persons, under section 166 of the *Act*, to provide the *FCA* with a report on any matter, or appoint a skilled person to provide the *FCA* with information or produce documents with respect to any matter:
  - (a) the *ROIE*; or
  - (b) any other member of the *ROIE's* group; or
  - (c) a partnership of which the *ROIE* is a member; or
  - (d) a person who has at any time been a person falling within (a), (b) or (c).

### 6.8.2

**G** The *FCA* will follow the approach in ■ REC 4.6, ■ REC 4.7, ■ REC 4.8, ■ REC 4.2F and ■ REC 4.2G if it is considering exercising these powers in relation to an *ROIE*.

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# Chapter 7

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## Recognised Investment Exchanges

### REC TP 1 Transitional provisions

1	This schedule sets out the transitional provisions in <i>REC</i> .
2	The <i>Recognition Requirements Regulations</i> also contain transitional provisions applying to <i>recognised bodies</i> .
3	<i>GEN</i> also contains some technical transitional provisions that apply throughout the <i>Handbook</i>



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### Schedule 1 Record keeping requirements

#### Sch 1.1 G

There are no record keeping requirements as such in *REC*.

*UK recognised bodies* have obligations under the *Recognition Requirements Regulations* to ensure that satisfactory arrangements are made for recording transactions effected by, or cleared through, their *facilities*. See *REC 2.9* for *guidance* (in the case of *RAPs*, see *REC 2.9* as applied by *REC 2A.3.2G*).

*RAPs* also have separate record keeping obligations under the *UK auctioning regulations*.



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### Schedule 2 Notification requirements

#### Sch 2.1 G

The following table summarises the notification requirements applicable to all *recognised bodies*. The *notification rules* are set out in detail in REC 3 (Notification rules for UK recognised bodies) and REC 6.7 and, to avoid unnecessary repetition, are not set out in detail here. The *notification rules* for RAPs differ in some respects from the *notification rules* for UK RIEs (for example, due to requirements contained in the *UK auctioning regulations*).

For completeness, summary details of the main notification requirements in the *Act* itself and the Companies Act 1989 are also included in the table. The summary of these statutory provisions here should not be taken to imply that these are obligations imposed by the FCA under its powers nor that the following summary supersedes or alters the meaning of these provisions.

*Guidance* on the statutory notification requirements for ROIEs is given in REC 6.6.

#### Sch 2.2 G

Reference to legislation or Handbook	Matter to be notified	Contents of notification	Trigger event	Time allowed
<i>UK RIEs</i>				
The Acts 293(5)	Changes to <i>rules</i> and <i>guidance</i>	Details of change	Change to rule or guidance	Without delay
Companies Act 1989 s157	Proposed changes to <i>default rules</i>	Details of proposed change	Proposal to change <i>default rules</i>	14 days in advance of change
The Act s293(6)(a)	Changes to arrangements for <i>clearing facilitation services</i> in respect of <i>on-exchange</i> transactions	Details of change	Change to arrangements	Without delay
The Act s293(6)(b)	Changes to criteria determining to whom it will provide <i>clearing facilitation services</i>	Details of change	Change to criteria	Without delay
The Act s300B(1)	Proposal to make <i>regulatory provision</i>	Details of proposal	Proposal to make <i>regulatory provision</i>	Without delay
<i>RAPs</i>				
Regulation 7(4) and 7(6) of the <i>UK auc-</i>	Either a methodology or a modification to that meth-	See REC 3.27	Event concerned	Without delay

Reference to legislation or Handbook	Matter to be notified	Contents of notification	Trigger event	Time allowed
<i>tioning regulations</i>	odology as specified by the <i>UK auctioning regulations</i>			
Regulation 10(2) of the <i>UK auctioning regulations</i>	Adjustment to the auction calendar where the modification manner is not already provided for in the <i>UK auctioning regulations</i>	See REC 3.27	Event concerned	Without delay
Regulation 11 of the <i>UK auctioning regulations</i>	Cancellation of an auction in the circumstances set out in regulation 11 of the <i>UK auctioning regulations</i>	See REC 3.15	Event concerned	Without delay
Regulation 23(3) of the <i>UK auctioning regulations</i>	Submission of exit strategy	See REC 3.14A	Date of appointment as a <i>RAP</i>	Within 3 months from the date of appointment
Regulation 40 of the <i>UK auctioning regulations</i>	Restriction on maximum bid size or other remedial measures	See REC 3.22.2	Proposal to take action	Immediately
<i>Notification rules for UK recognised bodies (see REC 3 (Notification rules for UK recognised bodies))</i>				
REC 3.4	<i>Members of the management body and internal organisation</i>	Details of change	See REC 3.4	See REC 3.4
REC 3.5	Disciplinary action and events relating to <i>members of the management body</i>	Details of disciplinary action or event	Disciplinary action or awareness of event	Immediately
REC 3.6	Constitution and governance	Details of proposals to amend constitution, amendments to constitution and agreements relating to constitution	Communication of proposal to amend constitution, making amendment to constitution or awareness of agreement relating to constitution	Immediately
REC 3.7	Auditors	Details of removal or appointment of auditors	Removal or appointment of auditors	Immediately
REC 3.8	Financial and other information	See REC 3.8	See REC 3.8	See REC 3.8
REC 3.9	Fees and incentive schemes	Summary of proposals to change fees and charges and changes to fees and charges	Communication to <i>members</i>	Immediately



