2016 No. 936

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND MARKETS

The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Qualifying EU Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2016

Made	14th September 2016
Laid before Parliament	16th September 2016
Coming into force	12th October 2016

The Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the following sections of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000(a): 2A(6)(d), 39(4)(b), 66B(4)(b), 168(4)(k), 204A(2)(b), 204A(4), 380(6)(a)(i), 380(9), 382(9)(a)(i), 382(12), 384(7)(a), 384(10); and paragraph 31(2)(b) of Schedule 1ZB to that Act, make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Qualifying EU Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2016.

(2) This Order comes into force on 12th October 2016.

Amendment of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Qualifying EU Provisions) Order 2013

2.—(1) The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Qualifying EU Provisions) Order 2013(**b**) is amended as follows.

(2) In Article 2, after paragraph (10), insert—

"(11) Directly applicable regulations made under the Solvency 2 Directive(c) are specified qualifying EU provisions for the purposes of sections 2A(6)(d), 39(4)(b), 66B(4)(b) and 168(4)(k) of the Act.".

- (3) In Article 3—
 - (a) in paragraph (2), after sub-paragraph (k), insert—

"(1) any directly applicable regulation made under the Solvency 2 Directive."; and

- (b) in paragraph (3), after sub-paragraph (i), insert—
 - "(j) in relation to a contravention of a requirement imposed by a directly applicable regulation made under the Solvency 2 Directive, the PRA.".

 ⁽a) 2000 c. 8; sections 2A(6)(d), 39(4)(b), 168(4)(k), 204A(2)(b), 204A(4), 380(6)(a)(i), 380(9), 382(9)(a)(i), 382(12), 384(7)(a), 384(10) and paragraph 31(2)(b) of Schedule 1ZB were inserted or amended by the Financial Services Act 2012 (c. 28) and section 66B(4)(b) was inserted by the Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 (c. 33). Sections 204A(2)(b), 380(6)(a)(i), 382(9)(a)(i) and 384(7)(a) were amended by S.I. 2007/126, 2013/1773 and 2016/225.

⁽b) S.I. 2013/419, amended by S.I. 2013/1773, 2014/2879, 2014/3348, 2016/680 and 2016/715.

⁽c) The expression "Solvency 2 Directive" is defined in section 425 of and Schedule 3 to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

(4) In Article 5—

(a) in paragraph (2), after sub-paragraph (k), insert—

"(1) any directly applicable regulation made under the Solvency 2 Directive."; and

- (b) in paragraph (5), after sub-paragraph (j), insert—
 - "(k) in relation to a contravention of a requirement imposed by a directly applicable regulation made under the Solvency 2 Directive, the PRA.".

(5) In Article 6, in paragraph (4), after sub-paragraph (e), insert—

"(f) any directly applicable regulation made under the Solvency 2 Directive.".

Andrew Griffiths David Evennett Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

14th September 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Qualifying EU Provisions) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/419). As a result of the amendments, directly applicable regulations made under Directive 2009/138/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the taking-up and pursuit of the business of insurance and reinsurance (Solvency II) (OJ L 335, 17.12.2009, p.1) are specified as qualifying EU provisions for the purposes of various provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (c.8). This means that the Prudential Regulation Authority may use powers in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (2000 c. 8) to enforce requirements imposed by directly applicable regulations made under that Directive.

An impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector has not been prepared. This Order provides an enforcement mechanism for obligations which are imposed by directly applicable EU legislation and any impact on business or the voluntary sector will arise as a result of that EU legislation rather than this Order.

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