



# Financial Services and Markets Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 8

### PART XVIII

[<sup>F1</sup>RECOGNISED INVESTMENT EXCHANGES,  
CLEARING HOUSES [<sup>F1</sup>, CSDS AND OTHER PARTIES]]

#### [<sup>F1</sup>CHAPTER 1A

CONTROL OVER RECOGNISED INVESTMENT EXCHANGE

*[<sup>F1</sup>Assessment procedure*

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Pt. 18 Ch. 1A substituted (21.3.2009) by virtue of [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Controllers\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/534\)](#), reg. 5, [Sch. 2](#) (with reg. 8)

#### **301F Assessment: general**

- (1) Where the [<sup>F2</sup>FCA] receives a section 301A notice, it must—
  - (a) determine whether to approve the acquisition to which it relates; or
  - (b) propose to object to the acquisition.
- (2) In making its determination the [<sup>F2</sup>FCA] must—
  - (a) consider the suitability of the section 301A notice-giver and the financial soundness of the acquisition in order to ensure the sound and prudent management of the recognised investment exchange in question; and
  - (b) have regard to the likely influence that the section 301A notice-giver will have on the recognised investment exchange.
- (3) The [<sup>F2</sup>FCA] may only object to an acquisition if it is not satisfied that the approval requirement is met.

**Changes to legislation:** *Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, Cross Heading: Assessment procedure is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes*

- (4) The approval requirement is that the acquisition in question by the notice-giver does not pose a threat to the sound and prudent management of any financial market operated by the recognised investment exchange.

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Word in s. 301F(1)-(3) substituted (24.1.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 122(3), [Sch. 8 para. 26](#) (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/113](#), art. 2(1)(c), [Sch. Pt. 3](#); [S.I. 2013/423](#), art. 3, [Sch.](#)

### 301G Assessment: Procedure

- (1) The [<sup>F3</sup>FCA] must act under section 301F within a period three months from the date the [<sup>F3</sup>FCA] receives the completed section 301A notice (“the assessment period”).
- (2) The [<sup>F4</sup>FCA] must inform the section 301A notice-giver in writing of—
  - (a) the duration of the assessment period; and
  - (b) its expiry date.
- (3) The [<sup>F4</sup>FCA] must, within two working days of acting under section 301F (and in any event no later than the expiry date of the assessment period)—
  - (a) notify the section 301A notice-giver that it has determined to approve the acquisition; or
  - (b) in the case of a proposed objection to an acquisition, give a warning notice.
- (4) The [<sup>F4</sup>FCA] is treated as having approved the acquisition if, at the expiry of the assessment period, it has neither—
  - (a) given notice under subsection (3); nor
  - (b) informed the section 301A notice-giver that the notice is incomplete.
- (5) If the [<sup>F4</sup>FCA] decides to object to an acquisition it must give the section 301A notice-giver a decision notice.
- (6) Following receipt of a decision notice under this section, the section 301A notice-giver may refer [<sup>F5</sup>the FCA's] decision to the Tribunal.

#### Textual Amendments

- F3** Word in s. 301G(1) substituted (24.1.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 122(3), [Sch. 8 para. 27\(2\)](#) (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/113](#), art. 2(1)(c), [Sch. Pt. 3](#); [S.I. 2013/423](#), art. 3, [Sch.](#)
- F4** Word in s. 301G(2)-(5) substituted (24.1.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 122(3), [Sch. 8 para. 27\(2\)](#) (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/113](#), art. 2(1)(c), [Sch. Pt. 3](#); [S.I. 2013/423](#), art. 3, [Sch.](#)
- F5** Words in s. 301G(6) substituted (24.1.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 122(3), [Sch. 8 para. 27\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/113](#), art. 2(1)(c), [Sch. Pt. 3](#); [S.I. 2013/423](#), art. 3, [Sch.](#)

---

**Changes to legislation:** Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, Cross Heading: Assessment procedure is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

