### Chapter 10A

# FCA Approved Persons in Appointed Representatives



#### 10A.6 **FCA** governing functions

#### Introduction

10A.6.1 G

- (1) Every appointed representative will have one or more persons responsible for directing its affairs. These persons will be performing the FCA governing functions and will be required to be FCA-approved persons unless the application provisions in SUP 10A.1, or the particular description of an FCA controlled function, provide otherwise. For example, each director of a company incorporated under the Companies Acts will perform an FCA governing function.
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- 10A.6.2 G A sole trader does not fall within the description of the governing functions.
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#### Director function (CF1)

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If an appointed representative is a body corporate (other than a limited liability partnership), the director function is the function of acting in the capacity of a director (other than non-executive director) of that appointed representative.

10A.6.8 R (1) If an appointed representative is a body corporate (other than a limited liability partnership), the director function is also the function of acting in the capacity of a person:

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- (a) who is a director, partner, officer, member (if the parent undertaking or holding company is a limited liability partnership), senior manager, or employee of a parent undertaking or holding company of the appointed representative; and
- (b) whose decisions or actions are regularly taken into account by the *governing body* of the *appointed representative*.
- (2) (1) does not apply if that parent undertaking or holding company has a Part 4A permission or is regulated by an EEA regulator.
- (3) (1) does not apply to the function falling into SUP 10A.6.13 R (non-executive director of the parent undertaking or holding company).
- **10A.6.9 G** [deleted]
- 10A.6.10 G A director can be a body corporate and may accordingly require approval as an FCA-approved person in the same way as a natural person may require approval.
- **10A.6.11 G** [deleted]
- **10A.6.11A R** [deleted]

#### Non-executive director function (CF2)

- 10A.6.12 R If a an appointed representative is a body corporate, the non-executive director function is the function of acting in the capacity of a non-executive director of that appointed representative.
- 10A.6.13 R

  (1) If an appointed representative is a body corporate, the non-executive director function is also the function of acting in the capacity of a person:
  - (a) who is a non-executive director of a parent undertaking or holding company; and
  - (b) whose decisions or actions are regularly taken into account by the *governing body* of the *appointed representative*.
  - (2) However, (1) does not apply if that parent undertaking or holding company has a Part 4A permission or is regulated by an EEA regulator.
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- **10A.6.15A R** [deleted]

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#### Guidance on persons in a parent undertaking or holding company exercising significant influence

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- (1) The explanation in SUP 10C.5B.2G of the basis on which the group entity senior manager function is included as a controlled function for an SMCR firm is also relevant to the basis on which the director function and the non-executive director function are applied to persons who have a position with the appointed representative's parent undertaking or holding company under ■ SUP 10A.6.8 R or ■ SUP 10A.6.13 R.
- (2) The *quidance* in SUP 10C.5B.3G to SUP 10C.5B.5G about when the group entity senior manager function applies to an SMCR firm is also relevant to when those who have a position with an appointed representative's parent undertaking or holding company may be performing a controlled function under ■ SUP 10A.6.8 R or ■ SUP 10A.6.13 R.

#### Chief executive function (CF3)

10A.6.17 R

The chief executive function is the function of acting in the capacity of a chief executive of an appointed representative.

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This function is having the responsibility, alone or jointly with one or more others, under the immediate authority of the governing body:

- (1) for the conduct of the whole of the business (or relevant activities);
- (2) in the case of a branch in the *United Kingdom* of a non-UK appointed representative, for the conduct of all of the activities subject to the UK regulatory system.

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For a branch in the *United Kingdom* of a non-UK appointed representative. the FCA would not normally expect the overseas chief executive of the appointed representative as a whole to be FCA-approved for this function where there is a senior manager under them with specific responsibility for those activities of the branch which are subject to the UK regulatory system. In some circumstances, the *person* within the *appointed representative* responsible for UK operations may, if the function is likely to enable them to exercise significant influence over the branch, also perform the chief executive function.

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A person performing the chief executive function may be a member of the governing body but need not be. If the chairman of the governing body is also the *chief executive*, he will be discharging this function. If the responsibility is divided between more than one person but not shared, there is no person exercising the chief executive function. But if that

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responsibility is discharged jointly by more than one *person*, each of those *persons* will be performing the *chief executive function*.

- 10A.6.21 G Note that a *body corporate* may be a *chief executive*. If so, it will need to be approved to perform the *chief executive function*.
- **10A.6.22 G** [deleted]

#### Partner function (CF4)

- 10A.6.23 R
- (1) If an appointed representative is a partnership, the partner function is the function of acting in the capacity of a partner in that appointed representative.
- (2) If the principal purpose of the *appointed representative* is to carry on one or more *regulated activities*, each *partner* performs the *partner function*.
- (3) If the principal purpose of the *appointed representative* is other than to carry on *regulated activities*:
  - (a) a partner performs the partner function to the extent only that they have responsibility for a regulated activity; and
  - (b) a partner in an appointed representative will be taken to have responsibility for each regulated activity except where the partnership has apportioned responsibility to another partner or group of partners.
- **10A.6.24 G** [deleted]
- **10A.6.25 G** [deleted]
- If an appointed representative is a limited liability partnership, the partner function extends to the appointed representative as if the appointed representative were a partnership and a member of the appointed representative were a partner.
- 10A.6.27 R If a partnership is registered under the Limited Partnership Act 1907, the partner function does not extend to any function performed by a limited partner.
- **10A.6.28 G** [deleted]

#### Director of unincorporated association function (CF5)

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If an appointed representative is an unincorporated association, the director of unincorporated association function is the function of acting in the capacity of a director of the unincorporated association.

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