TRADE DATA MONITORS (AMENDMENT) INSTRUMENT 2007

Powers exercised

A. The Financial Services Authority makes this instrument in the exercise of the power in section 157(1) (Guidance) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

Commencement

B. This instrument comes into force on 1 November 2007.

Amendments to the Handbook

C. The Market Conduct sourcebook (MAR) is amended in accordance with the Annex to this instrument.

Citation

D. This instrument may be cited as the Trade Data Monitors (Amendment) Instrument 2007.

By order of the Board 27 September 2007

Annex

Amendments to the Market Conduct sourcebook (MAR)

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

Trade Data Monitors

7.2.14 G A trade data monitor is a provider of services and facilities for the verification of post-trade information as contemplated by this chapter and an approved trade data monitor is a provider which has been assessed by the FSA as having the capacity to provide services and facilities in accordance with the service criteria published on the FSA's web-site at www.fsa.gov.uk

The FSA will consider considers that use of an approved trade data monitor by a firm will satisfy a firm's its obligations under MAR 7.2.12EU, though the approved trade data monitor must continue to have the capacity to provide the services and facilities in accordance with the above service criteria at the time that the firm uses the approved trade data monitor. if:

- (1) <u>in assessing the arrangements, the *firm* follows the guidelines published on the *FSA*'s website at www.fsa.gov.uk; and</u>
- it has been confirmed that the arrangements will enable the *firm* to comply with the guidelines through either:
 - (a) a statement by the FSA; or
 - (b) a report by an external auditor to the provider of the arrangements which is made available to *firms* and, on request, to the *FSA*.

A "trade data monitor" is a provider of such arrangements which has been assessed by the *FSA* or an external auditor as having the capability to provide services and facilities to *firms* in accordance with the guidelines published on the *FSA*'s website at www.fsa.gov.uk.

Use of an approved <u>a</u> trade data monitor does not affect a *firm*'s obligations under *MAR* 7.2.10EU regarding the timing of the disclosure of post-trade information.