---

### 301H Duration of approval

- (1) Approval of an acquisition is effective for such period as [<sup>F6</sup>the FCA] may specify in writing.
- (2) Where [<sup>F7</sup>the FCA] has specified a period under subsection (1), it may extend the period.
- (3) Where [<sup>F8</sup>the FCA] has not specified a period, the approval is effective for one year beginning with the date—
  - (a) of the notice given under section 301G(3)(a);
  - (b) on which [<sup>F8</sup>the FCA] is treated as having given approval under section 301G(5); or
  - (c) of a decision on a reference to the Tribunal which results in the person receiving approval.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F6** Words in s. 301H(1) substituted (24.1.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\), s. 122\(3\)](#), [Sch. 8 para. 28](#) (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/113, art. 2\(1\)\(c\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 3](#); [S.I. 2013/423, art. 3](#), [Sch.](#)
- F7** Words in s. 301H(2) substituted (24.1.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\), s. 122\(3\)](#), [Sch. 8 para. 28](#) (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/113, art. 2\(1\)\(c\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 3](#); [S.I. 2013/423, art. 3](#), [Sch.](#)
- F8** Words in s. 301H(3) substituted (24.1.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\), s. 122\(3\)](#), [Sch. 8 para. 28](#) (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/113, art. 2\(1\)\(c\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 3](#); [S.I. 2013/423, art. 3](#), [Sch.](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, Cross Heading: Assessment procedure is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

[View outstanding changes](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2023/1347 reg. 8](#)
- Act power to apply conferred (temp. until 15.5.2039) by [2014 c. 21 s. 79\(4\)](#)
- Act power to apply conferred (temp. until 15.5.2039) by [2014 c. 21 s. 81\(10\)](#)

**Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):**

- Pt. 17 Ch. 3B inserted by [2023 c. 29 s. 64\(3\)](#)
- Pt. 20C inserted by [2016 c. 14 s. 30\(3\)](#)
- s. 31(1)(aa) inserted by [2021 c. 22 s. 22\(2\)](#)
- s. 32A inserted by [2021 c. 22 s. 22\(3\)](#)
- s. 32A power to apply (with modifications) conferred by [2021 c. 22 s. 23\(10\)](#)
- s. 36A and cross-heading inserted by [2021 c. 22 s. 22\(4\)](#)
- s. 71J and cross-heading inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 4](#)
- s. 86(9A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/707 reg. 8\(9\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Reg. 8(6)-(10) omitted (6.9.2019) by virtue of [S.I. 2019/1234](#), regs. 1(2), 13(c))
- s. 87A(11) inserted by [S.I. 2019/707 reg. 10\(5\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Reg. 10(4)(5) omitted (6.9.2019) by virtue of [S.I. 2019/1234](#), regs. 1(2), 15(b))
- s. 124(10)(c)(i) word omitted by [S.I. 2019/310 reg. 5\(11\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Reg. 5(11)(b) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of [S.I. 2020/1385](#), regs. 1(4), 51(2)(e))
- s. 129(7)(a) word inserted by [S.I. 2019/310 reg. 5\(12\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Reg. 5(12)(a)(b) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of [S.I. 2020/1385](#), regs. 1(4), 51(2)(f))
- s. 129(7)(c) omitted and word by [S.I. 2019/310 reg. 5\(12\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Reg. 5(12)(a)(b) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of [S.I. 2020/1385](#), regs. 1(4), 51(2)(f))
- s. 214(5A) inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 8](#)
- s. 261E(A1) inserted by [2023 c. 29 s. 64\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 367A inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 10](#)
- s. 395(13)(h)(i) inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 12\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 395(13)(bc)-(be) word inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 12\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 395(14) inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 12\(3\)](#)
- s. 427A(3) words substituted by [2002 c. 40 Sch. 17 para. 59](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 does not contain a section 427A.)
- Sch. 1ZA para. 32(c) and word inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 18](#)
- Sch. 2A para. 19(2)(b)(iia) inserted by [2023 c. 29 Sch. 10 para. 19\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2A2B power to apply (with modifications) conferred by [2021 c. 22 s. 23\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 2A power to apply (with modifications) conferred by [2021 c. 22 s. 23\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 2B inserted by [2021 c. 22 Sch. 7](#)
- Sch. 2B power to apply (with modifications) conferred by [2021 c. 22 s. 23\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 11A para. 5(3) inserted by [S.I. 2019/707 reg. 38\(5\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Reg. 38(2)-(5)(7)(8) omitted (6.9.2019) by virtue of [S.I. 2019/1234](#), regs. 1(2), 20)

- Sch. 17A para. 12 words substituted by [S.I. 2019/662 reg. 13\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Reg. 13(1) substituted (25.6.2020) by S.I. 2020/646, regs. 1(2)(c), 11(3))