Reference to legislation or Handbook	Matter to be notified	Contents of notification	Trigger event	Time allowed
REC 3.10	Complaints	Copy of adverse report and details of recommendations from <i>complaints investigator</i>	Availability of report or recommendations	Immediately
REC 3.11	Insolvency events	Notice of insolvency event	Insolvency event	Immediately
REC 3.12	Legal proceedings	Details of legal proceedings commenced against <i>UK recognised body</i>	Institution of proceedings	Immediately
REC 3.13	Delegation of <i>relevant functions</i>	Details of offers or agreements to delegate <i>relevant functions</i> and offers or agreements to undertake relevant functions on behalf of another <i>recognised body</i>	Making offer or agreement to delegate	Immediately
REC 3.14	Products, services and normal hours of operation or (for <i>RAPs</i> ) the timing, frequency or duration of its bidding windows	See REC 3.14	See REC 3.14	Immediately
REC 3.14A	Operation of a <i>trading venue</i> or (for <i>RAPs</i> ) their exit strategy	Details of proposal to operate a new <i>trading venue</i> or close an existing <i>trading venue</i> or (for <i>RAPs</i> ) their exit strategy	Communication of proposal to <i>members</i> or shareholders or (for <i>RAPs</i> ) date of appointment	Immediately or (for <i>RAPs</i> ) within 3 months from the date of appointment
REC 3.15	Suspension of services and inability to operate <i>facilities</i> or (for <i>RAPs</i> ) the cancellation of an auction	See REC 3.15	Event concerned	Immediately
REC 3.16	Information technology systems	Details of business continuity plans and details of failure of reserve information technology system	Changes to business continuity plans and failure of reserve information technology system	Immediately
REC 3.17	Inability to discharge <i>regulatory functions</i>	Details of inability to discharge a <i>regulatory functions</i>	Event concerned	Immediately
REC 3.18	Membership	Information regarding new types of <i>member</i> and reasons for con-	Admission of new type of non- <i>authorised person</i> or <i>person</i> from new	Immediately

Reference to legislation or Handbook	Matter to be notified	Contents of notification	Trigger event	Time allowed
		considering the <i>recognition requirements</i> or (for <i>RAPs</i> ) the <i>RAP recognition requirement</i> in regulation 20 of the <i>RAP regulations</i> can still be met	non-UK jurisdiction to membership	
REC 3.19	Investigations	Notice of appointment of person to investigate use of <i>facilities</i> or provision of services	Awareness of appointment	Immediately
REC 3.20	Disciplinary action	Details of person against whom disciplinary action taken	Taking disciplinary action	Immediately
REC 3.21	Criminal offences and civil prohibitions	Evidence tending to suggest contraventions of the <i>general prohibition</i> , certain criminal offences or <i>market abuse</i>	Having evidence concerned	Immediately
REC 3.22	Restriction on open position or instruction to close out	Details of decision to restrict member's open position or instruction to close out position	Decision to take action	Immediately
REC 3.23	Default	Notice of decision to put <i>member</i> into default	Communicating decision to <i>member</i> concerned or any other member	Immediately
REC 3.24	Transfers of ownership	Details of transfer of ownership	When the <i>UK RIE</i> becomes aware of the transfer of ownership	Immediately
REC 3.25	Significant breaches of rules and disorderly trading conditions	Significant breaches of rules and disorderly trading conditions	Significant breaches of rules and disorderly trading conditions	Immediately
REC 3.26	Proposal to make <i>regulatory provision</i>	Details of proposal	Proposal to make <i>regulatory provision</i>	Without delay
REC 3.27	For <i>RAPs</i> : Auction clearing price methodology and manner to modify auction calendar	See REC 3.27	Event concerned	Immediately
<i>ROIEs</i>				
The Act s295	Report to <i>FCA</i>	Statement as to whether events have occurred which would affect	Not applicable	Once a year

Reference to legislation or Handbook	Matter to be notified	Contents of notification	Trigger event	Time allowed
		the <i>FCA's</i> assessment of whether the <i>recognition requirements</i> are met		
<i>Notification rules for ROIEs (see REC 6.7)</i>				
REC 6.7.3 R	Events which might affect the <i>FCA's</i> assessment of whether the <i>recognition requirements</i> are met	Particulars of event	Not applicable	Include in report under s295
REC 6.7.4 R	Inclusion of certain matters in report	See REC 6.7.4 R	Not applicable	Include in report under s295
REC 6.7.5 R	First report	See REC 6.7.5 R	Not applicable	Include in report under s295
REC 6.7.7 R	Changes of address	Details of new addresses	Decision to change address	14 <i>days</i> in advance of change of address
REC 6.7.8 R and REC 6.7.9 R	Revocation or modification of home territory licence etc	Details of revocation or modification	Awareness of revocation or modification	Im- mediately



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### Schedule 5 Rights of action for damages

#### Sch 5.1 G

There are no rights of action under section 150 of the *Act* in respect of any contravention by a *recognised body* of any *rule* made under the *Act*.



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### Schedule 6 Rules that can be waived

#### Sch 6.1 G

The *notification rules* in REC 3 and REC 6 can be *waived* by the FCA under section 294 of the Act (Modification or waiver of rules). (The statutory notification requirements, also summarised in Schedule 2 to REC, cannot be *waived* by the FCA.)

