



Banking Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 1

PART 1

SPECIAL RESOLUTION REGIME

Introduction

1 Overview

- (1) The purpose of the special resolution regime for banks is to address the situation where all or part of the business of a bank has encountered, or is likely to encounter, financial difficulties.
- (2) The special resolution regime consists of—
 - (a) the three stabilisation options,
 - (b) the bank insolvency procedure (provided by Part 2), and
 - (c) the bank administration procedure (provided by Part 3).
- (3) The three “stabilisation options” are—
 - (a) transfer to a private sector purchaser (section 11),
 - (b) transfer to a bridge bank (section 12), and
 - (c) transfer to temporary public ownership (section 13).
- (4) Each of the three stabilisation options is achieved through the exercise of one or more of the “stabilisation powers”, which are—
 - (a) the share transfer powers (sections 15, 16, 26 to 31 and 85), and
 - (b) the property transfer powers (sections 33 and 42 to 46).
- (5) Each of the following has a role in the operation of the special resolution regime—
 - (a) the Bank of England,
 - (b) the Treasury, and
 - (c) the Financial Services Authority.

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(6) The Table describes the provisions of this Part.

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Commencement Information

II S. 1 in force at 21.2.2009 by [S.I. 2009/296](#), art. 3, [Sch. para. 1](#)

2 Interpretation: “bank”

- (1) In this Part “bank” means a UK institution which has permission under Part 4 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to carry on the regulated activity of accepting deposits (within the meaning of section 22 of that Act, taken with Schedule 2 and any order under section 22).
- (2) But “bank” does not include—
 - (a) a building society (within the meaning of section 119 of the Building Societies Act 1986),
 - (b) a credit union within the meaning of section 31 of the Credit Unions Act 1979, or
 - (c) any other class of institution excluded by an order made by the Treasury.
- (3) In subsection (1) “UK institution” means an institution which is incorporated in, or formed under the law of any part of, the United Kingdom.
- (4) Where a stabilisation power is exercised in respect of a bank, it does not cease to be a bank for the purposes of this Part if it later loses the permission referred to in subsection (1).
- (5) An order under subsection (2)(c)—
 - (a) shall be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) may not be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (6) Section 84 applies this Part to building societies with modifications.

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(7) Section 89 allows the application of this Part to credit unions.

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- I2** S. 2 in force at 17.2.2009 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2009/296, arts. 2, 3, Sch. para. 1](#)
I3 S. 2 in force at 21.2.2009 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/296, arts. 2, 3, Sch. para. 1](#)

3 Interpretation: other expressions

In this Part—

“the FSA” means the Financial Services Authority, and

“financial assistance” has the meaning given by section 257.

Commencement Information

- I4** [S. 3](#) in force at 21.2.2009 by [S.I. 2009/296, art. 3, Sch. para. 1](#)

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