NEW COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES SOURCEBOOK (ACCOUNTING REFERENCE PERIODS AND OTHER AMENDMENTS) INSTRUMENT 2006

Powers exercised

- A. The Financial Services Authority makes this instrument in the exercise of the powers and related provisions in or under:
 - (1) the following sections of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("the Act"):
 - (a) section 138 (General rule-making power);
 - (b) section 140 (Restriction on managers of authorised unit trust schemes);
 - (c) section 156 (General supplementary powers);
 - (d) section 157(1) (Guidance);
 - (e) section 238(5) (Restrictions on promotion);
 - (f) section 242 (Applications for authorisation of unit trust schemes);
 - (g) section 247 (Trust scheme rules); and
 - (h) section 248 (Scheme particulars rules); and
 - (2) regulation 6 (FSA rules) of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228).
- B. The rule-making powers and related provisions listed above are specified for the purpose of section 153(2) (Rule-making instruments) of the Act.

Commencement

C. This instrument comes into force on 6 August 2006.

Amendments to the Handbook

- D. The Glossary of definitions is amended in accordance with Annex A to this instrument.
- E. The New Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook (COLL) is amended in accordance with Annex B to this instrument.

Citation

F. This instrument may be cited as the New Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (Accounting Reference Periods and Other Amendments) Instrument 2006.

By order of the Board 27 July 2006

Annex A

Amendments to the Glossary of definitions

In this Annex, underlining indicates new text and striking through indicates deleted text.

Amend the following definitions as shown:

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accounting

reference date

(2) (in *COLL* and *CIS*): the date <u>stipulated in the *prospectus*</u> on which the *annual accounting period* of an *authorised fund* ends.

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annual

accounting

period

(2) (in *COLL*): the 12 month period determined in accordance with *COLL* 6.8.2R(3) to (7) (Accounting periods) stipulated in the prospectus which

ends on the accounting reference date.

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UCITS Directive the Council Directive of 20 December 1985 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) (No 85/611/EEC),

as amended by Directives 88/220/EEC, 95/26/EC, 2000/64/EC,

2001/107/EC, 2001/108/EC; .

Annex B

Amendments to the New Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook

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Preparation of long and short reports

- 4.5.3 R ...
 - (4) The first annual accounting period of a scheme must begin:
 - (a) on the first day of any period of initial offer; or
 - (b) in any other case, on the date of the relevant *authorisation* order. [deleted]

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Spread: government and public securities

- 5.6.8 R ...
 - (2) The requirements in *COLL* 5.2.12R (Spread: government and public securities) apply to investment in *government and public securities* by a *non-UCITS retail scheme*, except for *COLL* 5.2.12R(4) which will apply to such a *scheme* only to the extent that it concerns the most recently published *prospectus* of the *scheme*.

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Prohibition on promotional payments

- 6.7.12 R (1) No payment may be made from scheme property to any person ...
 - (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the costs of preparing and printing the simplified prospectus or key features of the authorised fund, provided the prospectus states in accordance with COLL 4.2.5R(13) and (14) (Table: contents of the prospectus) that these costs are properly payable to the authorised fund manager from scheme property.

Prohibition on promotional payments: guidance

6.7.13 G Examples of payments which are not permitted by *COLL* 6.7.12R include:

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(2) payments or costs in relation to the preparation or dissemination of *financial promotions* (other than the preparation of *key features* or the *simplified prospectus* costs allowed under *COLL* 6.7.12R(2)); and

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Accounting periods

6.8.2 R ...

- (2) A half-yearly accounting period begins with the first day of an annual accounting period and ends on:
 - (a) the day which is six months later before the last day of that annual accounting period; or
 - (b) ends on some other reasonable date as set out in the *prospectus* of the *scheme*.
- (3) The first annual accounting period of a scheme must begin:
 - (a) on the first day of any period of initial offer; or
 - (b) <u>in any other case, on the date of the relevant *authorisation* order;</u>

and in either case must end on the next accounting reference date, except where (4) applies.

- (4) When the accounting reference date of a scheme falls less than six months after the beginning of the first annual accounting period, that period may be extended until the subsequent accounting reference date.
- (5) Each annual accounting period of a scheme subsequent to the first period is to run for a period of 12 months, beginning on the next day after the accounting reference date, except where (6) applies.
- (6) Following a revision to the *prospectus* of the *scheme* that includes a change to the *accounting reference date*, the *annual accounting period* may be shortened, or extended by up to six *months*, so as to end on the new *accounting reference date*.
- (7) The *authorised fund manager* must consult the *depositary* and the

scheme's auditor before shortening or extending an accounting period in accordance with (4) or (6).

6.8.2A When the annual accounting period of a scheme is extended under COLL
6.8.2R(4) or (6), resulting in a longer than usual period before the
publication of reports to unitholders, the authorised fund manager should
make summary information about the investment activities of the scheme
available to unitholders during that period, in accordance with Principles 6
(Customers' interests) and 7 (Communications with clients).

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Report and accounts

- 8.3.5 R ...
 - (2) The first annual accounting period must begin:
 - (a) on the first day of any period of initial offer; or
 - (b) in any other case, on the date of the relevant *authorisation* order. [deleted]

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Income

8.5.15 R ..

(1A) COLL 6.8.2R (2) to (7) (Accounting periods) also apply to the half-yearly accounting period and annual accounting period of a qualified investor scheme.

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COLL Sourcebook - Transitional Provisions

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Material to which the transitional provision applies		Transitional provision	Transitional provision: dates in force	Handbook provision: coming into force
<u>1A</u>	Each and every rule in COLL	<u>R</u>	The rules in COLL do not apply to any relevant party in relation to an authorised fund where the winding up	From 12 February 2007	12 February 2007

of the fund has commenced	
before 12 February 2007,	
provided that each relevant	
party shall continue to	
comply with the provisions	
of CIS as if they still	
applied to them.	